

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

SELL MORE FAIR STOCK

Wagon Runs Over Little Girl—Little Boy Struck by Maul—Auto Knocks Down Judge Sewell's Fence.

Regents examinations will be held in the high school during the week beginning Monday, June 16. Commencement exercises will be held the following week.

Miss May Teed of Walton has sold the Commercial Hotel at Sidney Center to John C. Lambrecht. The sale was made through the agency of C. G. Robinson, who has also sold the house and lot at 16 High street, Walton, to Gordon Olmstead.

Refund checks for money contributed to the public health fund canvass are being sent out. As only about one-third of the sum needed was contributed, the members of the local society decided to drop the department of nursing activities for the present and to refund contributions to this work.

Robert T. Kinch has bought the interest of Harry Ogden in the Ogden & Spiers pharmacy in Middletown. Mr. Kinch will take over Mr. Ogden's interest on July 1, but goes to Middletown Monday and will work in the store during June. The business is an established one, Mr. Ogden's partner being Douglas R. Spiers, a former Walton man.

While Leland Snyder of Bagley brook, near Delancey, was driving fence posts Saturday his two-year-old son, Douglas, ran behind him in such a way as to be struck on the nose by the go-devil Mr. Snyder was using just as he brought it back for another blow at a post. The lad's nose was cut open and Dr. W. R. Gladstone of Walton, who was called in attendance, stated that the child would have been killed had the blow been two inches higher on the head.

The high school baseball team won two more games the past week. Friday afternoon the team journeyed to Downsville, where they defeated the high school nine there by a score of 18 to 6. The game scheduled with Hancock "hi" Saturday, which was postponed until Monday on account of rain, resulted in a 16 to 14 score in favor of Walton. LaFrano pitched for the locals in the first game and Whitaker was on the mound against Hancock. Today, Friday, the Walton and Delhi town teams play and Saturday the Walton high school will have Franklin as their opponents on the Kayser field diamond. Both high school and town teams have shown by their playing that they deserve hearty support.

Lucy Houck, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Houck of St. John street, was run over by a heavy milk wagon near Nutt Brothers' blacksmith shop on that street Saturday morning. Reeves Wood of Third brook had been to the Nutt Brothers' shop for a repair job and was backing up his team to turn around when the accident happened. Lucy and another little girl had caught on to the rear of the wagon and Mr. Wood did not see that Lucy was still there when he backed the team. One wheel of the wagon passed over the child's body but she apparently lay in the ditch in such a way that she did not get the full weight of the heavy load. Dr. W. R. Gladstone, who was called, found no bones broken and the child has suffered no ill effects from the accident. No blame is placed upon Mr. Wood.

A meeting of those who have subscribed for stock in the reorga-

nized Walton fair association and of all interested in seeing the fair continued will be held in the court room of Walton hall Monday evening at 8 o'clock. At this time it is expected that an organization will be perfected and officers elected. Owing to the approach of the fair season it is necessary to dispose of a number of matters which have arisen and to arrange for attractions. Practically all the business men of the village have subscribed for stock and it is expected that the farmers will be canvassed within a short time. The success of the fair depends on the co-operation of the village and rural interests and for this reason it is hoped that a substantial amount of stock will be taken by those living outside the village.

Justice A. H. Sewell had an uninvited caller on his North street property early Sunday morning. Shortly before 3 o'clock that morning residents of that neighborhood were awakened by a crash. Those who got up at once and looked out saw an automobile, apparently a Buick, back out of the Sewell lawn and proceed up North street. The car had come eastward along Mead street which ends at North and apparently made no effort to turn the corner. Marks on the road where the wheels slid after the brakes were jammed on indicated that the automobile went straight ahead, mounted the foot-high stone curb, crossed the sidewalk, knocked down and ran over the iron fence and was brought to a halt about twenty feet from the sidewalk with one of the front wheels in a flower bed. Evidently no serious damage was done to the car as the driver backed the machine out at once and proceeded up the street. The identity of the driver is not known. Sunday afternoon a car went part way over the bank on upper, Townsend street near the Haulenbeek place. No serious damage was done.

CONDUCT LIQUOR RAIDS

Springfield Center Hotel and Unadilla Farm House Visited

William Williams and Walter Stanley, said to be owners and proprietors of the American hotel at Springfield Center, Otsego county, were brought before Deputy United States Commissioner James F. Flannigan in Norwich Wednesday charged with illegal possession, and sale of alleged liquors.

Revenue officers and state troopers visited the hotel Wednesday afternoon armed with a search warrant issue by Commissioner Flannigan. They seized a quantity of alleged illegal cider, whiskey and beer.

