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## WORST IS KNOWN

### Loss by Wednesday's Fire Reaches the Size of a Prince's Ransom.

## CONCISE AND ACCURATE LIST OF THE SUFFERERS

### Fire Commissioners Tell Chief Fletcher He Is Dismissed.

### The Volunteers Refuse to Part With Him and Serve Notice to That Effect—New Buildings Going Up Like Mushrooms Amid the Ruins—Some of the Scenes as Sketched by the "Nugget" Staff Artist—Blazes of Minor Importance Keep the Fire Boys Busy.

### THE WATER FRONT.

**E. Adeock**, grocer, lost his building, but saved his stock. He puts his loss at \$1,000.  
**Dr. Caldwell** lost most of his dental apparatus and household belongings, and his son-in-law, **Frank Benick**, who lived with him, sustained a personal loss of \$500. The building was destroyed and the total loss at the place looks up to \$1,500.  
**Dawson barber shop**, **Denny & Schuch** proprietors, was destroyed, together with a part of the apartments above, but the loss will not exceed \$300.  
**Oliver**, of the **Eagle** restaurant, lost their building and a part of their furnishings, but saved their provisions. The loss is \$1,000.  
**Mr. Hirschberg** says \$1,500 will amply cover the loss on his stock. The building was owned by **C. F. Smith** and was worth \$1,000, bringing the total loss to \$2,500.  
**Mrs. Fancher** saved her goods but lost on her building \$500.  
**Glewin & Co.**, wholesale and retail grocers, were caught so quickly that they lost nearly everything, their loss being estimated at \$10,000.  
**J. Rutledge** lost about \$2,000 on his building and a few personal effects. This building was filled with tenants, including **Attorney Robertson**, **Pickett & Davis**, **Mrs. Hill**, **Walling & Toler**, **Treat & Co.**, the **Draper** restaurant and **Boister & Co.**, most of whom suffered small losses, the total of which, with **Mr. Rutledge's**, will foot up to \$9,000.  
**The Yukon Sun**, of which **W. H. Brierley** is the proprietor, lost his printing press, the news paper press, most of the display and a quantity of body type, beside some stock and many of the little appliances essential to the printing business. **Tom O'Brien** is the lessee of the building, but delayed moving until it was too late. **Mr. Thurston**, an attaché of the office, says the loss will be \$2,000.  
**The Portland restaurant**, owned by **J. McCormick**, was cleaned out to the extent of \$1,000.  
**Hall & Madole**, proprietors of the **Arctic Oyster House**, lost their building and a part of their goods, the whole footing up to \$2,500.  
**Allen & Schaff**, merchants, lost their principally through the loss of their building, which was \$500.  
**The Pioneer** barber shop and baths, owned by **Zempie & Pach**, sustained a loss, with fixtures, of \$8,000.  
**Ottrell & Co.**, candy manufacturers, saved much of their stock, but claim a loss of \$3,500.  
**Dagout**, of **Pinks**, lost on their stock \$500.  
**George Williams** owned the building and sustained a loss of \$2,000.  
**Wright & Pfeiffer**, restaurateurs, saved their goods, but lost many of their fixtures, including their large bakery oven. Their loss will be \$1,500.  
**Lapin & Matthews**, of the **Hyde Laundry**, will lose on their building about \$1,000.  
**Anderson Bros.**, the painters, lost two light buildings worth \$500.  
**The Yukon Trading Co.** moved some goods out and probably did not suffer to a greater extent than \$1,400.  
**Ripstein Bros.** bunk house \$500.  
**A. H. Stearns** and **Alex. Armstrong**, tobacconists, lost on their stock about \$200.  
**E. Rokate**, the butcher, lost on stock and building in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

