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HOOPER HOME RUINED BY FIRE

Garage was Destroyed Before Water Could be Turned on and Blaze

SPREAD TO HOUSE

The Water Hydrants were Froze—Household Goods and Library Saved

Fire which started in the garage at the rear of the beautiful P. G. Hooper home on North Second street, completely destroyed the garage and had spread to the house before water could be turned on, owing to the fact that the water hydrants at which firemen tried to make connections were frozen. The blaze was first noticed by neighbors, among them being Clayton Carrol and Fred Kinzie, who sent in the alarm. The general alarm was given at once and the fire department upon arriving there tried to connect the hose to the hydrant at the street crossing. Finding that the hydrant was frozen a connection had to be made at the Water works plant which is directly back of the Hooper home. In the meantime the firemen tried to fight the blaze with the chemical device, which aided by the high wind made some stiff job. By the time that the water connection was made and the hose laid to the house, the garage was completely destroyed and the roof at the rear of the house was burning. The firemen fought bravely and no time was lost in their and serve hot sandwiches, later on earnest attempt to save the house, hoping to put in a short order but sufficient water could not be turned on with the two lines to put the blaze out. Spreading upward the fire Mount as manager of the local gas office has not yet been appointed.

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ARE TO BE READY

New York, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Final trials for the Olympic teams are to be held in conjunction with the national track and field championships early in the summer, it has been announced by Secretary F. W. Rubin of the A. A. U. The date of the championships depends upon receipt of the official schedule from the Belgian Olympic committee.

Real estate transfers were made by Joseph V. Pease, guardian, to Eddie B. Baker, lot in Decatur, guardian's deed, \$955; Elizabeth Costello and others to John T. Myers, lot in Decatur, \$2000.

A current report of Christian Boone, guardian of Walter Hillegman was filed and approved, and trust was continued.

E. Burt Lenhart, guardian of Andrew Meyers, filed final report and was discharged as guardian.

In the damage suit of Joseph B. Pett vs. Toledo, St. Louis & Western R. R. Co. and Corp. an appearance was made by Van Brunt & Harker and C. J. Lutz for the defendant, Toledo, St. Louis & Western R. R. Co. only. Answer in one paragraph.

The cause of A. D. Baker Co. & Corporation vs. Schafer Hardware Co. on an account was set for trial March 17. Leave was granted to plaintiff to withdraw the first paragraph of complaint.

The cause of Iron & Glass Dollar Savings Bank vs. Charles Spanley and others was reset for trial March 19.

MET SON IN FORT WAYNE

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Merriman went to Fort Wayne to meet their son, Charles Merriman, of Cardwell, Mo. He was passing through and the visit together was a pleasant one. They spent the night at the Anthony hotel, and Mr. Merriman went on to St. Louis from there.

CHARGE OF DECATUR OFFICE

Mrs. Hoyt Hartman went to Decatur this morning to take charge of the Decatur gas office until a successor is chosen for the late George Mount, manager, who died last week. Bluffton Banner.

The WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and much colder tonight; Sunday fair.

remains very ill.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Robert L. Hoffman, the stillborn babe of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Hoffman, of Washington township. Burial was made at Honduras.

MAKING CHANGE

Gas Office is Being Moved to New Quarters and Soft Drink Parlor

IS BEING INSTALLED

In the Ellis Building—Manager of Gas Office Not Yet Appointed

The Northern Indiana Gas & Electric company is being moved today into the room north of the Murray Hotel on Third street and Fred Fullenkamp and Will Harting are moving their furniture for their soft drink parlor in the Ellis building.

The moving of the gas office was delayed on account of the sickness and death of the local manager, George E. Mount which occurred a week ago. The gas company hopes to be well located in their new quarters within the next ten days. Mrs. Hoyt Hartman, of Bluffton an assistant in the gas office there is assisting. Will Marker is taking care of the office here. Mr. Marker will look after the moving of the office.

