

Enterprise Extra.

MIDNIGHT EDITION.

Worst Fire in History of West Concord.

WYMAN BLOCK GOES UP IN SMOKE.

HOME BAKERY ALSO YIELDS TO FLAMES.

Old City Meat Market Also Burned.

Stores Occupied by F. L. Wyman, L. N. Round and the Home Bakery Are No More.

Just as we were finishing the printing of our regular edition, about 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the Wyman Block on East Main Street was discovered to be on fire, and notwithstanding the heroic work of the firemen burned to the ground.

The Home Bakery Restaurant, adjoining next, caught fire, and was soon a mass of smoking ruins.

At this point it seemed as tho the firemen had the fire under control, but about 8 o'clock the old City Meat Market (a vacant building) just east of the restaurant caught fire and also was consumed.

Frank Wyman, the owner of the Wyman Block and Wyman Hall, is in St. Paul, at this writing, and we are unable to give his estimate of loss, but a conservative figure is about \$5,000 on the building, and \$1,000 on his stock of goods in the store below the hall.

L. N. Round occupied the other store in the block and most of his goods were carried out, but his loss will be considerable—probably \$1,000.

M. J. Richardson, the proprietor of the Home Bakery and Restaurant, saved considerable stock, but his loss will run up in the hundreds. The building was owned by Mrs. Abbott and is a total loss.

The old City Meat Market building was owned by W. T. Schmidt, and was vacant at the time. This building also was burned to the ground.

The firemen worked steadily from 3:30 until nearly midnight, and but for their stubborn fight, and hard work, it is impossible to say how much of the town would have gone up in smoke.

The Wyman Block was built in 1895 by J. K. Wyman, and was two stories high, the upper story being known as the opera house or Wyman Hall and lower floor was divided in two stores, one being occupied by L. N. Round as a harness shop and Frank Wyman occupying the other and carrying a stock of dry goods and men's furnishings.

The loss on outlinings will be about \$7000 and on stock about \$3000, partly covered by insurance. The Milliner store of Mrs. M.

E. Griffith, just west of Wyman Hall, had a close call, but was saved by the strenuous work of the firemen.

Norton's saloon had a close call. All the wet goods were carried out, and for a time it looked as tho the building was doomed, but the steady streams of water upon it kept the flames back. This building is owned by Jake Mathy.

The wisdom of having a good fire department with up-to-date equipment, was again proved. The bulk of the business portion of West Concord has again been saved. From going up in smoke by our efficient fire department.

Now lets decide to build a modern opera house. We need one and need it badly.

Mr. Wyman being out of town we do not know what his intentions are relative to rebuilding.

The fire started in the upper story, but the cause is a mystery. It must have been smoldering for some time, as when discovered smoke was leaning from all the front windows.