

BLOCK BURNS AT CHISHOLM

**Flames Devour Store Quickly
and Then Turn Living
Apartments to Ashes.**

**SALOON NEXT TO BUSINESS
ESTABLISHMENT DAMAGED**

**People Living Over Mercantile
Concern Lose Everything—No
Insurance for Them.**

(Range Bureau of the News Tribune.)

CHISHOLM, Jan. 17.—The Martin block on Lake street, the principal business thoroughfare, occupied by N. Karlinsky, variety merchant, and the upper part used as dwelling apartments by the Laird and Dryman families, was destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The flames tore through the store and then ate into the upper part of the building with lightning rapidity. The store employees and the people living on the second floor fled precipitately. There was practically no chance to save much.

Hard as the firemen worked, it was only by extraordinary efforts that the flames were kept in the Martin building.

The saloon of Michael Auda, next door, was damaged by smoke and water, to the extent of \$2,000.

The Martin block was valued at \$6,000, and the insurance thereon is given as \$2,000. The Lairds and Drymans lost all they had. They did not have any insurance.

The fire was one of the most destructive in the history of Chisholm. The rapidity with which the flames ate up everything, was the talk of the town.