Messrs. Harting and Fullenkamp are moving their furniture in the Ellis building today and hope to open for business within another week. They will conduct a soft drink parlor for the time being. The firemen tried to fight the blaze with the chemical device, which aided by the high wind made some stiff job. By the time that the water connection was made and the hose laid to the house, the garage was completely destroyed and the roof at the rear of the house was burning. The firemen fought bravely and no time was lost in their and serve hot sandwiches, later on earnest attempt to save the house, hoping to put in a short order but sufficient water could not be turned on with the two lines to put the blaze out. Spreading upward the fire Mount as manager of the local gas office has not yet been appointed.

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A COMPLETE LIST

Of All Deceased Soldiers of This County is Made up by American Legion

TWENTY-FIVE NAMES

Ready for Memorial Day Services—Membership Drive Progressing

Another meeting of the American Legion will be held at the Maccabees hall, above the Holthouse drug company, Monday night at 8 o'clock, at which time final arrangements will be made for the memorial services to be held on February 22, in honor of the soldier boys from this county, who died while in military service, and every member is urged to attend.

A complete list of all the deceased soldiers from this county has been made up and memorial certificates will be presented to their nearest relatives at this time. The list contains twenty names and is as follows. If any person knows of any deceased soldier not mentioned in the list they are requested to notify Joseph Lauren who can be found at the post office.

The list: John Klopfenstein, Berne, Lewis Bultemeier, Decatur; Lawrence Buch, Decatur; Floyd Mann, Decatur; Chalmer C. Eley, Berne; David Bixler, Berne; Jesse F. Christen, Decatur; Clarence Clark, Decatur; Reuben Heller, Berne; Chris Hirsch, Monroe; Urban Kuntz, Geneva; Erhardt Brandtmiller, Decatur; Ralph Miller, Decatur; Charles Murga, Decatur; Omer Reusser, Berne; John O. Roberts, Berne; Albert D. Smith, Monroe; Jefferson Schwartz, Monroe; Samuel Huser, Berne; Frank Henschen, Magley; Roy Coffelt, Geneva; Fred Riker, Willshire,

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ORDERS REPORT

Kenyon Bill Regulating the Meat Packing Industry Passes Committee

FAVOR ITS ADOPTION

Agreement on Reservations on Peace Treaty May Not Come for Awhile

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The senate agricultural committee today ordered a favorable report on the new Kenyon Hendricks bill to regulate the meat packing industry.

The vote was unanimous in favor of reporting the measure, Chairman Gronna said. A federal life stock commission would be set up by the measure to regulate the packers through a system of registration.

The new measure was drafted following an agreement between the big packers and Attorney General Palmer by which the packers were to divorce their allied industries.

The license system in the original bill which was criticized by the packers is changed in the new bill.

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Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Whether the senate will be able to reach an agreement on a reservation to article ten of the league of nations will be decided within a day or two, senators today predicted.

It is not generally believed the resignation of Secretary Lansing, revealing a wide breach between him and the president, will affect the course of the treaty, although "irreconcilables" will try to make the most of it.

Hope of early agreement today centered about two proposals on article ten resolution submitted to Senator Lodge by Senator Hitchcock yesterday. These two proposals, Hitchcock said, indicate the limits to which democrats are willing to go in compromise on this question.

Lodge today submitted to the republicans two proposals. He personally declined to commit himself publicly on either one. He said the first and most necessary thing to do was to see how many votes the democratic program could command.

The new plant is expected to employ several hundred men and will be a great addition to the city. The option taken on the Alfo building will expire March 1st so that any action taken must be within the next few days. The local committee in charge of the proposition includes C. S. Niblick, J. T. Myers and C. J. Lutz.

Lodge's friends today pointed out that President Wilson in his letter to Senator Hitchcock read in the recent democratic caucus said the form of the reservation submitted to him

was unfortunate.

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