

# SIXTY PIANOS Damaged Slightly From Smoke During Last Night's Fire Go On Sale Monday Morning at Your Own Price

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## Man With Broken Back Struggles in Fire and Gives Alarm

The most remarkable instance of cool bravery shown at the fire was that displayed by Frank Murray of Perry, Ia. Some time ago Murray's back was broken by a freight car at Fifteenth and Nicholas street, but by a phenomenal piece of surgery Police Surgeon Harris saved the man's life and since then he has been steadily convalescent, until Thursday, when he was able to walk around with the support of a heavy walking stick.

Murray lived at the Dewey hotel and when the fire broke out he was among the first to give individual alarm to the occupants of the different rooms.

Creeping lamely along the dimly lit hallway of the hotel, he rapped with his cane upon the doors and called the guests. In this way he struggled on and on until he fell from exhaustion and then some one had aroused helped him to the door, where he was taken care of by the rescuers.

To him personally do many owe their lives.

## REJOICE OVER WORKING IN REAL FIREPROOF BUILDING

Employees from the various large office buildings swarmed around the scene of the fire during the noon hour. One man from the new Union Pacific headquarters, who had worked for years in the old structure at the foot of Farnam street, observed as he gazed at the ominous ruins:

"Well, this ought to make every man and woman who works in the new Union Pacific building feel thankful that it is practically proof against such a catastrophe. And that is exactly the feeling among those hundreds of people. Even if our building should catch fire life would scarcely be imperiled. In the first place, fire would make very little headway in it, and in the next place the building is thoroughly equipped with escapes."

## NO FIREMEN INJURED BY FALLING OF HOTEL WALLS

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## DEWEY HOTEL FIRE BRINGS DEATH TO MORE THAN SCORE

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Last fourteen years, was the first person to attempt escape by leaping. He leaped far out from a window near the alley while preparing to jump, but his hold gave way and, slipping, he fell squarely on his head on the pavement beneath.

Special Watchman Perry and several bystanders carried him into the Ohio restaurant, where a few moments later he died. Surgeons said that in the fall his neck had broken, besides smashing his skull into a weird, misshapen mass.

Mrs. C. E. Wilkins, wife of the lessee of the place, was helped to safety by Policeman McCabe and A. T. Comer of Elmwood, Neb. Comer is the chief of the volunteer fire department of that place and his efforts to save lives were heroic, to say the least. McCabe also risked his life in the attempt to save others, but the smoke baffled him.

Perhaps a score of persons escaped from the place within a few moments from the time of the first alarm. The rest are buried beneath tons of brick and debris.

### Perry Discovers Fire.

Special Watchman Frank Perry was the first to discover the real fire. At midnight Policeman Sam Morris and M. P. Ryan, passing the hotel, thought they smelled wood smoke. They made an investigation of the neighborhood and finally decided that the smoke emanated from the Dewey. Sparks could be seen in the air, but their source could not be determined.

They notified Manager Noid and Clerk Vliet, however, and a thorough search of the building was made. Nothing was found.

### Blaze in Store.

At 4:45 o'clock in the morning Perry saw the blaze in the back part of the Raphael-Fred store and turned in a still alarm. When he returned from the fire box the entire place was a seething furnace and the guests in the hotel, asleep, were caught like rats in a trap.

Half an hour later, when it was certain that those remaining in the hotel were dead, Manager Noid, sitting in the Ohio restaurant with a Bee reporter, told of his escape.

"I was awakened by Vliet's shout of fire. I slipped into my trousers and started into the hall. The place was already full of smoke and had I not known the plan of the hotel as well as I did I, too, would have perished. God help those poor souls who had rooms on the other side of the building."

### Starts in Basement.

The fire was caused, primarily, it is believed, by an overloaded furnace in the Dewey hotel building basement, directly beneath the clothing store. This, however, in itself would have caused no particular damage, but an explosion, believed to have been caused by gas, soon filled the place.

Albert Smith, night clerk in the Pope drug store across the street, says a month ago the building was filled with gas from leaky pipes. Last night he says he heard an explosion less than a quarter of a minute before the place burst into flame. Smith's assertion is backed up by that of Perry and several of the firemen who responded to the first alarm. The explosion was so heavy, it is said, that it rocked the building.

