

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, January 11, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

CREATE A NEW FIRE CO.

Close Call for Dr. Morrow—Bank Elects Directors—Need Money for the Rest Room.

The Ontario & Western railroad will run an Easter excursion to Washington, D. C., over the Pennsylvania railroad.

Glen Green of Delhi has applied to the village board of Walton for a certificate of consent to the operation of his motor bus between Delhi and Walton. A public hearing will be held upon the application on January 28th.

Miss Myrtle Wright has resigned her position as a teacher in the Walton union schools on account of ill health and Miss Bessie Shackleton has been engaged to fill the vacancy. Miss Shackleton will complete her work in the Oneonta normal this month.

Engine company No. 5 will be organized as a unit of the Walton fire department to man the new American-LaFrance pump engine recently purchased by the village. This action was recommended by the firemen's board and approved by the village board at its meeting this week. When the pump engine arrived three men from each of the four companies in the department were designated to man the apparatus. The membership of the new company will be limited to twenty-five.

Peter Pappas, who recently purchased the Retz building, Delaware street, on the second floor of which the public rest rooms are located, has served notice upon the rest room committee that he will require the rooms for living purposes after February first. The rest room committee and the Chamber of Commerce, which co-operates in the maintenance expense, are looking for suitable quarters in which to move. The matter of financing must also receive attention as unless the rooms are better supported it may be necessary to discontinue this public convenience.

Burglars entered the house of Charles M. Thompson at Erie, Pa., one night shortly before Christmas and ransacked the place without disturbing Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who were sleeping in an upstairs bedroom. Among the articles taken were a number of Christmas gifts, including some received and others wrapped for sending to friends. A new overcoat belonging to Mr. Thompson, a quantity of other clothing and some canned goods were also found missing the next morning. The thieves even ransacked the drawers of a dresser in an upstairs room without disturbing the occupants of the house. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are former residents of Walton.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank of Walton Tuesday the following directors were elected: Charles E. Hulbert, Downsville; E. B. Guild, John Olmstead, Henry W. Retz, A. J. Courtney, Dr. W. B. Morrow, Herman Henderson, C. G. DuMond and W. E. Henderson, Walton; A. G. Seaman, Delancey; J. E. Cassidy and W. J. Merwin, Hancock; George I. Treyz, Cooks Falls; Dr. W. D. Heimer, Hamden; C. W. Peak, Peakville. The report of the condition of the bank at the close of business Dec. 31, published on another page, shows deposits of over a million and a half dollars. Many are joining the bank's holi-

day club, over 400 already having taken out books in this department.

The Walton high school basketball five will open the season on the auditorium court this Friday, evening with a game with the Oneonta "hi." The Walton players this season are Clark, LaFrano, Depuy, Dutcher, Hawley and Lewis. The team defeated Sidney by a score of 36 to 13 in a game played in Sidney during the Christmas season. The Walton five belonged to the Delaware county league but the teams from Delhi and the schools in the eastern end of the county withdrew from this league apparently feeling they had no show against the Walton aggregation and then formed the Eastern Delaware County league from which Walton was excluded. The Walton school has filed a demand that the winner in the eastern county league be obliged to play the Walton five to determine which shall participate in the district meeting in the spring.

ONE WAY TO MILK A COW

Minister's Boy Tied Sled to Bossy's Tail, and She Didn't Lik't it.

(North Kortright correspondent.)

Real "movies," no film affair, afforded considerable amusement one day recently to residents of North Kortright. A boy, a cow and a sled made up the caste of characters and this is how the comedy was produced.

Joseph, fifteen-year-old son of Rev. R. R. Irwin, went to the barn that morning, as was his custom, to milk the cow. He noticed that her caudal appendage was defiled with "barn fertilizer" and at the same moment happened to see the rope attached to a sled that one of the younger children had left a little farther back in the stable. To avoid the possibility of a slap in the face he securely tied the cow's tail to this rope, finished his job and—his mind being occupied with arithmetical problems no doubt—forgot to untie the knot and went off to school.

