

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

NO SUNDAY HUNTING

**Truck Hit Sedan—
Shopmen's Strike Delays
Trains—Small Tree Saved
This Auto—Other Notes.**

The open season for deer in Delaware county is Nov. 1 to 15.

Anna Jean, little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Boyd White, fell from her crib recently and fractured her collar bone.

Referee Blackford of the Industrial Commission was in Walton Wednesday to hear workmen's compensation claims. No cases of more than ordinary importance came up for consideration.

Some complaints have been made relative to Sunday hunting in various parts of the county. The penal code specifically provides that hunting on Sunday is a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

James Littlejohn, a native of Hamden, who died recently in Springfield, Illinois, left an estate estimated at over \$150,000. Four nephews and nieces are the heirs and the property will be divided equally between them. The heirs are Robert P. Littlejohn of Walton, Mrs. James Nicoll of Hawleys Station, James O'Neill and Mrs. Agnes MacAuley of Ozark, Missouri.

Hildred Hann, who has held the position of assistant roadmaster on the Ontario & Western railroad with headquarters in Walton, has been promoted to roadmaster and transferred to Ellenville. Mr. Hann will move to that village. The rooms in Miss Nora L. Seeley's house, Gardiner place, vacated by him, have been rented by Lewis Allen who will move from the W. S. Holley house, North street.

O. & W. roadmaster M. Finigan suffered a broken collar bone Wednesday morning, Oct. 18, when an automobile in which he, with John H. Smith, and his father-in-law, L. S. St. John, and Lewis Ingalls, all of Norwich, were riding, tipped over near Mt. Upton. Mr. Smith, who was driving, had turned out to pass another car. When he sought to get back into the road the car caught in a rut and overturned. The party was on the way to the wreck on the D. & H. at Sidney. Mr. Smith is a brother of George W. Smith, O. & W. agent in the Walton station.

One wheel of the Buick sedan owned and driven by Andrew T. Doig of Bovina Center was dished Wednesday afternoon when the car was run into by Burkett Brothers' Ford truck at the corner of East and Townsend streets near E. T. Shaw's store. Mr. Doig was driving north along Townsend street when the truck driven by William Burkett going east came out of East Street and struck the rear fender of the sedan. The collision dished the rear wheel of the Buick on the opposite side from where struck. The mudguard was also damaged and the body marred. The axle of the truck was bent.

Announcement was made last Thursday by the Rochester Theological seminary that Rev. Dr. John Frederick Vichert, dean of the theological school of Colgate university, had been elected professor of practical theology and public speaking and would enter upon his duties there next fall. Dr. Vichert is executive secretary of the Baptist Education society of the state of New York and also

is president of the Baptist Missionary convention of the state of New York. He is well known in Walton where he supplied the Congregational church a number of times after the resignation of Rev. C. S. Wyckoff.

The effects of the shopmen's strike on the Ontario & Western railroad are being felt and practically all passenger trains have been running late recently. When the strike started the equipment of the O. & W. was in good shape but while other roads have made settlements with their men the O. & W. officials have refused to negotiate with its former employees except as individuals instead of through the union. The Utica Flyer has been late nearly every night for the past two weeks and the same condition is true of other trains. Freight movement is also being interfered with by the poor condition of the locomotives.

William Kent drove his Studebaker car to the home of James W. Thompson, Park Street, Thursday morning to take a visitor at the Thompson home, Mrs. Babbett of the state of Washington, to the O. & W. station. Mr. Kent drove the machine into the driveway near the house and went inside after a suitcase. The emergency brake of the car was on but did not hold and the vibration of the engine caused the machine to start backwards. The car crossed the road, struck an old telephone pole left lying in the ditch, pushed this out of the way and was just disappearing over the edge of the steep bank down to East brook as Mr. Kent came out of the door. The driver had visions of a wrecked machine and rushing to the bank was pleasantly surprised on looking down to find that in the car's descent a small tree had caught a front mudguard and held the machine from a plunge to the bottom of the embankment. Later in the morning the Studebaker was pulled back the distance of twenty feet or more to the road when it was found that the damage to the car was not extensive.

TRUCK DRIVER KILLED

**Train Hits Motor Vehicle
on Grade Crossing**

SANLY'S DEATH INSTANT

**Franklin Man Had Been
Employed on Highway
Construction Work in
Massachusetts.**

(From Franklin cor.)

George J. Sanly, Sr., of Franklin was killed last Thursday morning when a truck he was driving was struck by a train at a grade crossing at Great Barrington, Mass.

