

1883 Fire Information

Source: Crawfordsville Star, March 29, 1883

An alarm of fire in Crawfordsville, day or night, will turn out a thousand people quicker than in any other town of an equal population in the west. The natural question that strikes a close observer on such occasion is, "Where do they all come from?" - kbz

Source: Crawfordsville Star, March 29, 1883 The net receipts of the ball given by the Hook & Ladder boys were \$180.95, and the clear profit was \$130. It was the grandest dance of the season and at one time there were 23 sets dancing on the floor of the opera house. The Hook & Ladder boys were resplendent in their new uniforms, emblazoned with glittering badges and pins. - kbz

Source: Crawfordsville Star, March 22, 1883

For several days, Marshal Ensminger has been engaged in following up a clew (sic) looking to the discovery and arrest of the burglars who have been operating in this city with torch "jimmy" and revolvers. About one o'clock this morning he arrested and locked up three students of the Preparatory department of Wabash College, respectively: Wallace F. Throckmorton, of Romney; Willie Pflahler, of Greencastle; and John Green of Waynetown. They virtually confessed to burglarizing and setting fire to Tinsley & Martin's Hardware but Green claimed the man who put up the job was named Charles May, a stranger, and that he disappeared after the Tinsley & Martin Fire. The revolvers taken were disposed of by Green and traced (?) out by Marshal Ensminger. They also confessed to making an attempt on Brewer's book store and to the attempt at burning South Hall at Wabash College. They will have a preliminary examination this afternoon. It is said that Pffahler has a bad reputation and could not gain admission to any of the Greencastle schools. The reputation of the other fellows is not bad. Startling developments may be expected, implicating other parties. The business interests will feel relieved at this arrest. - kbz