

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub**

RE-ELECT BANK OFFICERS

**Locomotive Wheel Came
Off-Fell and Broke Arm-Buys
Bagley Brook Farm-Open
Rest Room.**

George Granger and Brinton Frazier, who have been engaged in the trucking business, have dissolved partnership.

C. G. Robinson has rented the small room on the Gardiner Place side of the Retz-Lincoln building for use as a real estate office.

Fred Dickerson has sold the Frear house, East street, to Walter Hoyt. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

A call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Walton has been extended to Rev. Frank Taft of Holley, N. Y. It is understood that Mr. Taft will accept.

Commissioner J. A. Robinson has removed the snow banks from in front of the business places on Delaware street, permitting greater freedom of traffic. The snow was dumped into the river.

W. Thomas Arbuckle, son of Patrick Arbuckle, of Walton, has bought the Martin & Humiston farm on Bagley brook and took possession Jan. 1st. The farm contains 175 acres. Thirty cows and all farming utensils were included in the sale. Consideration \$11,000.

Mrs. Margaret Gibson slipped and fell on some ice on the back porch of her home on Mead street the latter part of the week and sustained a compound fracture of her right arm. Owing to Mrs. Gibson's age the shock of the accident has been a serious one. Dr. W. R. Gladstone attends her.

Twelve and one-half inches of snow fell between Sunday night and Wednesday evening, the heaviest fall being on Sunday night. While the snow has not drifted badly yet the heavy fall has rendered motoring difficult outside the corporation limits, and many cars have been laid up for the rest of the winter.

In children's court before Judge McNaught in Walton Tuesday a hearing was held in the matter of the charge against Henry Emrich of Apex for the alleged non-support of his son who has been living with a family near Sidney Center. Mr. Emrich stated that he would support the boy if the lad made his home with him.

Dr. Louis D. Retz of Elmhurst, L. I., and Miss Ester M. Anderson of Richmond Hill, L. I., were married Friday, January 5, at the "Little Church Around the Corner" in New York city. After February 15 they will be at home in Elmhurst where Dr. Retz is engaged in the practice of medicine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Retz of Walton. His bride has been head nurse in the Wyckoff Heights hospital in Brooklyn.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Civic club will be held at the Kayser club, Jan. 15, at seven o'clock. Mrs. Walter S. Comly, the outgoing president of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, will speak on "Woman's Responsibility." All members wishing tickets are asked to notify either Mrs. H. F.

Marvin or Miss Blanche Yendes by Friday noon. A limited number of tickets may be had by prospective members. The number must be known by Friday noon.

One of the main driving wheels of engine 73, drawing the Utica Flyer, came off between Delancey and Frasers Monday morning and rolled out into the field some distance from the train. A broken journal caused the accident. An engine was sent from Walton and the train reached Walton about 10 o'clock, two hours late. The disabled engine was left on a switch at Delancey until Wednesday when it was taken to the Norwich shops. Railroad men declare that the marvel is the locomotive was not overturned. Engineer Ferris was in charge of the train.

Over one hundred persons visited the rest room on the formal opening day last Friday. A program was prepared for both afternoon and evening by the committee in charge and refreshments were served to all visitors. The new rest room is located over the Fundas candy kitchen, Delaware street. There is a suite of four rooms of which the two in the rear are occupied by the Home Bureau. The two front rooms have been thrown together and the whole re-decorated and refurnished in a tasteful manner. In the poster contest in which the visitors acted as judges first prize was awarded to Cora Dann.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank the old directors were elected as follows: C. E. Hulbert, John Olmstead, E. B. Guild, G. I. Treyz, W. J. Merwin, C. W. Peak, J. E. Cassidy, Dr. W. D. Heimer, A. G. Seaman, A. J. Courtney, Dr. W. B. Morrow, W. E. Henderson, Herman Henderson, H. W. Retz, and C. G. DuMond. The directors have chosen the former officers, as follows: President, C. E. Hulbert; vice president, John Olmstead; cashier, E. B. Guild; assistant cashier, W. G. Moore; tellers, J. C. McClelland and C. T. O'Neill. The bank has recently declared the regular semi-annual dividend of five per cent.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE, BASEBALL QUESTION

**Oneonta Seeks Sentiment
of Vicinity Towns as to the
Possibilities of Teams**

Dr. F. H. Marx, president of the Oneonta community athletic association, has invited the presidents and principal backers of the baseball associations in eight vicinity places, including Walton, to be the guests of the directors of the Oneonta organization at the Elks' club in that city next Tuesday when the baseball situation for the 1923 season will be discussed.

