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PHOENIX Independent Steam Fire Co. No. 7, is the veteran fire company of the volunteer fire department of this city. The company was organized in 1837, and at their first meeting the motto “Ready and Willing” was chosen, and they have for the past 64 years upheld this motto in the very strictest sense of the words. In 1837 some of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of the city organized the company, and out of their treasury that same year they paid for the erection of a modern engine house on Union street which they occupied until 1887, when this building was condemned by the city. When this occurred the company decided to build for all eternity and begun making arrangements for the handsome structure which is now owned and occupied by them. At this time the company had $4,000 in its treasury, which was nothing like enough to erect the building, and they bestirred themselves and borrowed $3,300 from a private citizen. About this time the city, recognizing the value of the company, purchased five feet of the McClewer property which joined that already owned by the company, and deeded it to them, so that they would have plenty of room for the new and modern building. The company paid the interest on their indebtedness for a number of years, after which, finding that they would not likely get out of debt in this manner, they bought stock in the building and loan association of this city, and paid out of debt at the rate of $30 per month. After this was all settled up the company decided to purchase a new hose carriage and harness, so they borrowed $1,000 of Hon. Jos. Reale, who was the foreman of the company at the time, and as yet this indebtedness has not been entirely settled, but will be as it falls due. In their benefit fund they have over $1,000 which cannot be used for any other purpose than the relief of the members. Hon. P. W. Mulvihill is their president, and has ever labored for the upbuilding of the organization, and Mr. Mulvihill’s labors have not been in vain. Joe and George, driven by David Whitlock, are always ready and willing to respond to all alarms of fire.
David Whitlock
Driver

Engine House of Phamix Fire Co. No. 7
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