

# FIRE CAUSES BIG LOSS

## An Early Morning Fire Wednesday Brings Grief to a Well Known Farmer of This Vicinity

Wednesday morning at about 4 o'clock fire broke out in one of the large barns on the Joseph Nogosek farm, located about 5 miles west of this place, causing a heavy loss to the owner.

Mr. Nogosek was the first to discover the fire, he having been awakened by an unusual noise from the horses and knowing that something must be wrong, he made for the barn, and as soon as he looked toward the barn he found it in flames with no possible chance of saving anything.

The alarm soon spread and help came from the nearby neighbors, but their help proved useless as far as saving the barn and contents were concerned, but they were of great assistance in helping save the house, which seemed doomed to destruction, but by heroic work they managed to keep the house under their control.

The fire has aroused considerable suspicion as to its starting, for everything was left in good order when the evening work was finished as no fire of any description was in the barn as far as Mr. Nogosek and the hired men knew of, and none of the help was sleeping in the barn, and under such conditions, starting at such an hour, it is the general opinion that some enemy was responsible for the great loss.

The loss to Mr. Nogosek is a

severe one, for among the loss was 18 head of fine horses, two barns, 2000 bushels of feed, 50 bushels of flax seed, 150 chickens, 7 head of hogs, all his harness, 4 fanning mills, and many other articles that were stored in the barns.

It was a sad sight to see and hear the horses as they were making a desperate effort for liberty, but chances were all against them and they were found as they were mowed down in their stalls, 18 in number, four others getting out, but two of them were considerably burned and will probably have to be put out of the way.

It is an awful thing for anyone to set fire to buildings for the sake of getting even, for it is not so much the loss of the buildings but it causes great suffering to the innocent.

Mr. Negosek has the sympathy of the entire community, for he has played in hard luck of late, he having lost 50 head of good hogs by cholera just two weeks ago, and now he is practically put out of business by the desperate flames of Wednesday morning. Everything was done to save other buildings, and if it were not for the timely arrival of neighbors the land would have been stripped of all buildings.

Mr. Negosek places his loss at \$8000, with but \$2500 insurance. He has not decided what he will do about rebuilding.