

FIRE AT RICHMOND

Loss One Hundred Thousand
Dollars---Partially Insured.

Firemen from Waterbury Called
and Did Good Service. It is
Expected the Buildings
Will be Rebuilt.

When the sun rose on Richmond village Friday morning the people viewed their once prosperous little village in ruins. Their two hotels, Masonic block, drug stores, clothing, fruit and hardware stores, livery stables and meat markets were smoldering ruins and several families found themselves homeless. The streets were clogged with household goods, much of which had been damaged by being trampled upon and deluged with mud and water. The village residents, who had escaped the fire, were bending their energies towards feeding and helping the homeless and the business men, who had lost their all, were walking about seemingly dazed, watching the smoldering ruins of their former prosperous stores. Where the fire visited, nothing remained standing; everything was razed to the foundations. The loss is estimated at around \$100,000, on which there is a known insurance of \$66,000.

ELEVEN BUILDINGS BURNED.

A list of the burned buildings follows:

Masonic building, a brick structure two stories high. In the basement was located A. Ralli, fruit store; S. Green, grocery; town hall; town room, where town records were kept and village library; E. W. Freeman, drug store; P. A. Sudarsky, clothing; Dr. G. D. Samson, dental parlors; North Star Masonic rooms; Order of Eastern Star. The town records were saved, but the books in the library, nearly 1,000, were a total loss. Sudarsky and Mr. Freeman saved a few papers and everything else went up in smoke.

Patrick Gleason's block, occupied by M. E. Leary's drug store, Anna O'Brien's millinery store, Miss Mattie Gleason's millinery parlors and M. J. Sabin's residence a total loss.

Norton block, owned by Mrs. H. R. Norton of Burlington, occupied by Richmond Hardware store; Benoit's barber shop; J. H. Morton's law office, Knights of Pythias hall; hall of Modern Woodmen of America used jointly; total loss.

W. O. Chamberlin's block, occupied by general merchandise store and residence of Mr. Chamberlin; T. Henley & Son, meat market; P. C. Davis's jewelry and optical parlors, and apartments of J. H. Norton and Robert Riggs; small amount of jewelry and silverware saved.

C. N. McGarghan's house, occupied by J. F. Brown as a boarding house; small amount of furniture saved.

H. J. Soule's block, occupied by A. L. Messer's millinery parlors and living rooms of William Spence, Noah Charland and Otto Yantz; also two vacant stores, where licenses to sell intoxicating liquors had been applied for. Small amount of furniture was saved from this block.

F. G. Currier's livery stables, occupied on the second floor by Mr. and Mrs. Currier; horses and livery wagons saved.

G. W. Greene's block, furniture store and undertaking establishment, conducted by Mr. Greene; upper floor oc-

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INSURANCE CARRIED.

The insurance on the buildings, store stocks and household goods of different individuals is as follows:

- P. H. Sudarsky, \$5,000, total loss.
- Anna O'Brien, \$800, total loss.
- Estate of H. R. Norton, \$4,500, total loss.
- North Star Lodge, F. & A. M., \$6,800, total loss.
- J. W. McGarghan, \$10,000, total loss.
- Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., \$500, total loss.
- Dr. W. W. Lavalette, \$400, total loss.
- M. E. Leary, \$4,000 total loss.
- Queen Esther, Rebekah Lodge, \$125, total loss.
- A. Ralli, \$1,300 total loss.
- Merton Sabins, \$500, total loss.
- McKinley Lodge, Knights of Pythias, \$300, total loss.
- R. E. Jones, postoffice in Masonic building, \$400, total loss.
- E. E. Fish, Richmond Hardware company, \$5,200, total loss.
- Mattie Gleason \$400 total loss.
- Patrick Gleason, \$3,300, total loss.
- Estate of G. W. Greene, \$6,000.
- ~~Part of stock was saved.~~
- E. W. Freeman, \$4,000, total loss.
- Mrs. Mortimer Downey, Bellevue House, \$3,000, total loss.
- F. C. Davis, \$1500, stock partially saved.
- W. O. Chamberlin, \$3,000, total loss.
- Noah Charland, \$300.
- Mrs. Charles Bostwick, \$3,200, total loss.
- E. C. Bryant, \$1,700, small loss.

Furniture in small quantities was saved from most of the residences, but the furniture was scattered about the streets and yards and trampled upon and the loss from that direction will probably be complete.

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After the fire had got under good headway and the village people had been aroused, tin pails and milk cans were unlimbered as was also a new chemical engine that had been in town but a short time. The chemical apparatus proved unavailing, however, ~~in a few moments the building was congested at that point and in a short time the flames had jumped from block to block and the people were absolutely powerless to stop its progress. There was a light west wind, which fanned the flames up the street towards the Bellevue House.~~

At an early stage of the fire aid was asked from the Burlington fire department. Chief Niles and about 20 men all volunteers save one, succeeded in loading the steam fire engine and exercise wagon on platform cars at the Burlington station and at 1:30 o'clock the relief party left Burlington by special train. Chief Niles was told to bring 1,000 feet of hose, but for good measure he carried along 1,200 feet. The train reached here at two and the engine and wagon was unloaded in record time. Everything had burned to the ground then but the Bellevue House, which was just bursting into flames from the roof. The hose was stretched to the river and was found to be about 800 feet short of the required length. Chief Niles then did the next best thing.

equipped by Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F.; lodge records saved and small amount of furniture.

Park House, owned by J. W. McGarghan; total loss.

Bellevue House, owned by Mrs. Mortimer Downey. The structure was not used as a hotel, but was occupied by the offices of Dr. W. W. Lavalette and Dr. W. T. Tilley and residence of Mrs. Downey.

Residence of Mrs. Charles Bostwick and George Champagne.

E. J. Bryant building, containing meat market of Clarence Morgan, shingles and veranda scorched, also several windows broken; loss is small.