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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

THE BIGGEST FIRE CONCORD HAS HAD IN ABOUT FOURTEEN YEARS.

The Livery Stables of M J Corl Catch Fire—The Flames Spread and Consume Other Buildings—Warehouses Burned—The Fire Companies Did Excellent Work—Hundreds of People Work Faithfully to Save Property.

Not since the time that the block along about Dove & Bost's was burned about 14 years ago, has Concord been visited by such a fire as she had on Sunday evening a while before 5 o'clock when the livery stables of M J Corl caught fire. The fire, when first seen, was about one of the stalls inside of the stables.

The alarm was quickly given and the people responded most hurriedly, but in a few moments the flames were spreading about in the building. There was quite an amount of roughness overhead which soon caught fire.

The people responded at once and succeeded in getting some of the horses out but six of them were burned to death.

The flames soon leaped to the warehouses in rear of the stables and they were soon burning rapidly. The warehouses belonged to Mr. Robt. Phifer, while D P Dayvault used one and Craven Bros. the other as warehouses. Mr. Dayvault's stock in the warehouse consisted of some meat, grain, machinery, etc., but his loss after all, he says, is comparatively small.

Very likely Craven Bros. are the heaviest losers from the flames, their warehouse having contained very valuable stock, such as furniture, coffins, caskets, etc. Some of the things were thrown out but the coffins are nearly all broken from the treatment they necessarily received. The loss to the firm must be at least \$1,000.

The building adjoining the livery stables, which belongs to Messrs. Elam King, Martin Boger and Miss Julia Stirewalt, but which was used by Yorke, Wadsworth & Co. as a warehouse came very near burning down. The entire stock of buggies, carriages, etc., were taken out of this building and strewn along the street. There was a good bit of damage done their wheat drills, mowing machines, and conveyances in throwing them out, but with this exception they are not damaged. But this will, till replaced, they think, amount to \$1,000.

The livery stable building, which belonged to Mr. P M Morris, of No. 2 township, was entirely burned to the ground. This is a considerable damage, though the building was becoming somewhat dilapidated. The building's worth is estimated at about \$200. There was no insurance on it.

The rear of the store of D P Dayvault came very near catching

afire, but was prevented by the splendid and untiring work of the firemen and citizens. If this building had caught, this would have endangered all the business houses in that block on the Main street. The brick warehouse which stands near those that burned, came near burning also. The building belonged to the Messrs. Yorke and contained quite an amount of cotton. The building was damaged by the bursting open of the roof and doors but fortunately nothing on the inside caught fire.

The warehouse in which Yorke, Wadsworth & Co. had their hardware stored burned somewhat about the roof and was damaged considerably by the people in trying to put out the flames.

Yorke, Wadsworth & Co., have insurance on their stock which was damaged, but, of course can not tell how much the insurance company will allow them.

Though the fire started in the livery stables of Mr. Corl, still he is not hurt so badly by it. A lot of harness, saddles, an omnibus, roughness, etc., was burned, but he lost no horses. His loss is estimated at \$500.

Three of the horses burned belonged to the Davis Sewing Machine Co., which has been doing business here only a short while. Dove & Bost also lost two, and Mr. R L Tony, a machine agent, lost his horse. The goat of Mr. Corl, which was a favorite with his boys, was also burned. It had run out of the stables and gone under one of the warehouses.

A number of stalls for the accommodation of the public, which stood near the stables, were burned.

The firm of Sappenfields had some grocery goods stored in one end of the warehouse with Mr. D P Dayvault's stock. Their loss can not yet be estimated closely but is hardly \$200.

The cause of the fire is not known, but was very probably an accident. No one scarcely thinks it the work of an incendiary. There are some who think the building was struck by lightning but this is hardly possible.

The safe that belonged to Mr. Corl, and which was in his office on the right as you enter the stable, was not affected except being hurt on the outside by the heat. They succeeded in drilling it open and everything in it was unharmed. Mr. Corl says he thinks that all of his valuable papers were in the safe. He also had about \$100 in money.

Both the white and colored fire companies turned out and proved themselves beneficial. The water, when first turned on, was not as strong as it should have been but in a few minutes the stream came with full force. The upper tank was not turned on, which was the cause. Unfortunately, in such a large crowd as was there, there were too many advising the firemen what to do, but there being several different hose at work, the officers of the companies could not

give their commands to all of the men.

Mr. Jno. Goodman ran into Mr. Corl's office to get out some things when the flames had already started in it. Several saw his danger and by calling to him succeeded in getting him to come out. After getting out he fainted and became quite sick, being completely overcome by the heat.

A horse belonging to Mr. Geo. Fisher, the liveryman at Albemarle, was in the stable, having been brought here Saturday evening. It was saved but is badly burned on the head and part of its body. The hair looks as if it were ready to come off. It will very probably recover.

The whole loss, estimated as best as we can get at it, will amount to about \$5,000. No insurance was carried by anyone except Yorke, Wadsworth & Co.

