

LOOKING BACK

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100 YEARS AGO,
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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

CUBANS HERE SATURDAY

**Darling Gets Armory
Contract—Horse Steps
on Boy's Ankle—Stocking
the Trout Streams.**

Henry S. White, janitor of the high school building, fell off a specimen case he was cleaning Monday and is believed to have cracked a rib.

Mrs. E. L. Jenks of Stockton avenue tripped and fell near her home Saturday and dislocated her right shoulder. Dr. Smith was called.

Speed Officer Harold Miller has been after traffic violators the past week and has issued warnings to over 50. Upon second offenses arrests will be made.

Robert Jamieson of East Brook had his foot painfully crushed in the horse rake which he was operating last Friday at W. A. Hoyt's, Northfield. The foot was caught in the dumping apparatus.

The piece of road between the corner of Mead and Howell streets and the O. & W. tracks on Mead street is being repaired this week with crushed stone. This section of street has been the worst in the village.

Walton relatives and friends have received invitations to the marriage of Miss Isabelle Louise King and Walter Stirling Rich on Wednesday, August 30, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. King.

The team of horses belonging to Ed Beebe of Northfield ran away last Friday morning. Mr. Beebe had left his team by the road while he went into the store to do some trading. While he was gone the animals took fright at a sudden noise and ran. Frank Howard caught the horses. Some damage was done to the wagon and harnesses.

The bid of F. C. Darling of Walton was the lowest of the three submitted to the state armory commission for repairs to the Walton armory. The bids were as follows: F. C. Darling, Walton, \$9,976; Atlas Roofing company, Newburgh, \$10,600; M. Kantrowitz, Albany, \$10,765. The repairs include a new tin roof, painting and repainting the mason work.

The Cuban Stars, said to be one of the fastest colored ball teams in the country, has been booked to appear against the Walton nine at the fairgrounds Saturday afternoon. The Cuban Stars have defeated big league teams and one of the best games of the season is promised. To permit those from the rural districts to attend the game and return before chore time the game will be called at 2:30 sharp.

Thirty-eight cans of trout fingerlings from the state hatchery at Bath were received the first of the week by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game club and forty more cans are due today, Friday, and Saturday. These are the first of shipments which will total several hundred cans of trout fingerlings for distribution by the club in vicinity streams. The fingerlings are of larger size than usual, some being three inches or more in length.

J. D. Nutt of Nutt Brothers, blacksmiths, fell between two sawhorses while doing some

work in the shop Tuesday and struck the middle finger of his left hand in such a way as to fracture it. Mr. Nutt at one time had blood poisoning in the hand and some months ago fell and broke the same finger that he fractured Tuesday. The injury left the finger stiff and after the accident Tuesday Mr. Nutt had the member amputated below the first joint by Dr. Morrow.

With the prospects of a final settlement of the strike in the anthracite coal field being reached within a few days, most Walton residents face the coming winter with empty coal bins. Few had the foresight to lay in a winter's supply in the spring and in consequence a rationing of orders may be necessary in order to meet the needs of all. Both the state and federal governments are taking steps to check profiteering in coal prices due to the scarcity of coal.

David Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Chambers of West brook, had his ankle fractured last Thursday evening when dragged from his saddle horse by a cow. He was leading the cow to the slaughter house on the hill by a rope tied to his saddle horn. The saddle was not properly cinched and when the cow attempted to bolt the saddle was pulled over the horse's rump, carrying the rider with it. In the mixup the horse stepped on young Chambers and broke his ankle. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

Company F entrained on No. 5 early Sunday morning for two weeks' training at Peekskill with the Tenth Regiment. Train 5 was forty minutes late and did not leave Walton until shortly before two o'clock Sunday morning, but a large number of relatives and friends of the guardsmen were on hand to bid them farewell. The men will live in tents while at camp, but will take their meals in wooden barracks recently constructed. Captain Charles T. O'Neill is in command of the local unit. The two weeks' program includes daily drills and hikes and inter-company athletic contests will be staged.

