

FIRE! FIRE!! FIRE!!!

A \$11,000 BLAZE.

A SUDDEN RUSH FROM BEDS.

Sunday Night's Rain and the Bucket Brigade saved the Town.

The Citizens Worked Like Heroes.

The Red River Valley Elevator Consumed.

The Flat House, an Old Land Mark, Gone up in Smoke.

The C. N. Nelson Lumber Company Lose Heavily.

The Great Northern Railway Loses Several Side Door Pullmans, And Some Side Track.

Two Horses and a Cow Saved From The Burning Elevator.

The Cause of the Fire is Veiled in Mystery.

Our \$500 Fire Engine Laid up With The Measles.

A little before 6 o'clock on Monday morning 27th ult., a light was noticed by a few early risers, in the office of the Red River Valley Elevator. At first no attention was paid to it, because it was supposed that Mr. McKinney was lighting up his morning fire, the morning being somewhat cold, but in a few minutes fire was seen issuing from the building, and R. D. Stewart immediately ran to the Congregational church and rang the bell, giving the alarm of fire.

When the alarm was given, there was a general rush for the outside doors to see the cause. Those who were still in bed made a hasty turn out, and were soon on the streets half clothed. It was not long until everybody knew that the fire was in the Red River Valley Elevator.

There was a sudden rush of citizens to the scene of danger. That there was danger of the town being burned was easily seen depicted in the countenances of interested parties.

The Red River Valley Elevator is situated in the northwest corner of the town, and the wind was blowing a gale from that direction. The burning boards and shingles were carried up into the town and were vigilantly watched and extinguished by the anxious citizens, who were continuously ready with buckets of water, to wage a successful war with the mighty element. Parties could be seen on the roofs of exposed buildings hurling the burning brands to the ground, where they were soon extinguished.

The rain on Sunday night had wet the roofs and ground so that the fire could not easily catch, nevertheless, it did catch in an eave trough of W. B. Hench's building, and in the banking of various other buildings flames were put out many times. If it had not been for the rain the evening before, the best part of the town would have been consumed, despite the efforts of our heroic citizens, who worked with an energy equal to a fire brigade.

The wind changed and blew from a more northerly direction and the old flat house was soon laid in ruins. It was impossible to save it and it would have been futile to make the attempt. The fire then caught in the lumber of The C. N. Nelson Lumber Co., and the cry came for help.

The buildings formerly in danger now being quite safe, there was another rush for the lumber yard. With a will and energy the citizens worked and soon removed about a car-load of lumber and thus made a space which prevented the fire from making any further progress. Had the fire succeeded in catching the office of the C. N. Nelson Lumber Co., it would have stripped the yard, the two elevators, a large number of cars on the track, the station, the Beidler & Robinson Lumber yard, Jackson's coal and wood yard, and probably the school house.

The Great Northern Ry., lost three grain cars and the ties were burned out of one switch which laid within reach of the fires hungry jaws. The rails were twisted in fantastic shapes.

It is said that the Great Northern Ry., proposes to run only two trains per week after the 1st of May, and it is now suggested that they may run only one train per week until they redeem their loss. The citizens of Hope did save some cars, and they may probably receive the thanks of the great corporation. Casual remarks are dropped somewhat as follows:—"If the Railway Corporation had lost more heavily, we might have been subjected to the privilege of no trains, until their loss had been redeemed by cutting down expenses.

The total loss is estimated at from \$11,000 to \$12,000.

The Red River Valley Elevator Co's., loss \$6,000; insured.

The Cargill Elevator Co's., loss \$3,500; insured.

C. N. Nelson Lumber Co's., loss \$1,500; insured.

The Red River Valley Elevator Co's. buildings were valued at \$4,500 and grain at \$1,500.

The Cargill Elevator Co's. half interest in flat house was valued at \$1,000; three cars of feed at \$1,000; wheat, oats, barley and flax at \$1,500.

C. N. Nelson Lumber Co. lost 53,000 ft. including lumber, shingles, cedar posts, etc.

There was saved from the ruins and from utter destruction the following:—For the Cargill Elevator Co., about 600 bushels flax and a few bushels each of wheat, oats and barley. All was damaged.

The Red River Valley Elevator Co. saved, in a damaged condition, about a car of wheat and some nails out of about twenty kegs which had been stored there.

There was a span of horses and a cow in the stable of the destroyed elevator, these were saved. These were the only things that were saved belonging to the company, the books and all went through the fiery ordeal.

When J. F. McKenney was rung up from his bed on Monday morning he was a surprised man. His old post of business in flames and he utter unable to save anything.

The cause of the fire is one of those mysteries we read about. So far there is no account-

ing for it.

There is one thing we cannot overlook and that is—We have a Chemical Engine, procured for the purpose of helping to extinguish fires, but the most noticeable thing was its absence during the fire. Probably it has the whooping cough, mumps or measles, most likely the latter as that dread disease is now prevailing. Any way the engine is out of whack.