NOTES

The court house yard was filled considerably with the buggies and phaons of Yorke, Wadsworth & Co. A large number of them were ready to be sold, while quite a lot were yet in crates.

Several negroes were caught stealing things that were lying around on the ground.

Several persons fainted at the scene, being considerably excited and heated.

The high front walls of the stables, which were left standing, fell Sunday night about 11 o'clock. After the fire Sunday morning, Mayor Crowell allowed the people to walk near the wall, on account of the danger.

Some men tried to rescue two of the horses that were burned, but could not get them to come out. They would run in a circle and could not be induced to come out.

Two horses, strange to say, broke their halters and ran out into the street.

As a courtesy to Mr. Corl, their brother liveryman, Brown Bros. took charge of Mr. Corl's loose horses and are keeping them until arrangements can be made.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Mr. C L Smith, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in our city.

—Engineer Walter Parish is at his home here visiting relatives.

—Lewis Brown, who is now staying in Salisbury, spent Sunday at home.

—Mr. Grant Buchanan, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with his brother, Sheriff Buchanan.

—Mr. B F Withers, of Charlotte, spent yesterday here at the home of Mr. K L Craven.

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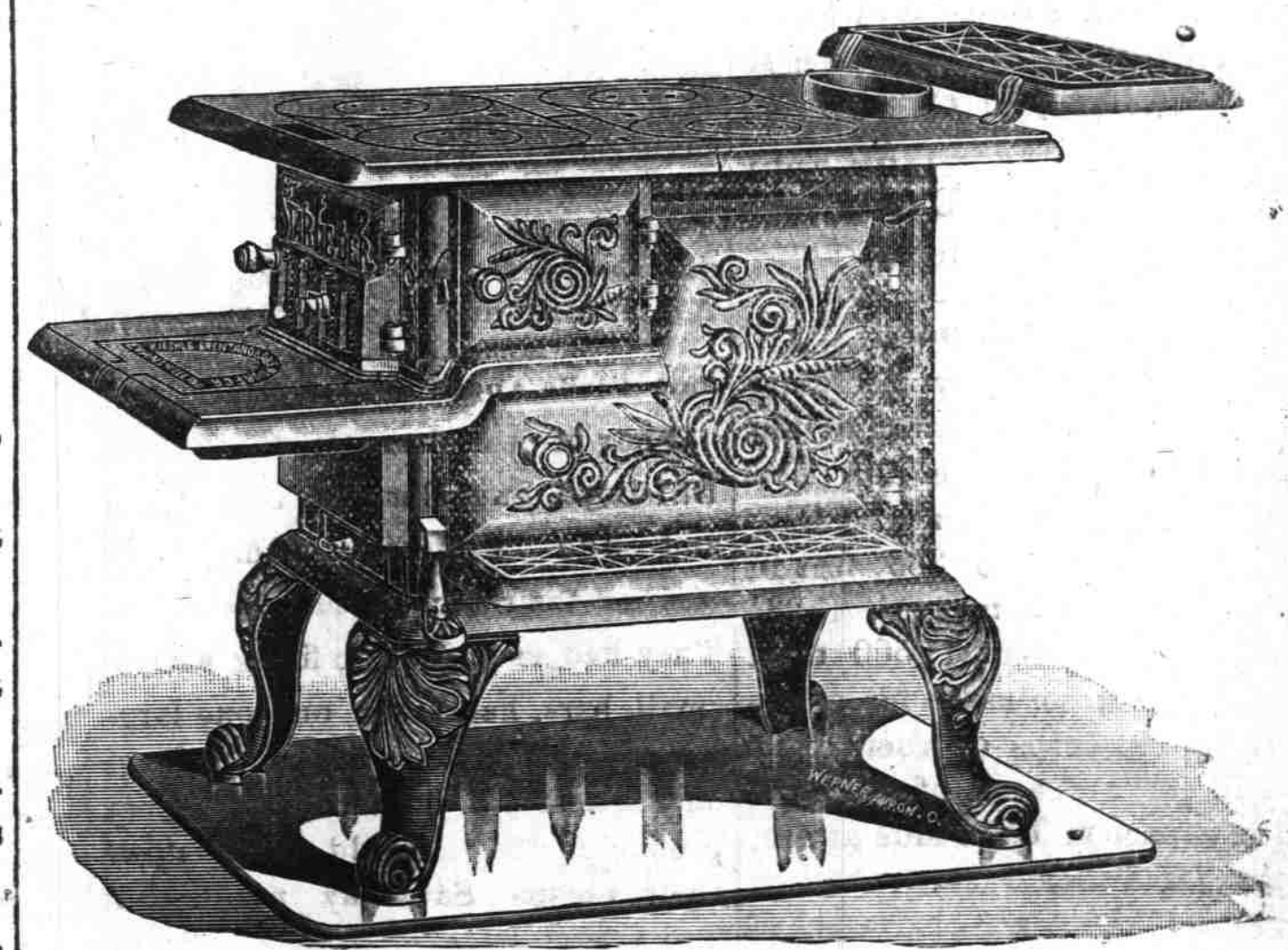
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