

ANOTHER FIRE.

The Big Washburn Block In Danger of Destruction--The Flames Extinguished Before Much Damage Was Done.

The second fire of the week occurred in the big Washburn block on Friday morning last and came very nearly being a most disastrous one. The fire was discovered at 5.30 o'clock in the morning bursting from Kilfoyle Bros.' meat shop, and at once an alarm was turned. The fire alarm worked perfectly again, and as 52 was again rung out the second time in the week, there was great hurrying along the streets to the scene of the fire. The fire company was quickly out and so was the engine, but to the hydrant must be given the credit of saving the block. In a remarkably quick time, some say four minutes from the first alarm, the men had a connection made with the hydrant, and water pouring into the building. Soon the engine got to work and the flames were literally drowned out. The fire is only explainable on the theory of a defective flue. It was evidently smouldering all night as Mrs. Washburn and family who live on the second flat, smelled smoke very plainly during the previous evening, and in the night Mrs. Washburn was up and about the building five times looking for fire but could not discover any sign of it. No fire could have been better handled than that one was by the men of the fire company and to their splendid work and to the hydrant is due the fact that the block stands to-day. The damage was very light, probably not more than \$500 and except in Kilfoyle Bros.' case was covered by insurance.