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FIRES & FIRE PREVENTION (Cont'd)

Albion

Block and Spar shop of Nott and Co., were entirely consumed before the fire was put out.

The steamboats CLEVELAND and NEW ENGLAND were in imminent danger, and were only saved by the well directed efforts of the firemen. The NEW ENGLAND was repeatedly on fire, and some of the daring firemen had their coats literally burned from their backs in their efforts to preserve the boat from destruction.

Various reports as to the origin of the fire are in circulation, many believing it to be the work of incendiaries. The city council are investigating the subject, and we shall publish the result of their investigation as soon as it transpires.

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704 - H Jan. 21:3/1 - The flouring mill near the Rocky River bridge, known as Wright's mill, was burned last evening. The contents of the mill also destroyed. Loss about \$3,000. Fire supposed to be the work of an incendiary. (verbatim)

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705 - H Jan. 25:3/1 - A man named Crittenden was examined before Justice Barr yesterday, on a charge of having set fire to the Wright Mill in Rockport, burned down a few nights since. - The examination resulted in the committal of Crittenden to jail, to await his trial. (verbatim)

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706 - H Jan. 25:3/1 - We regret to learn that a severe fire occurred on Monday night at the village of Albion in this county. It is reported that several buildings were destroyed. We have not learned the particulars. (verbatim)

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707 - H Jan. 26:3/2 - The dwelling house of Cary Oakes in Brecksville was totally destroyed by fire on Jan. 24. The loss was \$1,500 and insurance for \$600 was carried.

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708 - H Feb. 6:3/1 - The soap and candle factory of Messrs. Reeve & Spencer, in the vicinity of the Catholic church, took fire about one o'clock, Sunday morning, and was destroyed. Loss about \$2,500. Insurance on building \$800 - on stock \$200. (verbatim)

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709 - H Feb. 17:3/1 - The courage of Phoenix engine Company No. 4, during the disastrous fire Jan. 2, when the steamboats, NEW ENGLAND and CLEVELAND, were threatened with destruction, has been recognized by the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. who financially rewarded one of the firemen. - Samuel S. Lyon, the fireman who had charge of the hose pipe on the occasion, had his clothes literally burned from his back while directing that the water be kept up until the danger subsided. The Cleveland City council voted Lyons ten dollars to replace the clothing. On Feb. 14, at a meeting in Music hall, E. Gaylord of the Hartford insurance co. addressed the members of the Phoenix engine company and presented Lyons with fifty dollars.

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