

WATERBURY RECORD
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FOURTH FIRE IN WEEK

**Firemen Prove Ability In Handling
Fires.**

Waterbury firemen had a busy time last week being called out at four different times, the climax being Saturday afternoon about three o'clock when the company was called to the Taylor house on Union Street. This is now owned by Clarence Moody of Northfield and is arranged for two tenements. In the lower one lived Alcide Robarge, who had an oil stove in the barn upon which food for the hens was heated. Mr. Robarge lit the stove and went back into the house, it is said, only to hear the explosion of the stove as he returned and to find the barn in flames. This part of the structure was practically ruined and the end of the house nearest the barn. Fire was kept from the front of the house and other buildings by the valiant work of the firemen and the fine water supply, three streams being turned on the structure. The injury to the house from water and smoke, however, was great, and with its broken windows, charred sides and falling roof in parts presented a sorry spectacle. Mr. Moody is said to have insurance and Robarge not. It is also reported that Robarge lost nearly \$300 in money. Edward Farmer, who lived upstairs had his furniture badly damaged but is insured. Mr. Moody also had some of his best household goods stored there as did John Wilkins. The Taylor house was built by Mr. Taylor and was one of the fine residences of the town. Large numbers gathered and later went by the financial loss, inconvenience to the occupants and old time associate. Other fires were the McFarland and Ceuture houses on Railroad Street, both of which were thought to start from sparks from the mill and the old house up little river on the Gray Lawn Farms, the Fire Co. being called there more for the purpose of protecting a nearby barn that was filled with hay. Chemicals were used as the fire came near the side of the barn near the house near the barn. All in all, with the trip to the Stowe fire, the local fire company have been tried out and certainly appear to justify all claims to usefulness and good judgement.