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BADLY SCARED

An account of a man almost 'dressed out'

actions the same, but likewise our concerns, too, remain the same as expressed in the article. We like to fantasize about "the good old days" often forgetting the human factor of "rowdyish demonstrations."

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The following article is taken from The Daily Republican published in Albion on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1860.

"Badly Scared — It appears that there has been bad blood for some time between John Spear, a fellow who lives in Gaines and travels on his muscle, and some of the boys of this place.

Last evening Spear drove into Castle's Livery stable with a horse he had hired there. No sooner had he got in than he discovered himself surrounded by a party of fellows, who announced their determination to dress him out. He then ran around and got into the stable, and thence, tearing away the rack, up into the loft, keeping his pursuers at bay by means of a stake wrenched from the rack.

From the loft door he leaped to the ground and then struck a line for Main Street and over the Canal bridge to the Mansion House, yelling murder at the top of his voice, his pursuers in hot chase. He dashed into the Mansion House and asked protection, and it is said that somebody furnished him with a revolver. How this is we don't know, as his pursuers made no attempt to injure him after he entered the hotel and the night was disturbed by no more rowdyism.

Such scenes, as the above described, are becoming too frequent in this village, and some means should be taken to check these rowdyish demonstrations before they become an established institution."

If we changed the style of writing and made the "livery stable" a "convenience store" this story could easily pass for an article in one of today's papers. The names and places have changed but people are still the same.

And yes, not only are our