

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, June 7, 1924

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

### NEED \$5,000 FOR FAIR

**Broke His Only Leg—Real Money for Patent—Fire Pump Stands Stiff Test—Enters Ministry.**

The balance of the public school money is now available and trustees may draw orders on the supervisors against this money for teachers' wages.

The village board has appointed Axford Beagle as motorcycle officer in place of Harold Miller, who has moved from the village. He has been instructed to see that the highway law is enforced, especially the speed regulations. Arrests will be made where a second offense occurs.

The O. & W. railroad traffic over the week end and Memorial day exceeded that of last year, it was said by Freight Agent W. M. Tiel. A total of 102 cars of passengers were carried south bound from the Sullivan county summer resorts to Weehawken, N. J., on the nine south bound Sunday trains.

Frank Mondell of Wyoming will be permanent chairman of the Republican national convention, it has been announced. Mr. Mondell, then a congressman, was the speaker at a suffrage rally in Walton a few years ago. He was a candidate for United States senator in 1922 but was defeated.

A. E. Woollett has the champion trout story of the season. He recently caught a fifteen inch trout below the Kerr's creek reservoir. Friday morning he went back after the mate and later in the day had a seventeen inch brook trout on display. A nightwalker was used to lure the speckled beauty.

Bert Perry, employed as teamster by the Beerston Acetate company on a wood job at Terry Clove, had his right leg broken last Thursday when a load of wood he was taking to the Hamden switch for loading was upset on the way there. Dr. Smith reduced the fracture. Perry lost his left leg in a railroad accident.

Archie Constable of Third brook had a runaway accident late Saturday afternoon while using a land roller on the hill above his home. The headstall of one horse came off and the team started to run. Constable jumped and escaped with a slight injury to his leg. The team ran to the house, where horses and roller piled up in a heap. One animal had its leg broken and had to be killed.

F. C. Darling has sold the patent he secured on a stop lifter for wash basins and bathtubs to the Frost Manufacturing Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The Frost company, which has been manufacturing the stop lifter, will pay a royalty of 3 cents for each lifter manufactured and guarantees a minimum return of \$1,000 a year for five years, with privilege of renewing the contract for the remaining twelve years the patent will run.

John T. Lyon of Walton was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian church at an impressive service held Thursday evening in the First Presbyterian church in Delhi. Mr. Lyon, who recently graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Gastra, a village in the northern Michigan peninsula. On June 12 at Stanwood, Iowa, he will be united in marriage to Miss Avis G. Hoyman, a graduate, of Monmouth college, who has been engaged in mission work in Egypt the past three years.

Members of Pump Engine Co. No. 5, assisted by Morrow and

Townsend hose companies, gave a demonstration of the apparatus Tuesday evening by pumping water from East brook near the home of Mrs. Alida Bates at the end of Union street and sending it over houses on Park street. Two lines of hose were run from the pump engine, one of which was siamesed into two lines at the top of the hill, making three streams of water. One line of hose was hooked to a hydrant on Park street and there was no comparison between the streams from the pump engine and the hydrant in amount of water delivered or force, the stream from the hydrant only going about thirty feet. Wednesday evening, June 11, at 7 o'clock, the entire fire department is asked to turn out for a wet drill near Smith & St. John's feed store.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the reorganized Walton fair association held in Walton hall Monday evening a committee of six was appointed to canvass, for further stock subscriptions and report at a meeting next Monday, when it is expected officers will be elected. The members of the committee are O. J. Hoos, H. C. McKenzie, R. Q. Smith, Robert George, Charles Wheat and H. M. Robinson. About \$10,000 of the stock has been subscribed for, mostly by Walton business men. It is desired to issue \$15,000 stock, which will pay for the grounds, cost of necessary repairs and leave a substantial working fund. With proper management there is no reason why substantial dividends may not be earned on the stock. It is hoped that the farmers, upon whose co-operation the success of the fair depends, will subscribe for much of the remaining stock and insure the continuance of the fair.

## WOMAN LOSES LIFE WHEN HOUSE BURNS

**Aged Cooks Falls Resident Overcome by Heat**

### REST OF FAMILY ESCAPE

**Husband Warned Mrs. Cook of Danger but She Tried to Enter Kitchen and Was Overcome.**

(From Cooks Falls correspondent.)

Mrs. Willis Cook was burned to death in a fire that destroyed her home at Cooks Falls early Tuesday morning.

Her husband and his brother, William, who made his home with the elderly couple, were asleep upstairs. Willis Cook was awakened by unusual heat and smoke and went downstairs to investigate the cause and found the kitchen in flames. He hurried to the bedroom adjoining the kitchen where his wife slept and woke her and after telling her the danger thought she would go out the door leading outdoors.