The raiding party was led by Federal Prohibition Director Albert Vandiver of the central district and Captain Fox of Sidney barracks.

The men were represented by Attorney Charles H. Clark of Cooperstown. They waived examination and were held in \$1,000 bail for the next term of Federal Court in Binghamton.

State troopers, from the Sidney barracks on Tuesday raided the place of William Henry Smith, commonly known as "Billy Gill" Smith, located about three, miles west of Unadilla, and arrested Smith and seized a considerable quantity of intoxicating liquors. They secured, a touring car full of barrels and bottles. There were also found implements with which to manufacture intoxicants which were destroyed. Smith was arraigned before Federal Commissioner Flannigan at Norwich on Thursday.

The raid upon the place of Smith follows numerous complaints of the place and is the sequel of a case in the court of Justice Edward Mills, in which booze said to have come from the Smith place featured.

Saturday night Leon Spencer, Jay Palmer and Arthur Ostrom

HONOR TO DEAD NATURALIST PAID AT BURROUGHS' GRAVE

(From Roxbury correspondent.)

Flakes of snow fell over Burroughs mountain at noon on Sunday, May 25, as several hundred people gathered at the burial place of John Burroughs to celebrate the memory of the great naturalist on the third successive "Apple Blossom Sunday" since his death.

The simple ceremonies were in charge of Dr. George Chandler of Kingston, former superintendent of the New York state police. The first speaker, the artist, Mr. Whitman, of New York, read a poem written and sent from Los Angeles for the occasion by J. R. McCarthy. Following this Mrs. Olive Sarr, leading spirit in the Yama-Yama Farms at Napanoch, read in a de-

are said to have been celebrating with the pay received at the week end and had made two trips, to the place of Smith when Spencer, who owned a Ford car and had taken the party refused to make another trip. Later the car of Spencer disappeared and was found the following day by state troopers. Spencer entered a complaint against Ostrom and Palmer, alleging that they had taken the car from Depot street, without his consent and had abandoned it.

When Spencer came before Justice Mills on Monday to press the complaint it was found that he was intoxicated, following it it said a trip he made alone to the place of Smith. Justice Mills caused Spencer, to be arraigned on the public intoxication charge and fined him, \$3.

Ostrom and Palmer denied taking the car of Spencer or having any knowledge of it being taken. Justice Mills, however, held them in \$500 bail each for their appearance before the grand jury.

POSTAL PAY INCREASE

Bill Carrying Raise Passes United States Senate.

The senate on Tuesday passed the postal pay increase bill by a vote of 73 to 3. All indications point to favorable action in the house of representatives. The following schedule of salaries is provided by this measure:

Clerks and carriers: \$1,700 to \$2,100; special clerks at first and second class offices, \$2,200 to \$2,300; substitutes and temporary clerks, 65 cents an hour; watchmen, laborers, and messengers, \$1,450 to \$1,550; marine carriers, \$2,400.

Railway mail service: Clerks (seven grades), \$1,900 to \$2,700; supervisory officials, \$2,000 to \$4,500; substitute clerks, \$1,850.

Rural delivery: No change in salaries but allowance of four cents a mile a day for maintenance of equipment, amounting to \$220 for average route.

Postmasters: No change in first class salaries between \$3,200 and \$8,000; second, class increased from \$2,300 to \$2,400.

Inspectors: Six grades, \$2,800 to \$4,500.

NEW POOL ROOM IN WALTON.

John Roof, who recently purchased the Chronicle building, Delaware street, has had all the partitions on the first floor removed to form one large pool room. He has ordered new tables and expects to have everything in readiness for business on or before June 15.

CHILD HURT IN RUNAWAY

One Finger Broken and Another Has to be Amputated.

(From Burnwood correspondent.)

Mrs. Ray Darling and children of East Branch and sister, Mrs. Keesler, and infant child visited at the home of Jesse Rosencrans

lightly clear voice, several selections from Burroughs' writings.

The principal speaker, Poultney Bigelow, writer, and long time friend of Mr. Burroughs, delivered a most spirited and refreshing talk, the theme he stressed being an urgent plea that people of today abandon the pursuit of excitement, return to a simple mode of life, read more real literature instead of current fiction as printed in novels and magazines, and give more time to quiet and serious contemplation-of God as expressed in the life about us. Mr. Bigelow's fluent, entertaining, agreeable style was a real treat to his hearers and left a most pleasing impression of the afternoon's program.

at Burnwood on Tuesday. On their return home the horse got to kicking coming down a hill a short distance from Mr. Rosencrans' house and became unmanageable, running into a wagon that was left by the roadside. The occupants of the Darling rig were thrown out, all escaping serious injury except one small child which had one finger broken and another hurt so it had to be taken off.

