

Yesterday's Fire.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock the startling cry of fire was raised in the old town and was immediately responded to by an excited crowd, who rushed in the direction indicated. The fire was found to be in an unoccupied building on an alley running north from Clark street in old town. The building was a large frame structure facing the street, 34 feet and running back 18 feet with a kitchen addition. It was dry as tinder and burned almost as rapidly, so that when assistance reached the spot in response to the cries of a lady next door, the flames were beyond subjection with such appliances as were at hand. A strong wind was blowing in such direction as would readily carry the flames toward Clark street, and as the fire was in the midst of a wooden row connecting closely with the whole street of the old town it seems a miracle that no further damage was done. But the crowd which assembled acted most promptly and judiciously. No continued attempt was made to save the building in which the fire originated, but every effort was devoted to prevent its spread. Two small residence buildings flanking the burning building on either side were quickly cleared of their contents and by means of ropes in a host of willing hands, torn down and the ruins removed beyond the reach of the fire. That saved the town from what would otherwise have been a fearful conflagration. The furniture was removed from another small building, with a view of tearing it down, but by keeping its roof wet to prevent ignition from sparks this was found unnecessary. In little more than half an hour the fire was reduced to a pile of glowing coals, upon which the crowd was assiduously pouring water from wells and water-wagons to remove all chance of further trouble. So the excitement subsided, and Livingston escaped from the partial destruction which at one time seemed imminent. The fire is said to have originated from that fruitful source of devastation—fire-crackers. The building was unoccupied, unfurnished and un-locked. Over the floors was spread a coating of straw, which had formerly been covered by a carpet. Children had free access to the rooms, and those who live in that vicinity say they heard the report of fire-crackers in the building to-day, and to this cause the fire is doubtless traceable. Joseph Turner, a gentleman now in Iowa, was the owner, and H. T. Ceperley the local agent. The building was the first frame structure erected in Livingston, or Clark City, as it was then called, having been built by Messrs. Devoe and Whitney in August last. It probably cost about \$500, but could have been bought for less since erected. The residence next north, which was torn down, also belonged to Mr. Turner, and was occupied by Don L. Willard. The other sacrificed building was owned by David Gard, who is now out of town, and was occupied by Mr. Garrett and his family. Mrs. C. F. Smith, who occupied the next residence, from which the furniture was removed, suffered much inconvenience, but so far as we have heard, met with no loss beyond that of a portmanteau containing \$12, which some sneak carried off in the confusion of moving, evidently with intent to defraud. The fire was happily not very destructive, but a very different phrase must needs have been used had not wise heads and willing hands come to the rescue and prevented the spread of the devouring element.

Livingston Hook and Ladder Company.

Pursuant to notice, from twenty to twenty-five citizens interested in organization for the purpose of protection of property from fire met at Fyfe & LeRoy's office, last evening for the purpose of furthering the desired object. D. F. Buchanan was elected chairman, and Harry He'mlinger secretary. After a short discussion, it was resolved to organize from those present an association to be known as the Livingston Hook and Ladder Company, having as its object the protection of property in time of fire. J. J. McLaughlin, Frank Losekamp and Sam LeRoy were appointed a committee to draft a constitution. The constitution of a kindred association being in the hands of Mr. LeRoy, it was immediately presented with necessary modifications, for the consideration of the meeting, and

adopted. It provides that the Hook and Ladder company shall be officered by a chief, a secretary and a treasurer; and that it shall consist of two divisions, viz: a bucket brigade and a hook and ladder force. Each division shall choose its own foreman and other directing officers. After adoption of the constitution the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on the evening of Monday next, where all persons wishing to join the company will be cordially welcomed.

This is emphatically a movement in the right direction, and one which should be heartily encouraged by every property owner in Livingston, and that the young men of the town should have thus taken the matter in hand, without special encouragement, is greatly to their credit. Yesterday's fire, while resulting less deplorably than might have been expected, was a practical illustration of the necessity of a fire company. A well organized company, provided with the necessary (though simple) appliances for extinguishing fire, removing goods and furniture, and razing buildings in the path of the flames, and with its members always ready to respond to the call for service, is almost an absolute necessity. Let us hope that every encouragement will be extended to the movement. Buckets, ropes, hooks, ladders, etc., can be supplied without any cash outlay, as also a place to store the company's property, and we feel confident that in a week or two the boys of the Hook and Ladder Company will be ready for service, though we hope it will be long before there comes a need of calling for their aid.

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