

## GRIZZLE HOME BURNS

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For several weeks everything has been happening on Thursdays in Waveland, last week was an exception, but not so much. Just at four on Fri. morning the firebell made an early breakfast call. The whole Eastern horizon lit up, but it looked like a straw stack fire out in the country so a good many went peacefully back to bed. However the fire engine responded promptly as soon as the fire was located at John Grizzle's home on E. Green St.

Mr. Grizzle has been in poor health for some time, and Mrs. Grizzle had arisen about 2 to heat some water on an oil stove. She then returned to bed, thinking she had turned the fire out. The wick had probably been turned up until it did not engage the ratchet. In any case the fire did not go out. About 4 she heard a door slam and got up to see what was wrong. She had difficulty opening the kitchen door on account of the suction, and when she did get it open the smoke and flames poured out, as by that time the whole south end of the house was in flames. She called Clarence Milligan, who says that the entire square of the house was blazing. So it is possible that the lucky slamming of the door may have saved Mr. & Mrs. Grizzle's lives.

Little could be done besides save the outbuildings and keep the fire down so as not to menace the neighbors. The furniture of one room was saved. The loss at present building prices would reach \$5,000 on the house. There was \$3000 on the house and \$700 on the furniture. Frank Durham's furniture had been stored in the house all summer, but he moved it out on Tuesday. Mr. G. seems to have suffered no ill effects from being stirred from his sickbed so early in the morning. For the present he is living in Raymond Moore's house just to the south of his place. Mr. & Mrs. Moore are in Oklahoma for the winter, leaving their house furnished, a very convenient circumstance. Mr. G. will rebuild as soon as possible. This is a matter for congratulations as he is a good citizen and we should hate to lose him. The house was built for Charles Scott 25 years ago. - typed by kbz