

Series of Fires in Nelson County.

A series of fires, several of incendiary origin, have stirred the citizens of Nelson county, with the result that the whole district is on guard against possible attempts to continue the campaign of arson that has already destroyed a grain elevator, a big farm barn, taken the life of one man, seriously injured another, caused the cremation of 33 horses, and threatened several buildings with destruction.

Thursday evening, a big barn on the Pioneer farm, 10 miles south of Lakota, was destroyed. One farm laborer, name unknown, who sought to rescue his grip, which was in the hay mow, lost his life, while George Gunderson, Bagley, Minnesota, narrowly escaped a similar fate. Thirty-three horses were cremated. The barn was worth \$5,000 and insured for \$1,200. The owners believe the fire of incendiary origin.

A big shed in Lakota, owned by E. Frazier, of Montevideo, Minn., was fired Saturday evening and completely destroyed, while fire, started a half hour earlier at the Beck auto garage, very apparently of incendiary origin, was discovered and controlled before it did much damage.

Saturday evening, an elevator was destroyed at Michigan City, while two weeks ago, the St. Anthony elevator in Lakota, was attacked by firebugs who placed oil-saturated rags and other debris under the driveway. The blaze was discovered before it advanced very far, and the building was saved.

Citizens there are certain the fires are the result of an I. W. W. plot.