

FIRE CAUSES SEVERE LOSS

**Barn and Fourteen Horses Burn on
the J. W. Leininger Farm
Last Week.**

A disastrous fire on the J. W. Leininger farm, south of town last Wednesday night destroyed the barn and burned 14 head of horses, 20 harnesses, two buggies, 150 bushels of oats and some hay.

When the fire was discovered at 12:30, the barn was in complete ruins. One of Mr. Leininger's children was awakened by the dog barking and she woke her father. The other members of the household were soon aroused and dressing hurriedly rushed out and then discovered that the flames had also spread to the roof of the house. By quick effort this was soon extinguished with little damage.

The origin of the fire is not known. The last person in the barn was one of the hired men, who had gone for the mail on horseback at about nine o'clock and when he put up the horse after his return, nothing unusual was noticed. The family retired at about 10 o'clock.

The horses which burned were the best ones owned by Mr. Leininger. Although he carried \$1912 insurance on them he will sustain quite a loss and especially at this time of the year when he was working them all in haying, and the harvest soon to commence.

Material for a new barn was hauled out last week. Several of Mr. Leininger's neighbors aided in the hauling. Fifteen full loads of lumber and cement left Thompson Yards at one time,