

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

STRAY DOGS IMPOUNDED

Wind Blew Axe—Chemical Exploded—Match Fell in School Register—And Other Strange Happenings.

A valuable cow owned by George Nichols of Beerston was struck and killed by Train 12, Monday afternoon, on the crossing near the Nichols farm.

The Colgate varsity basketball five will play Company F on the armory court Wednesday evening, Mar. 19. This promises to be one of the best games of the season.

Referee Cooper of the State Industrial commission held hearings in Walton hall Wednesday on compensation claims. There were nearly one hundred cases to be considered and the session lasted all day.

Mrs. R. E. Wilson has sold her property on the East brook road, known as the Jones bungalow, to Henry Grotevant of Oxbow hollow. Immediate possession is given. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Miss Alice M. Nutley of Greenwich, N. Y., has been engaged as instructor of commercial subjects in the Walton high school for the 1924-25 school year. Her salary will be \$1,450. Miss Nutley succeeds Miss Rae Braw, resigned.

Officer Harold Miller, acting poundmaster, has established a dog pound in the barn at the rear of Cetta Brothers store, Delaware street. Already several dogs running at large without license tags have been impounded. One dog found badly diseased was killed.

Miss Myrna C. Ballantyne, who recently won a prize of \$150 at a textile design competition in New York, has been offered \$50 for her design which consisted of a large floral piece with gray pillars for use in decorative linen. Miss Ballantyne is a senior in Syracuse university.

The Ford car of Miss Gladys Gregory, a teacher in the, Beerston school, was struck by the Ford sedan of Wesley Peake of Rock Rift, Monday morning as she was turning off the road near the school house. Both cars were somewhat damaged but no one was hurt.—Beerston correspondent.

A match dropped on the floor and stepped on by a student was the probable cause of a small fire in one of the ventilating registers in the floor of the high school study hall one day this week. Edward Bailey noticed the fire almost as soon as it started and the incipient blaze was quickly put out.

Frank Conklin of Wakeman brook, near Rock Rift, was cutting some stove wood Saturday and left the axe with the blade driven into the chopping block while he stooped over to pick up some of the sticks. The wind blew the axe loose and in falling the blade struck Conklin's hand, making a bad cut.

Carl Hood has sold his market business on Delaware street to Wade Baxter, who has taken possession. The sale was made through the agency of Thomas Galley. Mr. Baxter has had many years' experience in the meat business and his customers are assured prompt and courteous treatment. Mr. Hood will assist in the market.

A. B. Brigham, employed at the Breakstone creamery, was painfully burned on the arm one day this week a bonfire had been started while a clean-up was being made. A bottle containing gasoline or some chemical exploded when

thrown into the flames and some of the burning liquid was thrown on Brigham. Dr. Gould attended him.

Beginning next Saturday, Mar. 22, and each Saturday thereafter Smalley's theatre at Walton will present five acts of vaudeville from the Keith circuit. Mr. Smalley is endeavoring to give Walton the best in amusements and the steadily increasing attendance at the pictures in Walton hall is an indication that his efforts are meeting with success. On Monday, Mar. 24, "The Cat and the Canary," a mystery drama, which had a long run in New York city will be presented at Walton hall in the evening by a cast which has been playing only the larger cities.

FEW CASES ARE READY FOR TRIAL IN COURT

Lawyers Set Matters Down for Second Week

MANY ARE NATURALIZED

Interested Audience of School Pupils and D.A.R. Members Watch Court Processes.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The March term of supreme court for Delaware county was called at 4 p. m. Monday, on the arrival of Justice Kellogg, who is presiding. More than the usual number of people were present at the opening of court, which in a measure can be accounted for from the fact that it was late in the day when court was called and lawyers, witnesses and candidates for naturalization with their witnesses had an opportunity to accumulate.

When court opened the room was crowded and such assemblage was largely augmented by the presence of a large number of students from Delaware academy who were present to get an object lesson in civics as they watched the process of naturalization. The following aliens were made citizens: Jacob Kuppens, Franklin, a subject of Germany; George A. Pantalkos, Delhi, a subject of Greece; Giovanni Pazzelli, Franklin, a subject of Italy; Samuel Fried, Fleischmanns, a subject of Russia; Thomas H. Main, Lake Delaware, a subject of England; James Rinsma, Walton, a Dutch subject; Ernest Lendner, Hancock, a subject of Germany; Lilly Lendner, Hancock, a subject of Germany; Ethel Rich Beach, Hobart, a subject of England; James Martin, Arkville, subject of Italy; Antonio Vetrone, Cadosia, a subject of Italy; Salvator Leo, Hobart, subject of Italy; William B. Weinstein, Fleischmanns, subject of Austria; Ysbrand Mostert, Delhi, a Dutch subject. Representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution were present and upon invitation of Justice Kellogg took their places in the front of the court room. The presiding judge in connection with pronouncing the applicants American citizens took occasion to give them an idea of their responsibilities and duties as citizens of the Republic and urged them to show by their acts their good faith and devotion as American citizens.

