

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

### OFFICER STIDD RESIGNS

**Last Call for Taxes—Big Farm Brings Low Price—Co. F to Hold Annual Inspection.**

The annual inspection of Company F will be held at the armory next Tuesday evening, March 3rd. Colonel Regan, of the National Guard, and a regular army officer, will be the inspectors.

Saturday of this week, Feb. 28, is the last day in which payment of the town taxes will be accepted by Mrs. Hazel Schlafer, the collector, at the one per cent collection fee. Thereafter five per cent will be charged.

About twenty-five members of the Maywood lodge, I. O. F. visited the Walton lodge Friday evening and worked the second degree. Later refreshments were served and a social time with music enjoyed. The visitors returned home on train 5.

At the administratrix's sale of the Arthur E. Hunt farm. Fish hollow, at S. H. Fancher's office Tuesday afternoon the highest offer made for the farm of some 220 acres was that of Merral Hunt of \$300 above the \$2,700 mortgage. The sale must be confirmed by Judge McNaught.

Six propositions will be submitted to the voters of the village at the charter election Mar. 17. The amounts proposed for the several funds are as follows: High-way, \$8,000; general, \$5,000; oiling streets, \$2,500; street lighting, \$4,000; fire department, \$1,500; health fund, \$900.

C. G. Blakeslee, counsel to the public service commission, will give a hearing in Sidney Saturday, February 28, at 11 a. m., on the petitions of Robert N. Utter, Macon E. Atkinson and Archie G. James and John Giel-skie for a certificate to operate a bus line between Walton and Deposit.

Harry D. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark of Walton, has been appointed superintendent of the Borden plant at Cooperstown. This is one of the plants the Borden company recently leased from the Dairy-men's League. Mr. Clark has recently been assistant superintendent in the Borden plant at Richmond, Vermont.

The electric washing machine is rapidly replacing the old hand washer and there are now several hundred electric washers, in Walton, homes. J. E. Wood & Sons sold some fifty electric Maytag machines last year and the New York State Gas and Electric corporation disposed of twenty-six. Smaller sales were made by other dealers. During the past five years the Wood firm has sold 172 power washers.

Federal income tax returns must be filed by Mar. 15. The federal returns must be made by a single person with a net income over \$1,000 and by a married person with net income of \$2,500. Blanks for the state income tax are now being sent out. This tax must be paid by Apr. 15. Governor Smith has recommended a twenty-five per cent reduction in the state income tax, but the Republican legislature may not pass such a measure.

Ladies nights are always red letter times for the Kiwanis club. Such occasions have always proved enjoyable in the past and that held by the Kiwanis club in the sunlight room of the Royal restaurant Friday evening came as a fitting climax to the previous events. Jules Brazil, the entertainer, proved, all that had been said of him in advance and more. His memory of names was truly remarkable and his humor was clean and keen.

For four years Dewis Stidd has been day policeman in Walton vil-

lage and in fair weather and foul he has guarded the children of the village at the crossing of Delaware street in front of the Reporter office. The increasing automobile traffic has made this a dangerous crossing for the pupils on their way to school, many of whom thoughtlessly look neither to the right nor the left as they cross the street going to and from school. It is safe to say that in his period of service Officer Stidd by his watchfulness and care has saved several lives. Saturday of this week he will finish his duties as day police and on Monday will begin work as one of the caretakers in the armory, a place made vacant by the recent death of Arthur E. Oothoudt. There are already some eight or ten applicants for Mr. Stidd's job.

Walton is the first town of its population to show "The Thief of Bagdad," which opens a three day engagement at Walton hall Monday of next week. This is acclaimed as the greatest photographic triumph thus far attained in motion picture production. All the wizardry of the Arabian Nights is faithfully portrayed, while the active "Doug" Fairbanks was never more entertaining. Over two years' time was spent in producing "The Thief of Bagdad." Those from Walton and vicinity who have seen it are of the opinion that it was time well spent, and consider it, the last word in motion picture entertainment. The past few months have seen some notable pictures brought to Walton by W. C. Smalley. Notable among these are "Abraham Lincoln," "The Sea Hawk," "Sun Down" and "Janice Meredith."

## MAY FORCE VILLAGES TO DISPOSE OF SEWAGE

**Tri-State Water Treaty Broad in Its Provisions**

### WHAT THE MEASURE SAYS

**Cost of Disposal Plants Might Be Placed Upon Communities Instead of City.**

Sewage disposal systems requiring the expenditure of many thousands of dollars might be required of the villages and communities along the east and west branches of the Delaware river should the tri-state treaty regulating the use of the waters of the Delaware river by the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania be ratified in its present form without some assurance that such a burden would not be placed on the villages in the watershed.

