

An over heated stove pipe started a fire between the ceiling and the upper floor in the Major residence last Sunday morning about nine o'clock. While the family were engaged in extinguishing the fire an alarm was turned in and the fire apparatus gotten out and ready for business but by that time the fire was out. With the exception of a hole burned in the floor, and carpets saturated with water, no damage was done. We have a lot of money invested in fire fighting apparatus which is up-to-date and all right in every way. There is generally some delay in getting a flow of water started and the apparatus is blamed for it. The fault lies with the people themselves. There are but one or two who understand the engine well enough to start the water though it is as simple as any ordinary pump. Let every member of the engine company at least so familiarize himself with the engine that he understands it thoroughly and there will always be some one there who can start the water and save unnecessary delay. Wake up fellow townsmen and learn to use our apparatus and you will find that it is as good as can be found in any town of its size in the state.

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