

## The Main Street Fire.

On Sunday morning about 11 o'clock, a fire was discovered in the upper story of the Desert Bakery, which, but for the timely assistance of the Fire Department, would doubtless have resulted in the loss of an entire block of buildings. The fire started in the stovepipe hole of a room in the second story and was confined so exclusively between the ceiling and roof that persons living in the room within two feet of where the flames were raging, were in total ignorance of their danger. On the alarm being given, the Fire Department made very good time to the scene of the excitement, and worked well and faithfully to subdue the flames and prevent their spreading. The bakery and the adjacent building, occupied by Mr. Cameron, were soon completely flooded with water, and the fire was extinguished. Mr. Gardner, of the Desert Bakery, estimates his loss at between \$300 and \$400, large stores of flour and sugar being completely spoiled.

Mr. Cameron, of the New York store, suffers somewhat more severely, his loss being about \$3,000, fully insured.

What credit would otherwise attach to the members of the Fire Department for the promptness with which they appeared upon the scene and put out the fire is completely offset by the petty meanness of some men connected with the organization, in willfully disabling Walker Bros' hose cart by turning on the water before the hose was uncoiled from the reel. Walker Bros' men were not in any way interfering with the operations of the city firemen, and this contemptible act should be investigated by the fire marshal.