As pointed out in The Reporter last week article XII of the treaty, now under consideration by the New York legislature for ratification, provides that no sewage would be allowed to flow into the Delaware river or its tributaries. Excerpts from this section of the treaty read as follows:

"In order to put and maintain the waters in the channel of the Delaware river in a condition sanitary and suitable for the uses and purposes set forth by this compact no sewage or industrial waste shall be discharged or permitted to flow into or be placed in or permitted to fall or move into the channel of the Delaware river or into any of its tributaries otherwise than under the following conditions and restrictions: "1. All sewage discharged or permitted to flow into the channel of the Delaware river above the confluence with the Lehigh river shall, within a time reasonable, for the construction of the necessary works, have been so treated as to remove settleable solids, to render the effluent non-putrescible and to effect a reasonable reduction of B. Coli Communis.

"3. All sewage discharged or permitted to flow into any tributary of the Delaware river except the Le-high river, shall be treated to that extent, if any, which may be necessary to maintain the water of such tributary immediately above its con-fluence with the Delaware river in a sanitary condition at any time at least equal to the sanitary

## COURTNEY WINS NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF VILLAGE

Arthur J. Courtney was renominated for village president last Thursday evening at the largest union caucus ever held in Walton. It is estimated that there were five hundred persons in the auditorium of Walton hall, where the caucus was held.

The caucus organized by electing Dr. W. B. Morrow chairman and Harry McCabe secretary. Three ballot boxes were provided, and for three of the five offices to be filled it was necessary to proceed to ballot, owing to there being two or more nominations.

For president Mr. Courtney and A. B. Kingsbury, at present a village trustee, were placed in nomination. The count showed a total of 438 ballots cast for president, of which Mr. Courtney received 338 and Mr. Kingsbury 100. Most of the candidates of the evening had printed ballots and there were 30 or 40 of these cast for candidates for other offices such as trustee, treasurer, or collector, it was found when the vote for president was counted. A smaller number of such ballots was found in each of the succeeding ballots.

For trustee to succeed S. H. Osterhout, who was not a candidate for re-nomination, Harlan J. Wood, Lee Camp and C. G. Robinson were placed in nomination. Mr.

condition at such time of the water of the Delaware river immediately above such confluence.

"The order to maintain the water of any tributary immediately above its confluence with the channel of the Delaware river in a sanitary condition which will meet the requirements set forth in paragraphs three and four of this article, the administrative determination and enforcement of the degree of treatment, if any, necessary to fulfill such requirements shall be made and undertaken by the proper officer or agent of the state where in such tributary lies, provided, however, that any other signatory state or any municipality, citizen or resident thereof or property, owner therein or any holder of any authorization therefrom under this compact, shall nevertheless have full right either jointly or severally to sue for the enforcement of any and all of the provisions of this "article and for the redress of any injuries which may have resulted by reason of a violation thereof."

New York city in acquiring the Ashokan and Gilboa water systems provided for sewage disposal in the watersheds at the city's expense. The treaty might force the communities in Delaware county affected by the proposal of the city to seek its next source, of water supply from the Delaware river, to provide for the disposal of their sewage, much of which is now run into the river. It is suggested that the matter be taken up with Delaware county's legislative representatives, Assemblyman R. H. Loomis of Sidney and Senator A. F. Bouton of Roxbury.

## FRANKLIN FARM HOME BURNS

**Occupants Thought Sound of Flames Was Noise Made by Cat.**

The farm house of George Maurer, located about two miles from Franklin village on what was formerly the Henry Briggs farm, was burned with nearly all its contents last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were in the sitting room, and hearing a noise thought it might be the cat, and opened the stairs door to investigate when they found the upper part of the house all in flames. So rapidly did they spread that there was little time to save anything, but the parlor furniture was mostly removed. A telephone message quickly brought help from the village, but too late to be of much service.

Mr. Maurer's loss is heavy, as the insurance is only \$1,100, which is in the town company. Mr. Maurer

Wood received 225, Mr. Camp 138 and Mr. Robinson 34.

For trustee to succeed A. B. Kingsbury there were also three nominations, Mr. Kingsbury, James M. Knapp, and Edwin L. Guild. Mr. Guild received 165 and was declared the nominee. Mr. Kingsbury's vote was 138 and Mr. Knapp's 24.

Mr. Guild declined the nomination Friday owing to pressure of business and the committee on vacancies substituted Robert S. Woodburn in his place.

Joseph C. McClelland was renominated for treasurer by acclamation.

For treasurer the names of Mrs. Louise Lincoln and Mrs. Letha Pal-matier were placed in nomination. The vote was 225 for Mrs. Lincoln and 28 for Mrs. Palmatier.

Since the caucus a second ticket has been placed in the field headed by Charles T. Browne for president and with Frank Dann and George S. Tacy as trustees. Mrs. Lincoln as collector and J. C. McClelland for treasurer are endorsed.

The election on March 17 promises to draw out the biggest vote in years. In 1922, when the largest vote in recent years was cast, there were 541 votes cast for village officers.

has another house on an adjoining farm, which has been made habitable for temporary occupation.

