

The fire alarm was turned in Tuesday and the entire town responded in record breaking time. When the crowd got to the hall and got the apparatus out they were informed that there was no fire but that it was desired to pump out one of the cisterns and all were invited to assist. The looks and expressions of disgust were amusing. The engine was pulled down on a side street and has been there ever since. In case of fire fifteen minutes time would be required to get the apparatus back to place and the delay occasioned by the failure to return the apparatus to its proper place might result in the burning of a large portion of the town. The fire alarm should be a thing sacred, and never given except in case of fire. A few repetitions of Tuesday's episode and the ringing of the bell will bring no response until too late to accomplish the extinction of a fire.