Mr. Sanly had been for two or three summers employed as a truck driver for the Lane Construction company, which built the Franklin highway two years ago. He was on a job for this company when the accident occurred.

Mr. Sanly had a heavy truck load of stone and was on the track with the two front wheels before the engineer saw him. As it was a fast passenger train the engineer was unable to stop the train before hitting the truck.

Mr. Sanly was thrown about 100 feet, both arms, one leg and his neck being broken, as well as his skull being crushed in. The engineer was struck by a flying stone which crashed through the cab window and one arm was broken.

George Sanly was born at Oneonta sixty years ago and was a boilermaker by trade. On February 1, 1887, he married Miss Mary Chamberlin of Franklin. For a time their home was at Scranton, Pa., where he worked at his trade. Then he moved to the farm which was his home at the time of his sad death. He was a member of Franklin Masonic lodge, Unadilla chapter, Norwich Commandery, Kalu-

rah Shrine of Binghamton and the Macabees of Franklin. A delegation of Shriners from Binghamton attended the funeral which was held from his late home on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Harlow Parsons. Burial was made in Oule-out Valley cemetery. Mr. Sanly was a member of the Congregational church. He is survived by his wife and four children, Dwight, Fred, George, Jr., and Grace, the wife of Olin Johnson, who tenderly cares for the mother, who is in very poor health.

SHOW TROUPE LOSE IN OPERA HOUSE FIRE

**Flames From Stove Burn Up
Clothing and Costumes in
Deposit Building**

A fire broke out in one of the dressrooms in the rear of the Deposit opera house Monday evening, about 6 o'clock, causing a loss of \$500 to the Fremen & Fremen vaudeville troupe, who were in the building at the time.

When one of the men opened the door of a dressing room in which there was a stove he says there was an explosion in the stove and flames immediately flashed up from the floor. He attempted to get some trunks containing valuable property of the company out of the room while other members of the troupe ran out and gave the alarm. The Central fire company quickly responded and put out the flames with their chemical equipment.

The damage to the theatre building is estimated at about \$75, which is covered by insurance. There was \$30 damage to some opera chairs, which were not insured. The show troupe lost about \$500 worth of clothing and costumes. One woman member of the company had a \$250 fur coat destroyed, besides losing about \$150 worth of other clothing. The personal effects of another lady in the troupe were entirely ruined by fire and chemicals. Fremen lost two suits of clothes and had one side of his face badly scorched while endeavoring to save their property. He dragged one trunk, containing musical instruments and weighing over 200 pounds, from the dressing room to the stage unassisted.

AGENT STEVENS SHOT IN BINGHAMTON CAFE

**Prohibition Officer Wounded
in Abdomen by Bullet**

FOUR ARRESTS ARE MADE

**Patrons of Restaurant
Claim Bullet Came From
Revolver in Hands of One
of Two Officers.**

Frederick J. Stevens, a resident of Delhi, until he recently moved to Binghamton on account of his duties as a federal prohibition enforcement officer, was shot in the back in a Chenango street cafe and restaurant in that city at 9 o'clock last Thursday evening. Stevens was able to leave the Binghamton City hospital Monday although still weak from his injury.

There are certain mysterious features about the shooting affair which have not yet been cleared up although four arrests have been made by the authorities. The persons taken into custody are Rose Santicci, Thomas Coffee, Frank Schrader and Angelo Quattrini.

Mr. Stevens holds a position as squad leader from the federal bureau at Syracuse and resides at 522 Chenango street.

Officer Stevens in a statement at his home on the night of the shooting, explained that he entered the establishment in company with Officer Earl Smith, shortly after 8:15 o'clock Thursday night, with a view of obtaining evidence there of violation of the Volstead act.

"There were three or four men in the barroom and a few others in a room adjoining the barroom seated at tables," Stevens said. "Officer Smith and I walked into another small room, at the other end of the room and were seated but a few minutes when we were served one glass and then another glass of eight per cent beer.

"A short while later a woman patron of the place entered the room and when she caught sight of me, she yelled, 'I know you; you're a stool pigeon.' I tried to remonstrate with her, and when she continued to be abusive I informed her that she was under arrest. She defied me to try and take her out of the place and walked over in back of the bar. I followed her over and was standing at the bar directly in front of her, when one of the men came from the rear and grabbed Officer Smith around the waist and threatened to throw him out. It was then I struck him and knocked him down.

"I turned around and seeing that no one was around me, I started with Mr. Smith towards the front door. A shot was fired at this point, but I didn't know it struck me until I got outside. I think they must have mistaken me for an imposter from what I learned since I came home."