Invitations have been issued to Norwich, Walton, Johnson City, Unadilla, Sidney, Stamford, Delhi and Tannersville. Last year makers of schedules were handicapped by the late organization of some of the teams and the booking of teams from a greater distance resulted in financial losses.

The Walton association ended the season of 1922 about one thousand dollars in debt. In each of the two previous years when the village had a semi-professional nine the result was identical. Last season a considerable number who made pledges of financial support for the team failed to make them good. The experience has been that the financial burden has fallen upon a small group. Under these circumstances it is doubtful whether an effort will be made to have Walton represented on the diamond

next summer.

A suggestion has been made that one team represent both Walton and Delhi, dividing the home games between the two places. Similar agitation is on foot to have one team for Sidney and Unadilla, in both of which places financial difficulties were experienced last season.

STATE AND NATION DEMAND PAYMENT OF INCOME TAXES

Income tax payment time is here. Blanks are now being sent out from Syracuse to over 100,000 persons in the district who filed returns last year and already the forms have been received by a number of Walton residents. The state income tax blanks which are sent out from Utica, will soon follow.

The first federal blanks sent out are Form 1040 for those having incomes under \$5,000. All the blanks of this form will be mailed on or before January 15th, it is expected.

The federal income tax law requires everyone to file a return if his net income exceeds \$1,000 if he is single or \$2,000 if married, or the head of a household. The filing of a return has nothing to do with the tax. Whether a tax is due those who come within the regulations must file returns, regardless of their exemptions.

There are no changes in the income tax law this year, though the form has been slightly altered to simplify it.

Revenue officials generally expect a slight decrease in the number of persons with taxable incomes. While 1922 was a much better year as far as industrial conditions were concerned than 1921, officials believe that it will be several years before the 1920 high peak of taxes is reached. Receipts at the Syracuse office for income tax fell off nearly 45 per cent last year compared with the previous year.

This is partly due to industrial conditions and partly due to an increase in the exemptions, revenue officials say. Raising the exemption of married persons and heads of households from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and increasing the dependent exemption from \$200 to \$400 served to cut down the amount of tax.

The federal blanks must be filed by March 15th and the state blanks by April 15th. The exemption under the state tax is \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons, instead of the \$2,500 allowed by the federal government. The state blanks are sent out from Utica.

LITTLE NEW LIGHT GIVEN

**Coroner May Present Sidney
Baby Case to Grand Jury.**

(From Delhi correspondent.) At the coroner's inquest held at Sidney Center by Coroner G. A. Silliman of Delhi and District Attorney O'Connor of Hobart on Friday, Jan. 5, several witnesses were examined. Nothing particularly new or different from accounts already published of the circumstances connected with the death of the Carley child were developed by the testimony. The coroner has not rendered his verdict and it is more than probable that the matter will be brought before the next grand jury.

The infant son born to Mrs. Lucy Carley on Dec. 23 lived only a few hours and after its death a burial permit was issued after the death certificate was filed in the town clerk's office. The baby was not buried, however, and when the sheriff's office and coroner were called to investigate the matter the body of the infant was found wrapped in an old red sweater and placed in a pasteboard box under a counter in Walter Mudford's store at the Center.

OPEN NEW LEAGUE PLANT

**Milk Received at South
Kortright Shipped in
Fluid Form.**

The Dairymen's League Co-operative association opened its new plant at South Kortright January 3. About 220 cans of milk are being received daily and this amount is expected to increase very rapidly, as no doubt a large amount from nearby places will come to this plant. The milk is being shipped as fluid milk to New York for city consumption.