The grand jury being called, Henry M. Cowan of Hobart was appointed foreman and the members immediately repaired to their room. It is understood twelve or fifteen cases are to be considered by the grand jury, the most important cases being the arson cases from the town of Kortright.

Upon the call of the calendar twenty-six cases were marked for trial. It was expected that case No. 17, William C. Hawk vs. Lincoln Lyon, would be tried on Tuesday and that No. 45, James H. Manion vs. Hugh J. Campbell, Edward E. Conlon, as executors of Archie Campbell, deceased, and Elmer Aikens, would follow. The first case, No. 17, was an action for services rendered as a nurse, A. G. Patterson appearing for plain-

DELHI SCHOOL SUPPORTERS PRESENT STRONG ARGUMENT

A strong case for the continuance of the state school of Delhi was made before the ways and means committee of the assembly at a hearing in the state capitol in Albany Tuesday afternoon.

In addition to a large delegation from Delhi there were present among others, H. C. McKenzie, J. J. Farrell, and Farm Bureau Agent R. Q. Smith of Walton; William H. Maynard of Canastota, a member of the board of trustees of the school; Hon. David F. Wilber, Hon. L. P. Butts and H. W. Lee of Oneonta; Hon. Lincoln Long of New Kingston, and H. W. Harper of Harpersfield.

The speakers in opposition to the Austin bill which would abolish the Delhi school and establish a similar school at Brockport, were E. O. Harkness of Delhi, H. C. McKenzie of Walton, Assemblyman Guernsey T. Cross of Sullivan county, Hon. David F. Wilber of Oneonta and Hon. Lincoln R. Long of New Kingston, former assemblyman from Delaware county. The speakers pointed out the fact that the Delhi school is situated in the heart of the dairy country, that its operating efficiency is much higher than that of other of the state schools which it is planned to retain, and that the replacement value of the school is easily \$200,000, yet, if offered for sale it would bring not to exceed \$10,000. The \$15,000 mentioned in the bill for the Brockport project is only an entering wedge and this would probably be increased

tiff and A. E. Conner for defendant, but the case went by default and a judgment for \$465.90 was ordered. The next case, No. 45, was dismissed with costs. These two cases being disposed of in this manner without trial and no other cases being ready, the judge discharged the jury until Thursday morning when the case of James A. Crawford and Malcolm S. Crawford vs. John D. Boyes and Richard L. Every, a matter of contract, was called for trial. A. G. Patterson for the plaintiffs, and A. J. McNaught for the defendants.

A number of cases have been set down for trial in the next two weeks but of these some may be settled or pass the term.

WALTON BARRED FROM CHAMPIONSHIP TESTS

Delhi Refuses to Meet Local High School in Game of Basketball

The Delaware academy basketball team defeated the Oneonta high school five on the Norwich court Friday evening by a score of 34 to 25. Oneonta led the scoring until the last quarter, when Marvin, left forward for Delhi, alone made four field baskets. Delhi's victory will entitle her to meet Elmira, the champion of the Southern league, in a further elimination contest for the state meet in Syracuse.

Delhi's victory over Oneonta Friday recalls some interesting basketball history. Last year the Delaware county basketball league was formed and Walton was included among the teams forming the organization. Walton easily won the championship.

In October, 1923, representatives of the Delaware county basketball league met in Stamford and elected officers for the ensuing year and discussed schedules. Dr. H. F. Mace, director of physical training in the Walton school, was present but was obliged to leave for home before the meeting closed. After he left a motion was made that the meeting adjourn until the following Tuesday evening. The Walton school was not notified of this action in time for Dr. Mace to be present at the adjourned meeting.

At the adjourned meeting the members' present voted to withdraw from the Delaware county league and form a new league to be known as the Eastern Delaware

to \$500,000 before the school is in full operation as is now the Delhi school. It was also pointed out that the Brockport school was nearer to the state school at Alfred, which has a small enrollment, than the Delhi school is to Cobleskill.

Assemblyman Austin, who introduced the measure, announced the speakers supporting the bill, introducing first Commissioner of Education Frank Graves, who said that purely local desires should not predominate and that in the discontinuance of the Delhi School he had advised what seemed best for the interest of the state as a whole, being placed in the position requiring him to advise so he could see no alternative. He has no favorites and no desire to discriminate, he said, simply advising that if the number of such schools is to be limited to six, that there is no doubt that Delhi is the one in all fairness to be stopped. Principal Thompson, of the Brockport normal school and various residents of Monroe county, including representatives of the farm bureau and grange, were also heard in support of the measure.