SEEK TO SAVE SMITH'S LIFE

**Ask Commutation
of Sentence to Life
Imprisonment.**

Attorney David F. Lee of Norwich appeared before Governor Nathan L. Miller Thursday in a final effort to secure the commutation of the death sentence of Herbert W. Smith to imprisonment for life. Mr. Lee believes his client should receive the full benefit of the law. District Attorney Ward N. Truesdell represented the people at the hearing before the governor. Should Governor Miller fail to commute the sentence Smith will be electrocuted the week of Aug. 28.

A petition has been circulated around Hancock and forwarded to Governor Miller, asking that life sentence be given Smith.

SIX INJURED WHEN SPEEDERS COLLIDE

**Hamden and Walton Section
Men in Mix-Up Near
Hawley's Station**

Two Ontario & Western motor speeders used by the Hamden section gang and E. R. Kelley's force from Walton met in a head-on collision at 7:22 o'clock Saturday morning on the curve near the Terry farm between Colchester Station and Hawley's. Several men were injured.

The Walton speeder carrying Foreman Kelley and nine men of the extra gang, was on the way to Frasers to help mow the right of way there. The Hamden car was in charge of Foreman Lee Pratt, accompanied by John Lee,

Ed Miller and James Hume. The machines met on the curve about a quarter of a mile east of mile post 185, which was the destination of the Hamden gang. The Hamden car was proceeding at a higher rate of speed than the one from Walton and its occupants were more seriously injured. Mr. Pratt jumped and suffered an injury at the base of the spine. John Lee had his ankle sprained and Ed Miller was cut about the head. James Hume was not hurt.

Of the Walton crew, Ralph Sergio was cut about the head, Fred Dumond had his ankle sprained and Thomas Amendolaro was badly bruised about the head and body. A heavy jack being carried to Frasers for loading the road machinery, struck Amendolaro on the head. Mr. Kelley, Tony Thomas and Patsy Cicale jumped and were not injured. Samuel Belmont was driving the Walton speeder and he and two other men were left on the car, the other four who did not jump being thrown off. The Hamden speeder is almost a total wreck, the Walton car not being so badly damaged.

Dr. M. D. McNaught of Hamden was called and rendered first aid on the Utica Flyer which was stopped to carry the men to Walton, where Dr. Morrow, the railroad physician, took charge of the local men.

STAMFORD AS WINTER RESORT

**Resorts Have Heavy
Booking for Autumn Months.**

(From Stamford corr.) This September will be the best in the history of the town, hotelkeepers say, as bookings for the autumn months are exceptionally heavy. Altogether, the season has been a satisfactory one, though at the start the bad weather was a detracting factor. "The Queen of the Catskills" will be visited by several important conventions during September, and not a few of the hotels here are contemplating on keeping open house through the winter months. The development of Stamford as a winter resort would be very helpful for the surrounding community and much interest is being shown through this section.

TYPHOID AT LONG EDDY

**One Death Has Occurred
Among Number of Cases.**

(From Long Eddy corr.) There are a number of cases of typhoid in the hill section and one death has occurred. Claud, the sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Inman of Handsome hollow was buried Monday, having died Saturday. Wilma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hoolihan and Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Betram Medlar, of Goulds, are ill with the fever. Contaminated water from some source is the cause.

MARGARETVILLE'S THEATRE

**Gala Night Expected
on Opening of Playhouse
Next Friday.**

(From Margaretville corr.) The Galli-Curci theatre of Margaretville will open its doors to the public Friday evening, Aug. 25. This playhouse has been under construction for several months and has been given its name in honor of the great singer who is building a beautiful mountain home at Highmount, near here. Madame Galli-Curci will be present on the opening night as will also Estelle Leibling, a prima donna, who has made Margaretville her summer home many years. The theatre will seat around 600 people, and is fitted with modern theatre seats. The floor of the stage alone measures 30 by 50 feet and is made of the best hard maple. The build-

ing is one any town would well be proud of and it has cost the owner, Clarke A. Sanford, many a nickle to build such a beautiful playhouse for the public.

ANTS HAVE OLD HOME WEEK

**Swarms of Insects Gather
Annually at Stamford
Observatory.**

(From Stamford corr.)