The plant is one of the finest in the state and is perfectly sanitary in every way. It is equipped with an artificial ice plant. The source of power being a large Corliss engine which is quite a curiosity to people of this vicinity.

The plant has been opened as a grade "B" plant but if a majority of the patrons desire it to be a grade "A" plant it will no doubt be operated as a grade "A" plant by February 1. The patrons will meet at the plant Monday, January 8 at 2 p. m., to discuss the above proposition.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Cotton, the plant superintendent, about 100 people gathered at the plant Friday night and had a very enjoyable time. Dancing was enjoyed as well as the opportunity for many to see the equipment in the new plant.

FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

**Appropriation Will Be Asked
For State School at Delhi.**

The state legislature will be asked for an appropriation for the construction of an administration building for the state school of agriculture in Delhi.

The school when originally planned contemplated nine buildings, but virtually no construction has been made since the erection of the dairy building and this building is now devoted in large part to class rooms. The class work interferes seriously with the practical instruction sought to be given. The Delhi school from the time of its establishment has specialized in dairying.

PINNED IN TRUCK CAB

**East Branch Man in Machine
Which Overturns.**

(Fishes Eddy correspondent.) Friday afternoon a heavy Brockway truck loaded with acid wood, owned and operated by J. S. Hubbell of East Branch, skidded on the slippery road and went over the bank at the west end of the river bridge at Fishes Eddy.

The machine turned completely over and landed bottom side up at the foot of a twelve foot embankment. Mr. Hubbell, who was running the truck at the time of the accident and who remained in the machine until it landed, had a very narrow escape from death, as the cabin of the truck was crushed almost flat.

only the wood holding it up. Mr. Hubbell was somewhat bruised and shaken up, but not seriously hurt. This truck and another one from Horton have been engaged for the past month or so hauling acid wood from the Luzerne company's factory at Fishes Eddy to the George I. Treyz plant at Horton.

NORTHFIELD

School began Monday after a two weeks' vacation. Several of the children are unable to attend on account of the whooping cough.

Charles Finch of Cooperstown has been visiting his son, William, for a few days this week.

Mrs. W. A. Hoyt had the misfortune to crush one of her fingers badly one day last week while putting wood in the stove.

Kathleen, Carolyn and Ruth Rickard, who have been ill with whooping cough for a couple of weeks, are able to attend school again.

Mahlon Rowell spent Sunday in Walton with his wife.

Miss Hilda Seely is spending some time at her home here before taking up her new position.

The annual church dinner was held at the parsonage Wednesday and the annual good time enjoyed.

DELANCEY

Thomas Logan is again on duty at his store.

Mrs. C. Combs is confined to the house by a severe cold.

William Aikens of Delhi visited at W. F. McNee's one day last week. James Wilbur is baling his hay and selling the same for twenty-five dollars per ton to parties in Walton.

Mrs. E. Conklin and Mrs. Milo Rhoda and son visited at William Kirk's, upper Bagley brook, Saturday.

Allen Henderson is making great improvements on his mother's property here. He is now fixing the garage.

Mr. Brown and son, Leslie, have returned from their trip to Utica.

Mrs. Margaret Salton and daughter, Elizabeth, spent the first of the week at Walton with Mr. and Mrs. John Westcott.

Miss Gladys Ford is working at W. F. McNee's. Mr. and Mrs. William Hotchkiss of Holmes hollow were shoppers in Delancey Tuesday.

Miss Beyrl White was a recent guest of Mrs. Harriet Snyder.

Mrs. Roger Terry was a caller at Walton Wednesday.

Mrs. Allen Henderson had charge of the prayer meeting Wednesday evening which was very interesting.

Homer Covert of Bagley brook is supplying several families with wood.

The farmers in this locality unloaded two cars of lime which they purchased of G. A. Neal, the Walton lime man.

Mrs. John McNee has been under the doctor's care the past week. M. Shaw still continues in very poor health.

Rev. H. J. McClure has only two more Sabbaths to preach here.

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