

Barn Destroyed.

About four o'clock Monday afternoon the clang of the fire alarm bell on the engine house caused our citizens considerable consternation and everybody made a jump for the fire house. The fire proved to be the barn of J. H. Morris in the extreme northeast part of town, and the structure was a mass of flames before the fire department could do anything as it took a long time to get a stream of water. Willing citizens worked hard to save J. H. McDermott's property by throwing water onto his barn which luckily did not catch fire, although the flames were driven right across the alley in that direction. Had there been a breeze it is doubtful if Mr. McDermott's barn could have been saved. Morris' barn was full of hay and burned rapidly. The fire was caused by two children, a six year old son of Mr. Morris, and Ted, the four year old son of T. E. Warner, who had been playing with matches in the barn. After the fire started the boys went to the house to get water to put out the fire they said, which no doubt accounts for their lucky escape from the burning structure. Parents no doubt have been taught a lesson and will not allow their children to play with matches. The barn and contents were not insured.