

About 12:30 a. m. last Thursday morning the Farmers' elevator in this city was discovered to be on fire by Paul Paulson who turned in the alarm. The fire caught in the dust room on the east side of the main building but just what started the fire no one knows. A strong southeast wind was blowing and it was only a few minutes until the big elevator was a mass of flames so that all the fire department could do was to use their energy in protecting Blackwell's lumber yard which was threatened. The wind carried the sparks a long distance and the roofs of the Hammer and Monarch elevators were deluged with live coals but the galvanized iron covering saved them from destruction at that time. The people living in the Summerville addition had a strenuous time keeping their homes from catching fire. There were about 12,000 bushels of grain in the elevator. The loss is mostly covered by insurance. About noon of Thursday the Monarch elevator was discovered on fire and soon burned to the ground. The fire started at the top on the inside. The elevator was sheeted with iron and that kept the sparks and burning lumber from flying and the fire was confined to that building. There were about 3,500 bushels of grain in the elevator. The loss is covered by insurance.