

A big prairie fire east of town caused considerable activity on the part of our citizens last Sunday. The fire started from a burning straw pile, and as the wind was blowing very hard at the time the fire was soon carried over to the prairie where the grass was in fine condition for a booming old prairie fire. The general direction of the fire, however, did not endanger the town for it was rather being carried away from us instead of toward us, but there were others to be burned out who lay in the path of the great destroyer and it was for that reason that the citizens went out to try and save property. Owing to the size of the blaze it was difficult to control it and before anything could be done to prevent it all the hay belonging to Frank Hicks was destroyed, and Frank will now have to make his hay all over again. At this time of the year a loss of this kind means something, and good hay will be hard to get now since the frosts have come. The same old warning is again applicable "Be careful about setting fires on windy days, and always plow a fire break around the trash you wish to burn whether it be on a windy day or on a calm day." You never know what damage a fire will do before it is checked. It is always better to be on the safe side.