Within two hours after the department had begun work on the place it was reduced to a grim iron shell. The roof and two floors caved in under the weight of the ice and water, and shortly after the south wall gave way, narrowly missing several firemen working behind it.

### Chief Cautious.

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the only method of attack was to keep a constant sheet of water on it. The cold air froze the water and occasioned no little trouble to the firemen.

### Pitiful Sight.

At 8 o'clock a Bee reporter mounted to the top of an adjoining building and by clinging to a frozen ice crag obtained a peep at the destruction.

The place was a pitiful sight. Fragments of clothing half buried beneath tons of brick could be seen, and here and there a bed showed from beneath parts of crumbled wall and ceiling.

No bodies could be seen from the point of vantage, but from the way in which the floors fell, it could be seen that they were given quick burial by the roofs and walls that fell on top.

Among the heroes made by the tragic fire were Tom Fahey, Ed Duda and Charles Cot, all of Fire Company No. 2. These men, the first to arrive, ventured in dangerous places to do possible good.

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was cared for by bystanders. She was clad only in a pony skin coat and she clung desperately to her purse, which it was afterwards learned contained nothing more than a powder puff, a handkerchief and a few small coins.

Fireman William Clarke of truck No. 1 rescued Mark Hemmingway of Ewing. Hemmingway was groping in one of the corridors and was ready to fall from exhaustion when Clarke seized him and carried him down a ladder to safety. Several other rescues were made by firemen, but in the confusion names could not be obtained.

That many of the fire victims never will be identified is the belief of hundreds. Owing to the local reputation of the hotel there were many women in the hotel with their gallants, and these almost without exception registered under assumed names or failed to register.

The lower floor of the Dewey hotel building is occupied by the Raphael-Fred company and the Lehman Wallpaper store. Both of these places were destroyed, together with their entire stocks,

The entire block was threatened for a while and it was thought that the Schmoller-Mueller Piano store and the Hiller Liquor company would go, but Chief Salter's men succeeded in cutting these places off from the danger zone and the only harm was that the places were smoked up lightly.

Blame for the fire is placed entirely upon the shoulders of the management by Chief Salter, who says that not only were the exits inadequate, but the guests were given no show for their lives. Every room in the hotel was wrecked except three in the northeast corner.

C. E. Wilkins, in whose name the Dewey hotel is leased and operated, is ill at a sanitarium near Lincoln. His condition is such that news of the holocaust was kept from him.

J. J. Poy of Duncey was among the rescuers. He had just come in on the Rock Island and was passing the hotel when he heard the calls for help. The fire department had not yet arrived. Rushing with three other men that were on the street, he forced open the side door and helped five persons out. Three

of them were women and two were men. They had piled up against the door and were so frantic they could not open it.

A modest traveling salesman, who would not give his name, saved the lives of two women. He ordinarily stopped at the Merchants hotel, but owing to the congestion at that place had to take a room at the Dewey.

Fortunately he secured one that led to the fire escape, and when the alarm went through the hotel two women rushed to the door of his room, over the door of which was a red light. He first answered the cry of the women and led them into his room, then opened the outside window, to which the firemen had raised a ladder. A fireman was at the top of it and he took one woman down, while the traveling salesman carried the other to safety.

Joseph Prokes, employed by the Great Western Tle foundry, escaped. Clad in a borrowed overcoat and undershirt and a pair of trousers, Prokes stood shivering in a nearby saloon.

"I have been living in room 52 for the last four months," he said, "I was awakened about five minutes to five, but the

dense smoke was pouring in the room. The whole place seemed full of smoke. "Not knowing exactly what was happening I put on a pair of trousers and climbed down the fire escape; which was right under my window."

"The clerk does not sleep at that hour and yet, to my knowledge, no alarm was given and the sleepers slept on, not knowing there was a fire until the smoke awakened them."

Miss Grace Burton of Ruthven, Ia., was overcome by smoke and taken to the Omaha General hospital, where she regained consciousness at 9 o'clock sufficiently to tell her name.

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