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plotted by **Cole & Selfert**; the latter got all their chattels out, but not a little of their goods was stolen. **Fred Card** was just about to open a restaurant at the rear, too, and he lost some of his fixtures. These, with the destruction of the building, bring the total loss to about \$8,000.  
The **Tivoli** theatre building was the property of **Messrs. Lloyd, Nelson, Simons and Rockwell**, and competent judges say it was worth all of \$30,000. It was under lease by **Cooper & Co.**, who suffered \$15,000 loss in the way of fittings, scenery, etc., bringing the total loss to something like \$45,000.  
**J. D. Jourden & Co.**, of the **Bodega**, saved a part of the stock and fixtures, and their loss will probably come within \$5,000. The building was but recently altered and improved and was worth about \$4,000.  
**Helen Holden** occupied the upper floor and she lost everything. The total loss at the place cannot be estimated.  
The destruction of the **Northern** saloon building entailed a loss of \$12,000 upon **Messrs. Ash, Manning, Chute, and Kelly & Marchbank**, the lessees, suffered to the extent of \$28,000 in fixtures and stock, bringing the total up to \$40,000.  
**Ralph Boyke** and **Lou Griffin**, of the **Northern** restaurant, lost their building and part of their fixtures, though their stock was all saved. The loss is probably \$3,000.  
The **Pioneer** was completely destroyed, but the destruction of the building and some fixtures amount to about \$10,000.  
**Tom Chisholm**, who owned the **Aurora** saloon and restaurant, both of which went down, is a heavy loser. He got out some of his fixtures and stock, but he puts his loss at

of about \$4,000.  
The **American** consulate went with the **McDonald** building and **Uncle Sam** lost fixtures which cost him \$700; **Consul McCook** lost \$500 in personal effects and puts the total loss of everything at \$1,200.  
The **Bank of British North America** made light of their loss and decline to give an estimate, but it cannot be less, it is thought, than \$30,000.  
**SECOND AVENUE.**  
**McLennan, McFoley & Co.**, limited, and the **Parsons** Produce Co., occupied the large building opposite the bank. The former lost in stock, according to the estimate of the manager, **D. D. Buchanan**, \$5,000, while the other suffered to the extent of about \$3,000. The building cost \$12,000, which brings the loss to \$20,000.  
The **Ottawa** hotel, together with three cabins at the rear and some cashes and other property, entailed a loss on **Joe Cadieu** of \$10,000.  
**Tom Lamare**, owner of the **Box**, and another building near by, suffered a loss of \$47,000; the occupants of the houses lost their all, bringing the loss up to nearly \$110,000.  
**George LaMore** also lost two cabins and his cashes, worth \$2,600.  
**Charles Turgeon** puts his loss by the destruction of a cabin at \$2,000.  
**Edgar & Bauer** had five cabins back of the **Parsons** Produce Co., destroyed. They say the loss will be about \$4,000.  
**Nigger Jim's** cabin was torn down by zealous workers and he lost by Mrs. **J. Williams**, who occupied a house back of the **Madden** house, reports the destruction of furniture and grub valued at \$1,500.  
**Druggist Schoff** saved his stock rather hurriedly, and probably suffered a loss of \$200.