He returned upstairs to wake his brother, William, who was still asleep and to save \$500 in cash he had there. The two elderly men made their way outdoors but could not find Mrs. Cook, who, they later found, evidently had opened the door from the bedroom into the kitchen and was overcome immediately by the heat and fumes and was unable to rise from the doorway. It is thought that Mrs. Cook, who was quite deaf, did not understand the seriousness of the situation and went to the kitchen with the idea of procuring some money she had placed there from selling butter and eggs.

No one knows exactly how the fire started, possibly from the chimney. The -brother-in-law, William, smelled smoke as he was about to retire but nothing was thought of it. No doubt the fire smoldered along for hours and finally broke out unto flames between three and four o'clock in the morning.

Both brothers are crippled from rheumatism and are forced to use canes in walking. Willis Cook, who

## SIDNEY AUTOMOBILE COMPANY GOES INTO RECEIVER'S HANDS

The Cortland Cart & Carriage company of Sidney, manufacturers of the Hatfield automobile, is in the hands of a receiver. The present difficulties are due, it is stated, to lack of capital and an insufficient output to keep down overhead charges.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court last Thursday and Judge Cooper appointed Robert W. Siver of Sidney as receiver and authorized him to borrow \$5,000 to complete current business. The appraisers named are C. D. Wheeler of Hancock, F. A. Bartley and F. F. Goodrich of Sidney.

The three accounts named in the petition in bankruptcy are C. P. Dewitt, a sales representative, with a claim of \$2,833; D. I. Hatfield, president of the company, \$2,249, and H. M. Robinson, Howard & Kattell, Binghamton, \$885, for legal services.

For some time it has been known that the company was having difficulty in meeting its obligations, and is behind in its pay roll. The con-

cern employed about thirty men. The Cortland Cart and Carriage company was organized in 1894 and for years did a flourishing business. The coming of the automobile brought a change and business fell off greatly. The company began the manufacture of the Hatfield automobile about 1915. The Hatfield is an assembled car, the company buying the engines and parts and making the bodies.

The company put out a good car but from the first has been handicapped by lack of capital. Recently it was announced that the concern would enter into the manufacture of taxi bodies. It is probable that when the reorganization is completed this will be the line of business continued.

The company has \$400,000 stock outstanding much of which is held in Sidney and within a radius of 100 miles. The stockholders will probably suffer a total loss. The liabilities are about \$100,000 and the assets may be sufficient to meet these claims.

recently celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday, in his excitement tripped and fell downstairs after waking his brother and bruised his right eye and body but was unaware of his injuries until later when he was resting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hornung and Peter Bowers told him of them.

The house, which though one of the oldest in the vicinity, was very comfortable, had been the home of the Cooks for fifty-three years; The Cook brothers are undecided where to make their home now but as they do not wish, to leave the old place may convert one of the buildings remaining into a temporary home for themselves. The house and contents were insured for \$500 with H. S. Ogden of Walton.

Phoebe Steenrod Cook was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Steenrod and was born August 1, 1850, in the town of Hancock near Hawk's mountain. She married Willis Cook March 11, 1871, who survives her. Four daughters were born to this couple: Ella, who married James Ledwith, and who died two years ago; Eliza, who is the wife of Floyd Kitchen of Livingston Manor; Lina, who married Emile Ernie of Cooks Falls, and Myrtle, who is the wife of Moses C. Stratton of New York. Mrs. Cook is survived by two sisters, Jane, Mrs. Horace Woodhouse, of Letonia, Pa.; Ida, Mrs. George Crandall, of Oneonta; and two brothers, Burton Steenrod, of Johnson City, and Levi Collins Steenrod of Cooks Falls.

The funeral was held Thursday at 2 p. m., at the Methodist church, the Rev. E. G. Wahl officiating. The sympathy of the community is given to the bereaved husband in the tragic death of his wife.

## DELHI STUDENT DROWNS

**Renwick Russell and Companion Lose Lives While Canoeing.**

Thomas D. Russell of Glenburnie settlement, town of Delhi, received a telegram Wednesday informing him that his son Renwick, a student at Geneva college, Beaver Falls, near Pittsburgh, Pa., had been drowned.

The Associated Press states that Russell, a sophomore, and David Thompson of Cannonsburg, Pa., a freshman, went out on the Beaver River in a canoe when it was very much flood swollen. So far no information has been received that the bodies had been recovered, but the upturned canoe, in which they paddled out into the river, was found.

Renwick was a graduate of Delhi academy two years since. His family at Glenburnie consists of father, mother, two sisters and a brother. David Russell, a young minister, who was just leaving Delhi to take up his work as pastor of a church in Ohio when the news of his brother's

death reached him, and he left at once for Beaver Falls.

