

Oden Swanson had the misfortune on Sunday night to lose his barn, 700 bushels of oats, 6 horses and 3 colts by fire. He had been to town and had gone home and put his horses in the barn and gone to bed when some one in the house saw the reflection of the fire on the wall, but it was too late to save anything. How the fire started is a mystery, but it is supposed by some that there might have been some matches left in the barn by the threshers who had slept there about three weeks before and mice nibbled at them and started the fire. It is a serious blow to Mr. Swanson as it swept away about all he had made during the summer. A subscription paper was started and the people subscribed liberally to help him out of his difficulty.