DR. GLADSTONE TO WED.

Dr. W. R. Gladstone left Wednesday for New York city on his way to Pasadena, California. He will be married early in June to Miss Mildred Mathewson, former public health nurse, in Walton. Dr. Gladstone, will be absent from Walton about a month.

DOG CAUSED THIS ACCIDENT.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Monday afternoon as Mrs. J. B. Gardner of Cannonsville was starting for home from calling on Mrs. Sherman VanValkenburg, Howard Tompkins' dog rushed toward her barking. Mrs. Gardner was frightened and making a misstep fell. While no bones were broken she was badly bruised and lamed.

TOLD TO LEAVE COUNTY

Otherwise Delhi Man Will Be Jailed For Intoxication.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Chester Holmes of Delhi was arrested by Sheriff Arbuckle Monday evening and lodged in the Delhi jail. At a hearing before Justice Bramley on Tuesday morning he was charged with public intoxication and was sentenced to four months in the county jail. Sentence was suspended on condition that he leave Delaware county and remain outside 'its confines for the period of his sentence.

RETURNED TO THE CITY

City Boys Run Against Law in Trip to Mountains.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Thursday at one o'clock state troopers arrested and arraigned before Police Justice C. Champion of Stamford three young men, aged 18, 19 and 20 years, charging them with vagrancy or tramps as they were without funds and had no employment.

The boys came from New York city by catching rides in trucks and cars and seeking work in the mountains. They were detained and their stories investigated and later Officer Charles Grant obtained a job for them on the town roads and they were released and went to Hobart, later returning to their homes in the city.

Owing to the numerous robberies and other crimes being committed the troopers have Orders to detain and investigate all suspicious persons walking the state roads. While the order may be a hardship to innocent persons it

has resulted in the arrest of several criminals wanted for crimes committed. By the co-operation of the troopers and Officer Grant and Justice Champion the three boys above mentioned were saved from imprisonment and the town saved expense. The boys were without jobs in the city and were not fitted for hard work in the country but believed they could find a job in some hotel.

RUSSIAN WENT ON RAMPAGE

Hobo Who Thought Someone Trying to Kill Him Sent to Jail

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Thursday night Officer Charles Grant of Stamford was called on to, look after a Russian hobo who was seeking lodgings, claiming he was ill, had sore feet and was penniless. Officer Grant had him attended to by Dr. Safford and obtained lodgings for him. Saturday he was able to go to work on the sewer job.

Saturday night Officer Grant was called by inhabitants of the east end of the village—a man had entered the house of Dr. Stevens and the doctor had fired him out. He was found near the home of Harold Dayton, Prospect street which he had tried to enter. When Grant found him the hobo said a man was trying to kill him and commenced fighting Grant and his assistant, Francis Grant. The Russian was subdued but was in a fighting mood believed to be caused by drugs or whiskey. He would not give his name or any account of him self and as the village lockup has been condemned by the state he was committed by Police Justice Champion to the Delhi jail and was taken to Delhi Saturday night.

TWO COUPES OVERTURN

Walton Parties Escape Accidents With Few Injuries.

The Buick coupe driven by Mrs. C. L. Watkins overturned on the high-way at the farm of Alton Knapp, Hawleys station, Wednesday morning. Mrs. Watkins accompanied by her husband was driving toward Delhi when their car approached a herd of horses which W. H. Austin and men were driving to Delhi for a sale. Mrs. Watkins slowed down to pass, and also applied the brakes of the car and on the slippery road the machine skidded over the edge of a culvert and overturned on its side. The occupants were quickly released without injury and the car was not much damaged. The fenders on one side were jammed and the glass in one door broken.

A Dodge coupe in which Ralph W. Smith, the Walton electrician, and D. W. Curie, salesman of the Westinghouse company, were driving to Roscoe last Thursday morning, Overturned on the south side of Hawk mountain between Cadbsia and Fishs Eddy. The accident was caused by the steering knuckle of the machine coming out. The car shot into the bank, tipped over on its side and skidded along the high-way thirty or forty feet before stopping. Mr. Curie sustained a slight injury to one hand while Mr. Smith had a bump on his forehead and numerous bruises about the body. The top of the coupe was wrecked and, every piece of glass in the machine was broken.

U. & D. REPAIRS ARKVILLE STATION.

(From Arkville correspondent.)

After many long years the Ulster & Delaware railroad company have decided to repair the passenger station in Arkville. It has been the subject of discussion for several years and the residents here are glad to know that the U. & D. officials have finally been induced to improve the appearance of the old station.