A little later his father, not observing the sled or rope, let the cow-out to get a drink, and that is when the fun began. The puzzled bovine seeing that she was closely followed by some strange object, determined to get away from it. First she inscribed a circle around the manse and then made tracks for the state road, the sled meanwhile being in perpetual motion either thumping the ground or beating the fleeing beast, which was hotly pursued by her owner and several neighbors. Once the animal fell but regained her feet in a trice and the role continued until her second fall when she was caught, unharmed. Strange to say the sled was not smashed but it is safe to guess that Joseph has not been encouraged to originate more "movies" of a similar kind.

MANY SERIOUS FALLS CAUSED BY ICY WALKS

Fifteen Accidents Recorded in Walton and Vicinity

SIX HAVE BROKEN BONES

Slippery Condition of Sidewalks and Ground Result in Numerous Falls.

Fifteen residents of Walton and vicinity have been victims during the past week of accidents which in many cases have resulted in broken bones. The icy condition of the sidewalks and roads prevailing the latter part of the week was responsible for most of the falls. Adam Cammer of Colchester

FAIRGROUNDS BRING \$12,000 AT AUCTION

President Courtney Plans the Formation of Stock Company to Conduct Fair

The Walton fairgrounds were bid in by A. J. Courtney, village president, for \$12,000 at the auction sale held Saturday merging in the offices of S. H. Fancher, referee in the foreclosure proceedings brought by the First National bank of Walton, as trustee.

About forty persons were present at the sale. The bidding started soon after the hour scheduled, 10 o'clock, with an offer of \$5,000 by Dr. W. B. Morrow. From then on the bidding dragged along, most of the bids being increases of \$25, \$50 or \$100 above the previous offer. The bidders were Dr. Morrow, A. J. Courtney, W. H. Austin, president of the fair association and Lawrence D. McClenon, one of the fair directors.

After passing the \$10,000 mark the bidders were cautious, advancing their offers \$25 at a time. The last offer before that of Mr. Courtney was W. H. Austin's, which was \$11,975. When Mr. Courtney bid \$12,000 no one was prepared to go higher and the property was struck down to him.

station fell on the ice last Thursday while coming off the hill and fractured his right shoulder.

Mrs. John Vanderzee of Park street fell down the cellar stairs of her home on Tuesday and broke her left leg at the ankle.

H. T. Masten station agent at Rock Rift, fell on the ice one day this week and cut a bad gash in his knee. The injury is complicated by water on the knee. Dr. W. R. Gladstone was called in the above mentioned cases.

Mrs. Fred Beers of Delaware street while walking along the state road near Crawford's mill last Thursday slipped and fell, fracturing her left shoulder.

George Budine of Pines brook slipped and fell Monday, while going from his house to the barn doing chores. No bones were broken but Mr. Budine sustained a painful injury to his hip, which has confined him to the house.

Mrs. W. C. Cairns of High street fell Sunday morning and sprained one of her wrists. Dr. W. B. Morrow attended Mrs. Beers, Mr. Budine and Mrs. Cairns.

Miss Lena Browne of Park street slipped and fell on the ice Saturday while returning from a visit at the home of Charles Constable, High street, and sustained a Colle's fracture of her left wrist.

Mrs. Nellie Gregory of East street fell on the ice near the corner of East and St. John streets the same day and fractured her leg near the hip. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone reduced the fractures in these two cases.

Raymond Young, employed at the Breakstone creamery, was struck in the right foot by an ice pick in the hands of a fellow employee one day this week. The tendon of one toe was severed, making a painful in jury.

Ernest Marshall of Feak hollow, East brook, who is employed by Wilmot C. Houck, slipped on the ice and fell Saturday while carrying a small log. The log came down on Marshall's head and tore a large section of the scalp loose on the back of his head. Marshall was also cut about the head and face. Dr. C. S. Gould attended Young and Marshall.

Miss Sarah Hoyt of East street fell near Mrs. Carrie Eells' hospital, Liberty street, Saturday and sustained a Colle's fracture of her left wrist.

