

MANY VALUABLE HORSES BURNED

WISEMAN BROS.' BARN NEAR MELVILLE TOTALLY DESTROYED—LOSS \$7,000.

Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 24—A terrific fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a large barn on the Wiseman Bros. farm near Melville and fourteen valuable work horses were burned to a crisp.

Joe Mather discovered the fire and rushed into the barn to save the stock. He unloosened five and got them out of the burning building. Returning to save the rest he was followed by a large black stallion that was completely terrorized and ran him down. He escaped from the barn almost overcome with smoke.

Obed Wiseman was pinned under a manger by a frightened horse that stood on its hind legs and became unmanageable when Wiseman attempted to untie it. With difficulty he extricated himself and ran through the flames for forty feet to safety. His body was badly burned and the skin peeled from his face. The cries of the burning horses were almost human in the intensity of their suffering. It was impossible to save them. Several sets of harness and a number of vehicles were destroyed and the total loss is about \$7,000, which is only partially covered by insurance. It was only by heroic work that the flames were checked and prevented from spreading and wiping Melville off the map.