devastation depended only upon the quantity of material lying in its path.  
**THE SPREAD OF THE FIRE.**  
The fire started, as has been said, in the upper apartments of the **Bodega**. The wind was from the river and in a southerly direction. The exasperating and inexorable delay in getting water to the nozzles soon caused it to be seen that the neighboring buildings were doomed. First the two-story building—the **Northern**—on the south took fire through the chinks of masonry, and then the **Tivoli** theatre building on the north. The **Northern** saloon on the south and the **Board of Trade** on the north. Still no water from the fire engines. The general alarm given, and preparations were made for moving from the entire block. Then the **basar** and **library** store took fire on the south, followed rapidly by the **Aurora** restaurant. The **Tivoli** theatre building created such an intense heat that the **Rutledge** building on the opposite side of **Front** street took fire as if spontaneously, and it was just at this moment that the water supply failed after a fitful life of just a few weak minutes. Then the practical men of the city saw she was indeed doomed, for an engine, even could she keep up steam, was now helpless to save the city.  
**SPREAD TO THE SOUTH.**  
From the **Aurora** restaurant to the **Aurora** saloon was short work for the flames, notwithstanding the brave stand made by men on top of the building with pails and blankets. Meanwhile the long **Tivoli** building had communicated the heat and roaring flames to the cabins in the alley at the rear occupied by members of the **demi-monde** and leaped from cabin to cabin without let or hindrance. The **Aurora** saloon and hotel made a terrible hot fire which leaped over **Second** street and the two-story building of the **Victoria** saloon, and restaurant was involved as if by magic, causing serious danger to the throngs of men who lined her roof in an effort to prevent the fire communicating. Up **Front** street went the fire communicating. Up **Front** street being the next to go. Then the **Madden** house, then a grocery store, then the **Ryan** boot and shoe store, then **Graf** the jeweler, then the **Douglas** boot and shoe store. The **news stand** followed, then the **Adrian** saloon, followed by the **Meatman's** restaurant. Some small buildings in course of erection were torn out and the devastation on the east side of **Front** street was stayed at the building of **McPherrin & Johnson** building occupied by the **Oregon** store.  
**ON THE WATER FRONT.**  
Meanwhile, the hell of flame had been spreading on the water front, notwithstanding the repeated attempts to tear out buildings in the effort to prevent the spread. The **Bodega** building was the first to catch. Southward went the wave of flame in sympathy with the opposite side of the street. **Arthur** **Lewin's** cigar store, then **Ripstein** **Bros.**, then the **Central** **Market**, **Pioneer** barber shop, **Allen & Schaff's** store, **Portland** restaurant, **Hyde** laundry, a cigar store, the candy factory, boot and shoe store, **Fisher's** restaurant, grocer, baker, **Sargent & Finke's** restaurant, a grocery store, just going up and **Anderson Bros.** sign and paint shop. The **damages** stayed at this corner but withstanding that it leaped **Second** street on the opposite side.  
**SPREAD ON THE WATER FRONT.**  
The flames fought against the wind on the water front with a diabolical persistence. The **Sentinel** store was quickly involved, then followed the **Wagon** store, then the **Wagon** store, which was next and the **Bessenthal** swimming baths were quickly doomed. The **damages** store went up and then an **incubator** building was torn out and the flames were stayed in that direction.  
**IN THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET.**  
The flames, having once involved the **Tivoli**, as has been stated, took the **Board of Trade** without hindrance. From there to **Clark's** barber shop, and to the **DeVillie** building was quick work.  
Then came the **Demolition** with its two stories of logs and from there to the **Opera House** was short work. It was here that the water began to take from the fire engines to the north with both force and volume, and notwithstanding that the flames had involved that building until it was a complete wreck, the fire was stopped right there as far as that direction was concerned.  
**THE SPREAD NORTH.**  
All this time the fire flared had been making a clean sweep of **Second** street on both sides. From the **Aurora** saloon and hotel on the one side was only a few heavy cigar stores, a restaurant and some heavy houses, and then came **Second** avenue, which the flames failed to cross. On the other side of the street, after the **Victoria** saloon had involved the **Victoria** restaurant, the three-story **meat** store under **Johnston** was made to cross the **Bank of British North America** with all the known valuables it contained; but she was quickly involved in the general conflagration. This reached the corner across **Second** avenue was the **Parsons** Produce Co.'s large building and for a while the flames were stayed in that direction, being forced so by content with making rapid headway along **Second** avenue. The **Ottawa** hotel was quickly snuffed, followed by a succession of heavy houses until **First** street was reached. Then the heat crossed **Second** street and she threatened **Parsons** Produce building and she broke out so quickly that men had to scamper out of the way. There were many buildings here but by strenuous efforts the flames were prevented from crossing to the **Pioneer** drug store and the scores of buildings which are clustered thickly to the rear and were stopped also at the **Flagmory** hotel. A lot of heavy houses went up.