W. W. Jones, the upholsterer, started to walk from his home on High street to his shop in the Holmes building Wednesday and in going down the road from High street to Benton avenue he slipped and fell on the ice. One shoul-

der was partially dislocated and sprained and Mr. Jones was badly shaken up by the fall. George Stevens of Beerston, employed by the acetate company, was kicked by a horse Sunday and suffered a painful injury in the thigh where the calks of the animal's shoe tore through the clothing and ripped open the flesh. He will be incapacitated from work for a time. Two small children in the Stevens family are just recovering from pneumonia.

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FORD WAS SADLY SCORCHED

Meridale Machine Caught Fire When Gas Overflowed.

(From Meridale correspondent.)

Ruez Bisbee of Meridale had his Ford car damaged by fire one day this week. He was filling the tank in the machine and the tank overflowed. The motor had been left running and in some manner the gasoline caught fire and the flames destroyed the top and cushions before the blaze was extinguished.

NEW STORE AT BLOOMVILLE.

(From Bloomville correspondent.)

W. L. Cleveland of Bloomville, who was elected town clerk of Kortright at the last election, has leased of W. D. Ceas the rooms under the I. O. O. F. hall and has opened a grocery store which he will conduct in connection with his public office.

FIRE BROKE UP CHURCH

Overheated Chimney Gives Stamford Methodists a Scare.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Sunday morning fire broke out around the chimney in the front room which adjoins and -opens into the auditorium of the Stamford Methodist church. It was near the close of the morning services and the congregation was dismissed

without accident and the firemen summoned, who quickly extinguished the blaze with the chemical apparatus. The flooring and woodwork around the chimney was chopped away and the interior of the room and the carpets were damaged. The loss is small and covered by insurance. The fire was caused by the overheated chimney.

WILL MANUFACTURE ICE.

(From Unadilla correspondent.)

Pure ice will be provided for the villages of Unadilla and Sidney by an artificial Ice plant now under construction on Adams street at Unadilla. The plant will produce from six to eight tons of ice per day.

Daily deliveries will be made the year around; Ice may be secured in large or small quantities and delivered at reduced prices. The plant is expected to be in operation by March 15 th.

LEAGUE CREAMERY AT DELHI

Poolers Buy Land and Will Erect a Plant.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

An important real estate transaction was closed at Delhi when Alexander Archibald sold to the Dairymen's League the rear portion of his lots on Elm street and which land joins the tracks of the Ontario & Western railway. The plot contains a house, the residence Mr. Archibald, a large building" formerly used as a foundry, a barn and some other structures. The Dairymen's League propose to build a creamery on this location in the spring. This sale was consummated by the J. D. Birdsall agency of Delhi.

MAY LIGHT EAST BRANCH

Citizens Ask Service From Southern New York Power Co.

(From East Branch correspondent.)

L. V. Rose of Walton, superintendent of the Southern New York Power company, came to East Branch by appointment Friday morning. He came to look over the situation relative to extending the electric company's line so as to provide ..service for this locality. A meeting, composed of a large number of our citizens, was held at the hotel.. Mr. Rose was much interested in the willingness shown to patronize this line for both lights and power, if it is put through, and assured us he would do everything possible to secure the same.

THIRTY-EIGHT COWS BURNED

Four Horses Also Destroyed With Kortright Barn.

Thirty-eight cows and four horses were burned to death last Thursday night in a fire which destroyed the barn of Angelo Latara on the former Henry Bouton farm in the town of Kortright, two miles from Smith's creamery at West Kortright.

The fire was discovered between 10 and 11 o'clock that evening by a neighbor, who gave the alarm. Mr. Latara was away from home at the time and his wife was alone in the house. The flames had made such headway when discovered that it was impossible to save much from the burning structure. Two cows which were loose in the barn at the time were released but the rest of the stock were burned in their stalls. A quantity of hay and farm implements was also destroyed. The loss will exceed \$3,500.