

CHISHOLM STORE GOODS DAMAGED

Fire Caused by Explosion of Gasoline Results in Loss of \$10,000.

(Range Bureau of the News Tribune.)

CHISHOLM, Nov. 22.—The big department store of Lewis & Manson, located at the corner of Lake and Chestnut streets, caught fire last night and before it could be extinguished the loss by fire and water amounted to about \$10,000, fully covered by insurance.

Unknown to the managers, one of the gasoline lamps leaked and some of the oil dropped on a rack which displayed a number of ladies' cloaks. When one of the employes mounted on a step ladder with a blazing torch, there was an explosion of gasoline, followed by a sheet of fire, which arose from the cloaks, which were partly saturated with the oil. In a few minutes the flames spread to the other drygoods and notions in that part of the store and the entire building was threatened with destruction. The fire department responded promptly and succeeded in quickly arresting the flames, though considerable damage was done by water and smoke. The building was not injured.

The ladies' cloaks destroyed and damaged were of the latest styles, purchased for the holiday and winter trade.