

HICKMAN FIRE

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The town was waked [sic - woken] up on Tuesday morning at 5 by the fire bell. Some thought it was only the curfew a little off so they turned over and took another nap. The fire was in Mrs. Hickman's house near the Van station. Nelson Miles lives in it. He had just started a fire for breakfast and had gone after a bucket of water. When he returned the fire had gained so much headway that all he could do was to get out a part of his furniture. The fire department responded after a time, but as usual, the engine would not work. It was fully 15 minutes after the engine arrived before water was thrown and then only about a minute. Fortunately there was little wind and the house burned down without endangering the neighbors. It was an old box house and burned like tinder. The attendance was good. - typed by kbz