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## ALMOND HAS DISASTROUS FIRE

Shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday morning Mrs. E. A. Soule was startled by a light shining through her room and upon investigating she saw flames coming from the rear of the building occupied by the Staples & Hintz meat market, the Portage County Press and the John Jones shoe repair shop. She immediately gave the alarm and Mr. Soule without waiting to dress, slipped into his overcoat and went and rang the fire bell which is only a few feet from their home.

Fire fighters gathered rapidly but the fire had gained such headway when discovered that it was impossible to save the building or any of the contents.

Efforts of the fire fighters was directed to saving other nearby buildings and it was only by the hardest fighting that the Manley store directly across the street was saved. The Woodman hall which was separated from the Staples meat market by only a few feet of space was soon a mass of flames and was also completely destroyed. The lower story of this building was occupied by Staples and Hintz as a storage room while the upper part of the building was occupied by the Modern Woodman and Royal Neighbors as a lodge room. Practically everything from this building was saved with the exception of the piano in the lodge room. The Jas. Manley store building across the street caught fire several times and the Frank Reader Implement building was also on fire and one large plate glass window was broken by the heat.

In addition to the office equipment in the Press office a number of the village record books were burned.

All of the burned buildings were the property of Crowell brothers. In each case the loss is partially covered by insurance excepting the John Jones shoe shop and the piano in the Wood-

man hall which we understand was not insured.

As to the future of the burned business places, no definite plans have as yet been made and perhaps will not be for a few days.

The Press sheet is being printed and mailed out to subscribers this week, and while it is not much of a sheet it will in from our subscribers of the loss of the plant. The work is being done in the office of the Plainfield Sun through the courtesy of Mr. Fields the editor.

## FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND STRAW STACK

The overturning of a lantern on the Gust Holtz farm at about 5:30 Saturday evening caused a fire which destroyed the barn and straw stack and burned up one pig and some chickens. Mr. Holtz was working about the premises at the time and in some way fell and tipped over the lantern igniting the straw stack.

We understand that only small insurance was carried on the property.

Henry Keenlance occupies the farm and was the owner of the pig and chickens. Mr. Keenlance was up north deer hunting when the fire occurred.

## LOCAL NOTES

Tuesday about sixty-five relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morgan gathered at their home to help them celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The guests brought all manner of good things to eat and at noon a bounteous repast was served. The afternoon was spent in visiting after which the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Morgan many happy returns of the day and leaving behind as a token of their love and respect a nice purse of silver.

Mrs. Irving Adams visited her brother at Polonia last week.

Mrs. Dan Hetzel won a \$50 prize in the Stevens Point Journal subscription contest which closed on Saturday.

Ed 'Keefe has moved from the

George Hetzel farm onto the Mrs. M. R. Hetzel farm.

Andrew Petrusky recently purchased a Fordson Tractor from the E. A. Soule Co.

Most of our deer hunters have returned from the north and without the expected deer.

Mrs. R. I. Roscherry has moved here from Plainfield and now occupies a part of the former Mrs. Katie Langbauer house.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Hetzel have moved from the Mrs. M. R. Hetzel farm to a farm near Berlin.

H. F. Karnopp returned from St. Agnes hospital on Tuesday. Mr. Karnopp underwent an operation at the hospital on Monday of last week and is now well on the road to recovery.

Rev. H. Feldt spent a part of Friday at the hospital in Fond du Lac with H. F. Karnopp.

Earl Chleicher left Monday for Milwaukee where he will attend a Motor school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Justeson are spending several days at their home here. For several weeks past they have been located at Rice Lake where Mr. Justeson has been engaged in the potato business.

**FOR SALE**—A number of pieces of household furniture, the property of Warren Tunks.—Inquire of Miss Lulu Tunks.

## ALMOND BUYS FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Alarmed at the number of fires which have occurred in our village within the past year the village board has purchased an Evin high pressure pump and six hundred feet of hose. This to be used in addition to the chemical fire fighting equipment now on hand.

The new equipment will arrive within a few days and will be a valuable addition to the village fire fighting equipment.

**German M. E. Church**  
10:00 a. m. Divine Worship.  
11:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
7:30 p. m. Musical Program by the Epworth League.

H. FELD, Pastor.