

FIRE DOES DAMAGE AT LIBERTY HOME

Upper Story of Walter Allen Residence Burns; Reason Not Learned

LIBERTY, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Fire broke out in the upper story of the Walter Allen home Sunday morning about 10:48 o'clock. The neighbors rushed to the scene and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The damage is estimated to be between \$200 and \$300. The cause of the fire has not been learned. The house was insured.

Mrs. P. G. Judd, who was operated upon last week for appendicitis is convalescing nicely. Miss Anne Simpson, the health instructor, made the school a pleasant visit Tuesday. She gave an instructive talk to the advanced rooms.

Next Friday afternoon the several rooms will have their Christmas trees at school. In the evening the pupils will give a Christmas program in the Liberty hall, which the public is invited to attend. The entertainment will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

The school board is making some much needed improvement on the interior of Liberty hall. Among other things a new carpet for the stage and a new stage curtain will be put in place.

E. L. Coffey has been bedfast for the past two weeks with infection in his neck.

Isaac Schmidt has returned home from an extended visit in Long Beach, California.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Browning gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. Browning's mother, Mrs. R. L. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Judd were pleasantly surprised by the arrival of their son, Fred Judd, from southern California.

Mrs. Mary Cluth of Montana is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dencer.

Mrs. Ed Young, who has been suffering with rheumatism is slightly improved.

OBITUARY

Hitchman

Walter Hitchman, young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hitchman of Keedport, died yesterday at a local hospital. The remains are to be forwarded to Portland today by the Terwilliger Funeral Home for funeral services and interment.

Madill

James, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Madill, died December 20 at the home, 1500 Ferry street, at the age of seven months. The remains are in care of the Terwilliger Funeral Home. Announcement of funeral will be made later.

Denny

Mrs. Mary Denny died at her residence 966 Marion street, December 20, at the age of 69 years. She leaves her widower, Rev. M. Denny, pastor Bethany Reform church; daughter, Mrs. Fred Kruse of Salem, Mrs. Carl Bross of Kansas, Mrs. Ed. Schlegel of California; two sons, John H. and Emanuel K., of Kansas; one brother and four sisters, all of New York; seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be held from the Bethany Reform church, Capitol and Marion street, Thursday at 1 p. m. Webb's Funeral Parlors in charge of arrangements.

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In their search for Hickman the police today found and questioned Welby Hunt, with whom the suspected slayer had chummed several months ago. The officers said that Hunt—himself absolved of any possible connection with the Parker case—had given considerable valuable information concerning Hickman's characteristics and mannerisms that will aid them in the hunt.

Hickman and Hunt came together to California from Kansas City and lived together for a time. Hickman obtained the position in the bank which he retained until he was charged with forgery.

Actions Traced Unable to obtain work, Hickman returned to Kansas City. It was at that time, the police believe, that he stole the car used in the kidnaping. He returned here in October. Since that return, Hunt said, he had not seen Hickman.

Hunt and Hickman both were attendants at a Sunday school class taught by Percy Peek, of Alhambra.

"The Hickman boy seemed a gentleman," Peek said today. "He had occasional fits of melancholy, though."

"Hickman is unquestionably the man we want," said police officers today in summarizing the situation. "We've completed one phase of our work; we have two others to complete—to catch Hickman and to guard him from a possible mob."

The report that Hickman was in the apartment at the time of the police raid Sunday brought conflicting statements from the police and sheriff's office. Deputy sheriff said the manager of the apartments told them that the "Mr. Evans" who rented the apartment could not be the hunted man because he was in the apartment at the time it was raided and had talked with the searching officers. This, the police officers late tonight denied.

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