fully \$75,000.  
**Ed. McDonald**, of the **Arctic**, had two cabins at the rear of his place torn down. One belonging to **Nigger Jim**, close by, was also torn down, while six others belonging to people whose names were not obtained were burned. The total loss to this bunch is estimated at about \$10,000.  
**Wagon** Trading Co. expect their loss to foot up about \$2,000.  
The **Victoria** was one of the largest and most populous buildings in the city. The upper apartments were largely occupied by professional men, all of whom removed their effects in safety. **Messrs. Wright & McLennan**, who owned the building, also lost some stock, and estimated their total loss at \$22,000.  
**Messrs. Louis Alenberg & Co.**, of **Frankie** of the **Northwest** Trading Co., estimate their loss at \$10,000.  
**William Kleinberg**, of the **Yukon** **Bazaar**, was having an addition built to the rear of his establishment, which went with the rest, together with some stock. He puts his loss at \$5,000.  
**E. E. Peterson**, the jeweler, had his building razed, which caused damage to the extent of \$200.  
**Burke & Mangarella**, of the **B. & M.** new stand, met with like treatment, and lost considerable stock. The whole footing up, they estimate, \$700.  
**H. Douglas**, boots and shoes, suffered to the extent of \$300.  
**Graf**, the jeweler, experienced a loss on building and contents of about \$1,000.  
**B. W. Levens** had goods stored with **Mr. Douglas**, and lost \$300.  
The **Corliss** Sisters, of the **Montana** restaurant, lost nothing, but the owner of the building sustained a loss of \$1,000.  
The **Madden** house, adjoining, was more substantial, and the loss there was about \$10,000. **Gilbert Bros.** had just constructed an addition to the rear and suffered a loss of \$5,500, while **Mrs. Wyman**, who conducted the cafe feature of the establishment, suffered to the extent of \$500, bringing the total loss of the place up to \$12,000.  
**SECOND STREET.**  
**Alex. McDonald** was the heaviest loser here, being the owner of the **McDonald** block and the building occupied by the **Bank of British North America**. They were occupied throughout, but the tenants took time by the forelock, except the bank people, and got their chattels to places of safety. The two buildings cost \$20,000.  
**R. J. Hills**, of the **Popular** lodging house, lost most of his belongings, and estimates the whole at \$7,000.  
**Misses Berndt and Smith**, proprietors of the **San Francisco** restaurant, saved their fixtures, but experienced a loss of \$3,000.  
**Martin, Joslin**, real estate dealers, lost only their building, worth \$11,000.  
The **Martony** restaurant and three heavy houses opposite the **McDonald** buildings, and owned by **Gie Pinsted**, equalled the loss in the sum

**Messrs. Morton, Raney, Francis Perin** and **Alfred Henry** lost several cabins, valued at about \$10,000.  
**Thompson & Maury**, **Henry Huges**, **Hermine Dapsary** and a gentleman unknown had it cabins and some cashes destroyed back of the **Northern** at a total loss of \$4,000.  
**Ed. McConnell** had \$7,000 worth of pork and \$200 worth of whiskey stored in a warehouse back of the **Board of Trade**. His loss will be \$7,800.  
**John Manning** parted with currency and gold to the amount of \$400.  
There is no doubt that scores of other people suffered losses of personal effects to the amount of at least \$10,000.  
**FROM THURSDAY'S EXTRA.**  
It has come at last. The really great fire which Dawson people had been dreading with a genuine inspiration through months of continuous dread, beside which previous conflagrations, though bad enough in their way, sink into insignificance—a fire which will shake half the business of the city and ashes half the other—that is the fire which all but took the other—that is the fire which transpired last night. The scene of its origin, the wind, the hour and scores of other elements seemed to favor the city's old-time enemy, and within half an hour of the time that the first smoke of warning was seen there was no room to question the extent of the disaster that was then impending. The cry that went up, that went from the hundreds of anxious breasts, and how nearly the terrible fear was realized, is witnessed by the blocks and blocks of burning, steaming ruins which mark the path of the destroying element.  
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**THE HOTEL BURNING.**  
The hotel **burning**, located back of the **Parsons** Produce Co. on **Second** street, was on fire for many hours, according to the proprietor of the establishment. He had a score or more of men working about the place and the way they kept the water playing on the building was credit to the brigade.  
The citizens were much distinguished by their helpfulness than any recent fire.  
Drunkenness was one of the evils resultant from so many saloons burning at once. White key lay in boxes on every hand in bottles, kags and barrels. The wisdom of **Colonel Steele's** and **harris**.  
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