The arguments advanced by the supporters of the Delhi school against its discontinuance as proposed in the Austin bill were forcible and convincing. It is believed that the bill will not be advanced out of the assembly committee and the same fate is probable for the measure in the senate committee.

county league, from which Walton was excluded.

This action made it impossible for Walton to enter any league during the season. The action of the former members of the Delaware county league was protested as being unfair and simply aimed to: exclude Walton as Walton was quite sure to win the championship. The matter was put before Daniel Chase, president of the state association, who gave assurance that Walton should have an opportunity to play the winner of the Eastern county league to see which team should enter the sectional contest.

This opportunity has since been refused by Superintendent Wassing of Norwich, who is in charge of this district. Mr. Chase declined to overrule Mr. Wassing's decision.

Delhi won the championship of the Eastern county league. A referendum of the schools who are league members was taken by Principal J. H. Green of Roxbury and with the exception of Delhi all voted that the winner should play Walton to see which team should compete in the sectional contest Delhi has refused to meet the Walton team.

If a league is able to eliminate one of its members by forming a new league the future for inter-scholastic sport is dark. It is already reported that next season Delhi may be eliminated from the Eastern Delaware county league.

The Walton high school, basketball five has won every game this season with the exception of one game lost to Hancock by one point. In view of this record and Delhi's refusal to play, the Walton five may well claim the county championship.

Local followers of high school sports recall that it was only a few years ago that the Delhi Express offered a trophy for the winner of the county baseball championship. Walton won but the banner has never been received.

WALTON FAIR STOCK FINDS READY SALE

Business Men and Farmers Expected to Subscribe \$15,000 Desired

Subscription papers are now being circulated for the sale of stock to finance the Walton fair. It is expected to make a careful canvass

within the next week or two and it is believed that 300 of the shares, which are of \$50 par value, will be sold.

Up to Thursday 142 shares had been sold. Those subscribing were J. J. Farrell, David More, A. J. Courtney, E. B. Guild, J. P. White, Fred Haverly, H. D. Henderson, Charles M. Evans, Robert B. St. John, Fred A. St. John, D. W. Coulter, H. J. Wilson, Robert Nichols, Dr. W. B. Morrow, C. E. Hulbert, O. J. Hoos, J. E. Wood, Kent Bros., E. L. Guild, F. W. Parker, N. A. VanSon, Edwin R. Howland, Louis F. Camp, Walton Auto Sales Co., Rosenfeld & Sons, Delaware Motor Co., H. S. Ogden, Myron DuBois, William Smalley, Dr. E. O. Bush, William Mastro, F. A. Gadwood, J. A. Robinson, Walter Leubner, H. M. Robinson, J. R. Bryce, Fred R. Lyon, Ralph Q. Smith, C. H. Pettis and W. J. More.

As soon as the stock is sold the shareholders will be called together to elect officers who will have the management of the fair next fall. The fair will be held the same time as usual, the first week in September.

FOUND DEAD ON HER PORCH

Aged Andes Woman Stricken With Heart Failure Friday.

(From Andes correspondent.)

Mrs. Maria Miller was found dead on her porch at her home on upper Main street on Friday by Harry Jackson, who called at the house on an errand. He secured the help, of Howard Coulter who was passing and carried her into the house. Dr. Gladstone was called and pronounced death due to heart trouble. Mrs. Miller was in her usual health and was doing her morning work when stricken. She was 79 years of age and loved by all who knew her. The funeral was held at the United Presbyterian church Sunday, of which she was a faithful member

CLEANED OUT HEN ROOST

Neighbor on Errand of Sympathy Visited by Thief.

(From East Branch correspondent.)

Mrs. Susie Twaddell and son, Arthur, who live about a mile east of East Branch near the state road, had one of Their chicken houses completely cleaned out Sunday evening. Mar. 2, 14 hens and a rooster having been, taken. Thursday morning Claude Green, who has a lunch room and gas station on the state road near Twaddell's, having heard of their loss, went down to sympathize with them, being gone an hour or so. During his absence someone relieved him of a wheel and tire, pliers and wrench, having taken them from his car which stood in the shed by the gas station. Having no extra wheel he was unable to run his car until he secured another. No clue has been found to the thieves in either case.

FOUND DEAD IN CHAIR

Young Mari Stricken After Poing, Chores Friday Night.

Fred Stone, brother of William Stone, who has been occupying the Post place at Youngs, bought several years ago, was found dead in a chair beside the table in the kitchen early Saturday morning.

Ansel Corgan, who lives across the creek, some distance from the Post place, had noticed no light at the Stone home Friday night, and told a nephew of Mr. Stone, Charles Stone, near the Post place. Entering through a window upstairs they found the body of Mr. Stone at the kitchen table, with one arctic on his foot, and the other by his side.

Evidently he had expired suddenly from heart failure after doing his chores at the barn Friday night, and coming in, had begun preparing for bed when overtaken by the spell that caused his death.