The bullet, believed to have been fired from a .22 calibre revolver, entered through the officer's overcoat, then through the hip pocket of his trousers and under the right thigh, then going upwards through the muscles and lodging in the abdomen. The position of the wound led to the belief that the person firing the bullet was reclining on the floor when the shot was fired. The investigation conducted by the authorities has seemingly failed to establish the identity of the person who fired the shot. Those present in the resort at the time claimed that the bullet was fired by one of the two federal agents and they have consistently stuck to this theory.

On Friday Miss Santucci was arrested on a charge of resisting and forcibly assaulting a federal officer with a deadly weapon during the performance of his duties. She was held in jail in default of \$8,000 bail. Later Thomas Coffey, said to have served Stevens and Smith with two glasses of beer, and Angelo Quattini, ordered held as a material witness, and Frank Schrader was also taken into custody on a charge of resisting an officer.

Miss Santucci and the other defendants will be arraigned this, Friday, morning before United States Commissioner Robert S. Wickham in Binghamton, at which time more may be revealed in regard to certain phases of the shooting about which there seems to hang an air of mystery.

HUNTER SHOT OFF HIS FINGER

**Delhi Man's Gun Discharged
While Being Cleaned.**

(From Delhi cor.)

Harold Thompson, a clerk in the Delaware National bank of Delhi, while hunting on Scotch Mountain Saturday in company with his younger brother, Carlton, had the misfortune to shoot himself through the left fore finger. In climbing over a log the muzzle of his gun had been placed in the ground and some dirt had entered it. In cleaning it out it discharged, hitting the finger. Amputation of the member at the first joint was necessary.

SMOTHERED IN DUST PILE

**Italian Worker at Gilboa
Buried by Cave-In.**

An Italian laborer, name unknown, who was working on the dust pile below the stone crusher above Gilboa village Tuesday night, was caught by a sudden cave-in of the dust and before the workers could dig him out he

had smothered. An examination of the remains disclosed that the man had saved a sum of money which he carried on his person, amounting to about \$500.

MILLION DOLLAR PHONE LINE

**Will connect New York with
Orange and Sullivan Counties.**

Forces of the New York Telephone company are now engaged in a million dollar construction job projecting a new line of telephone toll cable through the Ramapo Hills and into the Catskills to provide additional telephone facilities between the metropolitan district and points in Orange and Sullivan counties.

The new line will improve the handling of south and eastbound telephone toll traffic in and out of such points as Goshen, Middletown, Port Jervis, Monticello, Liberty, Ellenville and adjacent localities. It will be used jointly by the New York Telephone company and the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

The work of erecting the poles to carry the cable is now well under way and it is expected that the first lengths of cable will be strung about Jan. 1.

MRS. GIBERSON TAKES APPEAL

**Higher Court Will Review Her
Conviction on Murder Charge.**

Counsel for Mrs. Ivy Giberson have filed in supreme court in Trenton, N. J., a writ of error, acting as a stay of execution of the life imprisonment sentence imposed on her at Toms River after she had been convicted of the murder of her husband, William Giberson.

The assignments of error detailing just which points upon which the case is appealed to the supreme court will be filed later. Arguments will be held at the November term of the supreme court.

Mrs. Giberson is a former Sidney girl, where she will be remembered as Ivy Richmond.

GOT IN WRONG COUNTY

**Pheasant Hunters'
Mistake Costs Them \$23.**

Corporal Hofer and Trooper McCormick on Thursday, Oct. 19, found a party of four hunters who were shooting pheasants near Sidney. They supposed they were hunting in Otsego county, and as a result of their skill, they had bagged two cock pheasants. But their judgment as to geographical location was poor; they had stepped across the line into Delaware county where the hunting was better, and where their success in shooting birds had been attained. The troopers took the party before Justice Barker of Sidney and after an explanation of their offense the justice gave the party a total fine of \$23. They promised to study their maps a little more carefully in the future.

ACCIDENT ON ANDES DETOUR

**Elliott's Leg Broken When
Bank Gives Way Under Car.**

(From Andes cor.)

George Elliott and Edgar Tuttle of Andes were in a very unfortunate auto accident Monday afternoon. They were attempting to drive through a detour on Palmer hill, where the road is under construction, when the brakes refused to hold. The ground was very soft and gave way, letting the car go down the bank into the road. The car turned over twice and Elliott was caught under it the first time. His right leg was badly broken. Tuttle had his shoulder dislocated and two ribs fractured.

Elliott Liddle, who was standing on the running board, escaped without injuries.