

## FIREMENS TOURNAMENT GREAT SUCCESS

**A Perfect Day and a Monster Gathering—  
Four Bands of Music Present.**

Favored with weather that could not have been improved upon if made especially to order for the occasion, the annual Green County Firemen's tournament held in this village on Thursday was a monster success and easily the largest gathering that ever assembled in Green county on a like occasion. It reached the limit of expectancy, and then some, and those who labored incessantly to make the affair the success it turned out to be, are fully satisfied with the outcome.

Although the weather the day before looked somewhat "scaley" and many were on the "uneasy seat" as a result, the day set for the gathering of firemen dawned bright and clear and the familiar countenance of Old Sol beamed gently down upon us from a cloudless sky, gladdening the hearts of the fire laddies as they put

on the finishing touches here and there and made the final arrangements for the reception of the visiting delegations.

Early in the day people began coming to town from all directions. All incoming trains were met at the depot by the Messenger band and a committee of Firemen, and the visiting delegations were escorted to the business portion of town. By 10 o'clock the streets were crowded and in the afternoon it is estimated that between two and three thousand people were present to enjoy the day's festivities.

Besides the Messenger band, three outside bands were in attendance from Evansville, New Glarus and Monroe, and there was nothing lacking in the way of music. The efforts of the various bands added much to the pleasure of the occasion and was a feature that was highly enjoyed by all.

The principal features of the program in the forenoon was the grand street parade and the address of welcome by Prof. W. T. Ream. The parade formed on Highland street and the line of march was through Main street to Prospect avenue, thence east to South Main and return. Four companies were represented in the parade in the following order: Evansville, Monroe, New Glarus and Monticello. Each company was headed by its respective band and the

parade of the "fire laddies" was a pleasing spectacle to the hundreds who lined the streets on either side. At the conclusion of the parade, Prof. W. T. Ream, in a few well chosen words, turned the keys of the city over to the visiting firemen and their friends. His remarks were well received and he was roundly applauded at the conclusion of his address.

There was but two competing companies that entered the contests in the afternoon, New Glarus and Monroe, and the results are as follows:

Hose race, 400 feet, coupling hose, Monroe first, 29 seconds; New Glarus second, 36½ seconds. Prizes \$15 and \$10.

Hook and ladder race, 400 feet, New Glarus first, 27½ seconds; Monroe second, 28 seconds. Prizes \$10 and \$5.

There is some dispute as to which company is entitled to the money in the hub and hub race. Monroe made it in the best time, but New Glarus disputes their claim to first money by reason of the fact that Monroe's man, who stopped at the snubbing post, ran over his mark. The matter will be left to the State Firemen's association for decision.

The tug of war and chief's foot race failed to materialize, as there was no one who cared to go into the contests.

The water fight, between Otis Breylinger and Casper Blum on one side, and Art Staedtler and Will Hyde on the other, was a feature that intensely amused the onlookers for several minutes. The scrap was won by Hyde and Staedtler.

The prize of \$10 offered to the company having the largest number of men in the parade was captured by Monroe. They had thirty-one men in the parade and New Glarus was second with twenty-seven.

The afternoon program came to a close with a thrilling fire run by the local company and in an exhibit on a burning building that was erected for the purpose in the rear of the Baptist church, the visitors were given an example of how it is done in Monticello.

Both halls were crowded in the evening for the dances that marked the closing of the day's festivities.