

ed the office rooms and secured the books and other valuables breaking a window to get out again, the doorway exit being all aflame.

The fire boys worked with untiring energy to keep the fire from spreading, and in a few instances real heroism was displayed. The Anderson elevator adjoining caught fire at the very top and consternation ensued for a time, but with the water turned on at full force the fire was easily extinguished. The fire boys worked as they have never worked before and as a result buildings adjoining were only slightly damaged, which seems almost miraculous, for the fire was unusually large and the heat excessive because of the nature of the building and its dry condition.

The building and contents, about \$5,000 worth of grain, was a total loss, fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.