

## **AN EFFICIENT FIRE CHIEF.**

### **A Brief Sketch of the Man Who Is at the Head of the Fire Department.**

A citizen to whom the people of Argentine point with pride is Fire Chief Frank Goodway. Mr. Goodway was raised on a farm in Illinois, but like a great number of other young men, determined to better his fortune by quitting the old homestead. Having arrived at this determination about ten years ago, he left his home in the Sucker State and located in Argentine. He went to work at the shops of the Santa Fe in this city, and soon gained the esteem of the men with whom he worked and also those over him. He is a Democrat of the old Jeffersonian stripe, and has ever since his location in this city taken a very active interest in the political fights of the county as well as those of the city. He has been a member of the county central committee of the party with which he is affiliated, and for the past eight years there has never been a Democratic convention at which Mr. Goodway was not a delegate. When the fire department was organized something over four years ago he was appointed a member, and when Chief Higginbotham was appointed chief of police, Mayor Gaskill appointed Mr. Goodway chief of the fire department.

The people of this city have never regretted this appointment, as under Mr. Goodway's supervision the department has been made one of the most efficient in the country. The department is one of the most important branches of the city government, and one which should never be hampered by the removal of its chief and men for political reasons as long as they prove themselves capable of filling the positions to which they have been appointed. Mr. Goodway is the man for the place and the people desire that he be retained just as long as he continues to manage the department as he has done.