## DELAWARE COUNTY CREDITORS

**Oneonta Man Owes \$3,095 and Has No Assets.**

A. Harris Grant of 19 Columbia street, Oneonta, has no assets and owes \$3,095, according to a voluntary petition in bankruptcy filed in federal court in Utica.

The creditors include A. M. Byon, holding a judgment for \$2,545; R. M. Maxon, \$5; Dr. J. B. Allen, \$7; W. D. Ceas, \$75; E. M. Powell, \$103; E. W. Simmons, \$30, and S. O. Smith, \$50, of Bloomville; E. T. Van Buren, of Hobart, \$30; Tooley & McAlpine, \$90, and Dr. G. B. Hubbell, \$75, of Stamford; Delhi Lumber company, \$37; and W. H. Dayton of North Harpersfield, \$30. The petition was filed through Attorney Donald H. Grant.

## HER NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

**Relatives and Friends Help Mrs. Schermerhorn Celebrate.**

(From Davenport correspondent.)

Mrs. Amelia Schermerhorn of Davenport, who lives with Mrs. Rose Butts, of this village, celebrated her ninety-first birthday Thursday, Feb. 19. Several relatives and friends were invited to the Butts home for the afternoon and to surprise the lady of four-score and eleven years. She entertained her guests with her usual happy manner and was the receiver of many gifts and letters and cards in memory of the day. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Schermerhorn enjoys good health and is interested in the everyday life of the community. Her numerous friends extend best wishes.

## SPEAR SUCKERS AND EELS

**Certain Parts of Delaware River Excluded from Order.**

The Conservation commission has made an order that all persons may use spears in all the waters of the state of New York not inhabited by trout, except in certain excepted waters, pursuant to the provisions of section 255 of the conservation law, to take mullet, carp, dogfish, catfish, bullheads, suckers and eels from the 14th day of February, 1925, to the 30th day of November, 1925, both inclusive. These exceptions in this part of

the state are the west branch of the Delaware river above the bridge at Delancey, and the east branch of the Delaware river above the village of Shinhopple, Schuyler lake in Otsego county, all waters in Chenango county except Chenango, Unadilla and Susquehanna rivers.

Fish must not be taken within 50 rods of any eel weir except by angling.

## GOOD SAMARITAN TO DEER.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Owing to the large amount of snow in the woods eight deer came nearly every day to the M. J. Downes farm about two miles from Cannonsville., toward Roods creek, to feed on the hay which is in an open barn. Among the herd of eight are three good sized bucks. During the past few years deer have been frequently seen in the direction mentioned and Sands creek way.

## POMONA GRANGE AT DELHI

**Interesting Program Planned for Session Next Wednesday.**

On Wednesday, March 4th, the Delhi grange will entertain the Pomona grange of Delaware county. An interesting program is assured and a large attendance is desired. The morning session for members of the grange only, will be taken up with the usual business of the organization.

At the afternoon meeting which is open to all, State Master Strivings and Rev. Barr of Delancey will be the speakers.

The lecturer's hour and the evening meeting, both of which will also be open sessions, will be of interest. The lecturer's hour will be given to songs, readings and recitations, and in the evening, the fifth degree will be conferred.

## ACCIDENT AND DEATH

**Troubles Come Doubly in Home at Deposit.**

(From Deposit correspondent.)

Mrs. Frances Cogshall died Saturday, Feb. 21, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Martha Tyler, on Elm street, Deposit. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Tyler said to her mother, Mrs. W. G. Pomeroy, "I fear auntie is dying, go and call the neighbors," Mrs. Pomeroy being an old lady and in her hurry fell and broke her hip. When they had brought her in they found Mrs. Cogshall dead. The family have the sympathy of the whole village in this, their double affliction.

## WINS BY TWO VOTES

**McGranaghan Beats Lipp for President in Hancock Caucus.**

(From Hancock correspondent.)

The union caucus at Hancock was held Monday night at 8 o'clock. The caucus was called for the village hall, but owing to the large crowd it was necessary to adjourn to the dining room of the Odd Fellow's building. The meeting was called to order by Raymond Forester, chairman of the committee. W. L. McGranaghan was chosen chairman and Raymond Forester secretary. The caucus immediately proceeded to nominate officers. The names of F. L. Lipp and Everest McGranaghan were placed in nomination for president for one year. The ballot taken resulted in 222 votes being cast, of which McGranaghan received 111 and Lipp 109; two scattering votes. The chair declared McGranaghan nominated. The trustees nominated were J. L. Shaffer and P. F. Klein. Collector, Mrs. Betty Van-Akin; treasurer, J. H. Seibert; police justice, Howard M. Read. There being only one nomination for each of the above officers the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the caucus for the several offices. After the appointing of committees for next year the meeting adjourned.