

Coffin Factory Fire

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Tuesday afternoon the whistle on the coffin factory engine sounded the alarm of fire, but it was some little time before the fire bell responded. But, as soon as it was known to be the coffin factory, everybody was wild and a large crowd began to gather, but the flames were extinguished before the "Machine" arrived. The fire was in the roof of the coal shed between the large brick building and the old shop. The employees should be congratulated upon their coolness in forming a line and using the buckets under such a wild excitement. on the third floor the excitement was intense among the young employees. One young man threw his coat down the elevator and then ran down stairs. The damage is slight. The cause is supposed to be a spark flying from the smoke stack. The company will erect a brick building where the coal shed stands, and will commence building at once.

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