Sunday seemed to be the annual old home day for the ants of this section. While large swarms were noticed in several places, the observatory on Mt. Utsay-antha seemed the gathering spot for the bulk of those in this section, and swarms of them were in evidence there all day. This is quite remarkable when it is considered that they gather there in force every year and fly about in such numbers that they are a great nuisance. After a day or so of celebrating, they depart as mysteriously as they came.

Hundreds of Autos Daily.

(North Kortright corr.)

Some traffic on the state road these days. Supt. J. S. Mawhinney reports the passing of 786 motor vehicles Friday and 695 Saturday.

Fell from Watauga Falls.

The daughter of Guy Chapman of Bloomville fell from the cliff at upper Watauga Falls, Delhi, Thursday afternoon, landing 40 feet below. Dr. Ormiston of Delhi, who was called, found no bones broken, but the girl was suffering from the shock and had a bad cut on her head.

Stamford Golfers Win.

(From Stamford corr.)

The Stamford golfers journeyed to Oneonta Friday and won a match with the laddies of Klipnockie town. Golf has been unusually popular here this season, large crowds being seen on the Country club course nearly every day.

FELL FROM ANDES BRIDGE

**Joseph Brown Has Ribs
Broken by Tumble.**

(From Downsville corr.)

While working on the Wake-man bridge at Andes one day this week Joseph Brown fell and broke two ribs. The injury will incapacitate him from work for a time.

Will Test Traffic Ordinance.

(From Stamford corr.)

State troopers were in town recently and Harold Cook was presented with a summons for traffic ordinance violations. It is expected a large crowd will be on hand next Tuesday at the town hall when this case comes to trial, as there has been some argument in the past about certain of the ordinances involved.

Hamden Community Picnic.

On Friday, Aug. 25, the Hamden grange will hold a community picnic at Ole's orchard, Hawleys Station. Everybody invited and requested to bring sandwiches and one other article to eat, also cup, spoon and fork. H. C. McKenzie will speak and other speakers are expected. Ball game in afternoon.

Show Prize Stock.

(South Worcester corr.)

G. M. and A. W. Hillis have commenced their exposition of show cattle, sheep, goats and hogs at the coming fairs. They expect to be gone until the 15th of October. They took along a number of carloads of stock.

PUT VALUATION OF \$155,000 UPON GILBOA POWER PLANT

(From Stamford corr.)

The Schoharie reservoir and Shandaken tunnel commission, composed of Senator Kelly of New York, Claude B. Mayham of Schoharie and Patrick J. Shea of Troy, have filed their report in the action brought by the Tri-County Light and Power Co., which is headed by John P. Grant of Stamford. The valuation of \$155,000 is placed upon the plant.

It will be recalled that New York city is now erecting a reserve reservoir dam at Gilboa at the site occupied by the plant of the Tri-County Co. until it was taken over by the city. The waters of the Schoharie had provided power for various enterprises at this point for well over a hundred years. Since the dam was started the light and power company has been receiving power from Highland Falls, N. Y.

The company alleged damages totaling approximately \$800,000 and the city claimed the value of the enterprise was \$32,000. The verdict as announced allows the Tri-County Light and Power company \$155,000 damages, with \$5,682 additional as witness fees and \$2,000 for counsel fees. William Grogan conducted the case for New York, while Judge Clearwater and Harry Fleming of Kingston appeared for the light and power company.

STEPPED IN WOODCHUCK HOLE

**Davenport Woman Fell
and Fractured Shoulder.**

Rachael McNett, aged about 77 years, and who resides about four miles east of Davenport, went up a hill near her home Wednesday morning in order to pick some berries, and while doing so, stepped into a woodchuck hole and fell, fracturing her right shoulder. She managed to get to the highway where she hailed some autoists who took her home and called Dr. Craig of Davenport.

LIGHT HALCOTTVILLE SOON

**Machinery Will Be
Installed in Old Grist Mill.**

(From Halcottville corr.)

Work has been started on reclaiming the old grist mill at Halcottville to house the electric light plant that will be installed very soon now. The old machinery that is in the mill has become rusty and worn out by neglect and is not of much use and is being torn out and salvaged. The building is being put in readiness to house the plant that is at present on its way to Halcottville. Mr. Kelly, the owner, stated Tuesday that it is quite probable that street lights will be put in on all the streets of the village.

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