

FIRES.

The barn of C. H. Owen was discovered to be on fire between three and four o'clock Monday morning, supposed to have been caused by lightning. The fire had a big start when discovered. The fire department and citizens turned out in a driving storm and did some very good work, it being but a few minutes from the time the stream was turned onto the blaze that the last spark was out.

The engine worked perfectly and maintained an even pressure of 75 pounds without "speeding it up" any.

A cow and a lot of tools belonging to Mr. Owen, and a buggy belonging to George Malosh were included in the loss.

Loss about \$500. Insured for \$300 in the Springfield Fire and Marine.

The awning in front of France's store was partially destroyed by fire the afternoon of the Fourth, presumably started by a fire cracker. Mr. France and family had started for Eckelson but a few minutes before. The wood work over the doors and windows was scorched. The timely discover of the blaze prevented what might have been a destructive fire. Capt. Langer of the engine company had his hair and moustache singed and one ear blistered while helping to pull down the blazing awning.