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ALBERT HOSEA LSES HOME BY FIRE SUNDAY JAN. 4th.

Sunday evening abut 2 o'clock parties coming to town from Lincoln started it looked like the home of Albert Hosea was on fire. Some parties from town immediately jumped in a car and left for the fire, a little over a mile out. When they arrived there the fire had just started to break out in the roof, caused from the flue. It is said had they had few buckets of water and could have gotten up to the fire at once they believed they could have put it out. It was suggested that they left that they hurry the chemical engine, but in the haste they got off with out it. The crowd began to gather and seeing the fire was spreading rapidly they immediately went to saving the household goods, which pretty much all saved except a dresser and a few chairs that were in the room where the fire started from the flue. The house was an old one and the flames soon had it consumed. Mr. and Mrs. Hosea and children were not at home at the time. It is said when Mrs. Hosea and the children left home that day to come to town to visit her mother one of the little boys told his mother he believed the house was on fire. His mother looked around the house and finding no indications went on. After all happened this was recalled but of course "too late" The fire had been burning possibly for some time before getting a hold which soon had it to the ground. It is thought there was no insurance carried. Mr. Ben Mulvey carried a subscription list around Wednesday and the citizens made quite a little purse for Mr. Hosea.