Renwick was a nephew of W. R. Russell of Walton and was the roommate of Hilton Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Alexander of Walton, who is a student in Geneva.

## NINTH INNING RALLY TOO DATE.

The Delhi, town baseball team lost to Walton in the game played on Kayser field Memorial day, by a score of 16 to 13. Walton piled up five scores in the first inning and added six more in the fourth, four in the fifth and one in the sixth. A ninth inning rally gained Delhi five runs but these were not enough.

The Walton players are Rayfield, Mead, Blything, S. Flynn, Anderson, H. Flynn, Teed, P. Flynn, L. McCook, Gray, Lafrano and Turner.

## BURGLAR FRIGHTENED BY WOMAN'S SCREAM

**Post Office and Two Homes at Sidney Center Broken Into But Nothing Taken**

(Sidney Center correspondent.)

Burglars attempted to rob the post office and Frank Moody's and G. R. Young's houses at Sidney Center on Thursday night of last week.

They entered the post office by the side door but did not open the safe or find any money or available stamps.

At the home of Frank Moody they entered through the parlor window and were just rumaging the library tables when Mrs. Moody discovered them and screamed to her husband, who was sleeping, upstairs. On being discovered the men beat a hasty retreat.

At the Youngs home Mrs. Youngs heard someone in the house and called out and frightened him away. It was about 2 o'clock on Thursday morning when the Moody home was entered. The state troopers at Sidney were notified the next morning, but so far no trace of the thieves has been discovered.

## SIX MONTHS FOR DRUNKENNESS.

(From Deposit correspondent.) Justice G. W. Flower of Deposit on Saturday morning sentenced Fred A. Wilcox to six months in Binghamton jail as a disorderly person in that he is a common drunkard.

## ABANDONED HIS WIFE

**Edwin LaChance's Hasty Departure Leads to Arrest.**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Edwin LaChance, a former resident of Delhi, was arrested in Brooklyn a few days since by a lieutenant from the Sidney barracks

and is now in, Delhi jail awaiting the action of the Delaware county grand jury which will convene the third Monday of June. LeChance last year married a Delhi girl, a Miss Tuttle, and in March of this year he abandoned her and left town without ceremony and his whereabouts has not been known until his arrest.

## HORSE KICKED MAN TWO RODS

**Rock Valley Man Injured When Animal Lets Both Feet Fly.**

(From Rock Valley correspondent.)

Ernest Emrich of Rock Valley was very badly hurt while shoeing a horse on Monday morning. He was nailing on a shoe when the horse freed himself and struck Mr. Emrich with both hind feet, throwing him about two rods and breaking a number of ribs and bruising him very badly. A little over a week ago Mrs. Emrich fell, striking on her elbow, breaking her shoulder. They have the sympathy of the community.

## SLIPPED ON WET FLOOR

**Rockroyal Woman Suffers Accident While Mopping.**

(From Rockroyal correspondent.)

Last Friday when Mrs. Edwin Collier of Rockroyal was mopping she slipped on the wet floor and fell striking on her side across a chair. One of her ribs was fractured and she was otherwise injured by the fall. She has been confined to the bed since the fall.

## BAD FIRE AT HALCOTT

**Fleischmanns Pump Engine Assists in Fighting Flames.**

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.)

The Fleischmanns fire truck responded to a call at Halcott Center one day last week The fire was at the boarding house of Mr. Sussman. There was much damage done with a heavy loss.

## GRADUATES AT FOURTEEN YEARS.

(From East Branch correspondent.)

Marjorie Gordon, only child of Mr. and Mrs. G. MacClellan Gordon, who will be fourteen years old July 2nd, is one of the graduating class of the Binghamton high school this month. Marjorie was born in East Branch while her father was principal of our school here. We congratulate the-young lady on her early success.

## BANQUET FOR JUDGE HILL

**Testimonial For Norwich Jurist at First Trial Term.**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The Delaware County Bar association at a recent meeting made arrangements for a testimonial banquet to be tendered Justice James P. Hill, who will preside at the June term of supreme court for Delaware county. The affair is to be functioned at Churchill Hall, Stamford, on Friday evening, June 20th. "Hon. Jim Hill" is well known in Delaware county and on this, his first appearance as a supreme court judge in the county, he will receive a right hearty welcome.

## OIL VILLAGE STREETS.

Most of the dirt streets in the village were oiled this week. The mac-adam streets will be treated to tarvia later. The few dirt roads which were not oiled will be treated with a special preparation, a by-product of wood pulp factories, which, is said to give excellent satisfaction.