

STAR SHOE STORE

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Saturday night between 10 and 11 o'clock the fire department was called to the Star Shoe store on east Main street, a blaze being discovered in that place. Water was thrown in and the place was flooded, the flames being extinguished by prompt, hard work. The adjacent rooms were hardly threatened, the fire being discovered so soon after it broke out. Had the blaze come two hours later, however, the damage might have been much greater as the fire burned fiercely. The blaze had its origin from a stove in the rear of the room, its overheated condition setting fire to a lot of felt boots which were stacked up nearby. On Saturday, AB Metz the proprietor of the store, had received over a thousand dollars worth of new spring goods and this had been crowded in, necessitating a shifting of the felt boot cases too near the stove, as developments afterwards proved. 15 cases of felt boots were burned up and the spring goods badly damaged, as was the entire stock. Mr. Metz had on hand between \$7500 and \$8,000 worth of goods and an insurance amounting to \$6,000. The policies were placed as follows: Greenwich, \$1,800; German National, \$2,200; Merchants' \$2,000. An adjustment of the loss will be made as soon as possible. The fire coming just as it did after Mr. Metz had put in a large portion of his spring goods, makes the loss a heavy and annoying one for him. He was fast building up one of the best trades in the county and can but suffer from the loss of Saturday night. - kbz