## The Danbury News.

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## NEARLY A CONFLAGRATION.

## White Street Has a Narrow Escape.

A fire occurred Monday in one of the worst possible districts in the borough for a fire, and had it obtained even a little headway it would have proved very disastrous. Flames were discovered breaking from the upper story of the rear portion of Freeland's livery stables on White street, about eleven o'clock.

These stables are surrounded by high wooden buildings and business blocks, such as the Grand Central Hotel, the building this side of it, and also by several shops and barns, and had it not been for the quick discovery of the fire and the efficient work of the fire department after the alarm was given,a large area must have been laid in ashes. Kohanza hose company whose quarters are at the rear of the stables, but facing on Ives street, ran around into the adjoining lane, and although the flames were leaping high up above the roof they had a stream on and the fire under control inside of five minutes.

It was most certainly a most narrow escape for a terrible and extensive conflagration. The fire started in a storeroom over the stables in a very supicious manner. Charles Foote had recently stored most of his household effects there, and the fire started on or near a bureau belonging to him. Foote's property was nearly destroyed. It was not insured. The building was owned by I. W. Ives, and a small sum will repair it. Freeland's loss will be very slight. He succeeded in removing all of his horses immediately.

#### Decrepit of Old Age and Misery.

The saddest of all is "what might have been." To the aged this is no mere poetical fancy, but, alas! too often a suffering reality. It seems strange in the wise dispensation of Providence that after the race has been nearly run and the machine worn out that we should reach a second age of childhood, which night's fire, and was badly damaged. often means imbecility and sometimes utter helplessness. The daily record of such lamentable cases causes the reader to skip the ordinary reports, and it is only something beyond the ordinary that attracts attention, and the case about to be narrated is such an one.

The name of a cattle dealer, years ago, used to carry great weight with it, and the dealer was looked up to as a man Labor Day.

"Labor Day has come to stay," reads a large poster soon to be issued by the general committee, on preparations, on that day. Last year the members and representatives of the various trade unions in town, celebrated the third of September as a general holiday, and it was so successful and enjoyable an oc. casion that it is to be repeated again this year, but on a much larger and more extensive scale.

Monday, September 3d, will witness one of the largest parades that Danbury has had an opportunity to witness in some time. Many outside organizations will participate.

The afternoon and evening will be devoted to games and sports at the fair grounds. The principal sports will be a ten mile foot race, the entrance fee of which is to be \$2.00; a half mile, a one hundred yard, and a hurdle race, with an entrance fee of fifty cents to each. The prize to be awarded the winner of the ten mile race is \$25.00. The entries will close at noon on September 3d, for all races except the ten mile race, which will close September 1st. Entries can be made at Foley brothers' cigar store, or through any of the following committee: F. P. Sullivan, T. H. Turner M. Crehan, J. A. Townsend, J. M. Cole, J. O'Hare, J. Dyer and W. H. Foley.

There will also be three foot races, three bicycle races, a potato race, swinging the heavy hammer, pole vaulting, running high jump, stone throwing, ball throwing, as well as other athletic sports and games.

Trains will run between the New England station and the grounds at intervals of a half hour or less. Tickets including admission to the grounds will be thirty cents. General adnission ten cents. Teams free. Grand stand five The parade is advertised to cents. start at ten o'clock, sharp.

#### The Truck Overturned.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

The large new truck of Washington Hook and Ladder company met with a bad accident while starting for Friday

The accident happened this way: Tillerman Warner has a room near the truck house, but his family live on Pearl street. That night one of his children being ill, he found it necessary to stay at home. As soon as he heard the alarm he started for Ives street. Driver Lewis was sitting in the quarters of the company with Chief-Engineer Elwood.

Of course the horses were harnessed well booked in the ways and tricks of on the instant, and as Warner had not the business world, and his wealth was arrived, Horatio Brown, a member of he company volunteered to take the

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