

## Prairie fire

This concise article describes the dire results of a string of prairie fires that hit Harvey County, including the destruction of property in the area of Mount Hope, Kansas. Lives and property were lost in the fires. Nevertheless, as the unnamed author of the article states, "it is a hard blow, but after all adversity makes the man."

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On last Thursday week, as usual, a number of prairie fires were set out in various parts of the country, the gale that arose about four o'clock that afternoon, from the north, hurling the flames in solid masses before it with almost lightning rapidity and putting it beyond human power to control it. There are reports from various parts of the country telling of damages done either in greater or less degrees. The neighborhood at Mt. Hope seems to have fared worse than any yet heard from. Here are a few of the losses of that neighborhood:

Mr. W. M. McCormick lost his harvester, his granary containing wheat, corn, oats, etc., his hogs and calves were killed by the flames, and stables burned, but fortunately his house was not reached by the fire.

Mr. Anderson's smoke house was burned with 16 dressed hogs in it.

Mr. Geo. Munger's little boy was burned to death.

Mr. W. Moore lost all of his feed and stables.

Mr. Schaffer suffered a heavy loss, losing all he had, including a threshing machine and other valuable machinery. His loss is estimated at \$2,000.

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Several others were burned out, but we haven't the names or particulars of the losses.

It is reported that a young man was burned to death, but we have no facts yet to corroborate the story.

By one swoop, and the work of only a few minutes, the labor and money put in the farms, in fact the toil of six or seven years was swallowed up and leaves the farmer who was burned out just where he was when he first came here, without machinery, grain, or hedges. It is a hard blow, but after all adversity makes the man.

A prairie fire originating in the Sand Hills last Monday burned some straw stacks belonging to Mr. Hall, north of town, and came near burning his house, stables, etc.