We trust the fire has been a lesson and that profit will come from it. Let us hope so.

This is the second time the Red River Valley Elevator Co. has had its elevator burned at this place. About five years ago it was struck by lightning and burned up with a great deal of grain in it.

We trust that the company will rebuild at once, and still hold down the site. The company is well spoken of, and its representative at Hope, in the person of Mr. J. F. McKenney, is a good citizen and an efficient grain buyer. We trust that he will be retained by the company, and placed in a new elevator here, which we think would get a rushing trade. The prospects of a good crop this year will warrant a new building being erected.

—Parties having fat or stock cattle for sale can dispose of same by calling at the residence of L. E. Marsh, Hope, N. D.

—I wish to inform the public that I will hereafter grind on Thursday of each week. Bring in your feed early Thursday morning and you may take it away with you ground.
JACOB LANG.

—To the farmers of Steele Co. We have for sale an unlimited number of hay sections, all over Steele, Cass, Griggs and Traill counties, which we will sell the hay stumpage on for this year. Call early and avoid the rush.
E. J. & J. P. McMAHON.

LOST:—Between Hope and Page an over coat, 2 coats, 1 pair mittens, 1 winter cap, 1 pr. pants, 2 vests, 1 hat and pocket book containing something over \$4.50. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same with James P. McMahon.
ADOLF LINKE.

—Now is the time, while the memory of the fire and the havoc it played are fresh, to organize a fire company. Hooks and ladders could be procured without very great expense, and it might be the means of saving our town. Let some one start the move in this matter at once.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Badger departed Tuesday for Chicago, on a visit to her parents. Mr. Badger will be absent about three weeks, and his wife will remain away several months. They took with them the little nephew of Mr. J. W. Kiniston, George Welch, and will send him from Chicago to Fentonville, N. Y. to join his grand parents.

—There will be no services at the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening. Immediately after the close of the morning service at the M. E. church, the usual meeting of the Sunday school will take place at the Congregational church. A full attendance is desired, it being the time for the annual election of officers.

—Valley City Alliance: Nels. P. Rasmussen, who has a contract for grading on the "Soo," southeast of this city, was so besieged with questions on account of the report that the "Soo" had decided to abandon building here, he had some cards printed and to every fellow who made an inquiry about the road he would hand a card which read: "I don't know a darn thing about the "Soo"—ask Clark and Barclay."

—Carrier & Parkinson have just opened a new photograph gallery in the building between the 1st National Bank and Cady House, at Mayville, N. D. The gallery will be in charge of C. W. Carrier, recently from St. Paul. He is a first class photographer, takes all kinds of the latest style pictures. New lightings, new scenery, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see us before ordering elsewhere.

—Parties wishing to move to another county or state, buy, sell or exchange, farm lands, city or town property, stock of goods, patents, mining lands, horses, cattle or sheep, or if you wish a partner in business write to the undersigned for particulars. The best method of advertising and selling property in the world. Agents in every state in the Union. List of offerings mailed to your address every 60 days free. Enclose stamp for full particulars.

THE NORTH AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND REAL ESTATE CO. No., 331 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Card of Thanks.

Editor Hope Pioneer:

Dear Sir:—In behalf of the C. N. Nelson Lumber Co., I desire to express my thanks to the many citizens of Hope who so kindly and effectually aided me in preventing the total destruction of stock and buildings contained in the company's yard at this place, by fire, on the morning of Apr. 27 th.

Yours Respectfully,

J. W. KINISTON, Agt.

Anniversary Sermon.

Rev. S. B. Mahaney will deliver a sermon for the I. O. O. F. brethren on Sunday, May 3, at the M. E. church, at 11 o'clock, a. m., on the event of the 72d Anniversary of the order. The brethren of Hope Lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F. together with any Odd Fellow who might wish to join us, will meet in their hall at 10:30 a. m. and march to the church in a body. All are cordially invited to attend this service, whether he be an Odd Fellow or not. It will be an interesting sermon, and everyone should attend. By order,
HOPE LODGE No. 19, I. O. O. F.

Petit Jurors.

The following is a list of the jurors drawn for the May 1891, term of Court.

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| K. K. Pladson. | Geo. B. Gray. |
| Anton O. Berg. | K. S. Nohre. |
| J. M. Whisnand. | Andrew Larson. |
| Gilbert Johnson. | Osten Thyronson. |
| Wm. Hazlett. | John McDonald. |
| Chris T. Bentley. | S. H. Taylor. |
| T. J. Smith. | Iver Thompson. |
| James Porrhance. | Horner A. Northrop. |
| Andrew P. Anderson. | John Christie. |
| Fred R. Rugg. | S. B. Sampson. |
| Leonard Verwest. | J. D. Smith. |
| K. C. Bye. | William Doese. |
| M. D. Henry. | W. H. Ferris. |
| James O. Callins. | Erick J. Erstad. |
| Thomas J. Baldwin. | John Newman. |