

A serious fire was narrowly averted at the residence of J. L. Rapp on Monday evening. A little before eight o'clock while Mrs. Rapp and the children were in the dining room one of the children knocked the lamp off the refrigerator onto the floor and immediately a blaze started which did a considerable amount of damage before it was checked and it was almost a miracle how the family escaped without being burned. By the heroic efforts of Mrs. Rapp the children escaped unharmed but in getting them out her clothing got on fire, but Mr. Rapp arrived about that time and got the fire out, but not before it had burned her hair considerably and part of her skirt. Mrs. Rapp also succeeded in getting the lamp out doors but the room was all ablaze before assistance arrived and it required some strenuous work by several men before the fire was gotten under control. The fire was confined to the one room and the woodwork was considerably charred, the total damage amounting to about \$250.