

CREDIT RIVER STORE BURNED

Feldman's Lose Nearly All Their
Merchandise—Also
Household Goods

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Albert Feldman store building at Credit River early Tuesday morning. The Feldman family occupied living quarters on the south side of the building and all were asleep when the blaze started. Mr. Feldman was awakened by a buzzing sound in the electric meter. By that time the entire southwest corner of the two-story frame structure was in flames. Sleeping in the building at the time in addition to Mr. Feldman were, his wife and three children, Catherine, Albert and Genevieve, also Mrs. Aug. Sumbeck and two children of St. Paul. Mr. Feldman aroused the household and all scrambled to safety.

So quickly did the fire spread that very little of the household furnishings were salvaged. A few pieces of living room furniture were hastily removed before that section of the building was enveloped in flames. Among the valuables lost were Mrs. Feldman's diamond ring and her fur coat. No articles of clothing were saved.

The storekeeper awakened his closest neighbors, John F. and Emmett Casey, who reside across the road and turned in an alarm for help. Together they salvaged some articles from the store proper. Shirts, shoes, candies and some odd pieces of merchandise were removed by willing neighbors who hurriedly responded to the call for help. The cash register, scale, coffee grinder and a few other fixtures were salvaged, as was the bar from a remodeled part of the building on the north side. The proprietor had hoped to hold an observance of the opening of this newly decorated part of the building in the near future.

Recent improvements besides those mentioned above included a new cellar and a new heating system. Roughly speaking, these improvements amounted to one thousand dollars or more.

Cause of fire is undetermined. Mr. Feldman stated no fire had been burned in a stove for hours and there

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was nothing stored in the building of an inflammable or combustible nature. He expressed the thought that perhaps defective wiring in the building was responsible. Mr. Feldman estimated his total loss to be in excess of \$8500.

He has opened temporary quarters in his hall, across the road from where the store building stood. The Feldman family will also occupy part of this structure as a temporary abode, it being their intention to construct a partition across one end of the building. They were given lodging at Casey Bros. home after the fire. Mr. Feldman plans to rebuild this fall. He is undecided as to the type of building he will construct, but will travel about the state for a day or two and get what ideas he can before letting a contract.

Formerly known as the White store building, this landmark housed the business activities of the late Pat White. It was a large building, built in the year 1885. The present owner came to Credit River from Hampton some four years ago and has conducted the business since that time. Mr. Feldman stated his loss was partially covered by insurance.—Jordan Independent.