

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub

CO. F READY FOR CAMP

More Hydrants to be
Installed—Annual School
Meeting Tuesday—Fifty
Fresh Air Kids Coming.

A divorce has been granted Florence M. Pomeroy from John N. Pomeroy. Alexander Neish of Walton was attorney for the plaintiff.

Miss Beatrice Carson, employed in the novelty works, had her right hand caught between a stick and a planer last Thursday and two fingers were painfully crushed.

Miss Margaret Barry of Mechanicsville, N. Y., has been engaged to teach the sixth grade in the Walton school in place of Mrs. John Lambert, who has moved to Oneonta.

The Isaac DeMott house and blacksmith shop property on West street was sold at foreclosure Saturday, July 28, to James M. Knapp, who held a third mortgage on the place.

Seymour Alverson had his left knee badly cut Friday when a load of hay upon which he was riding tipped over. He was working for H. C. Conner at the time. Dr. C. S. Gould is the attending physician.

The Civic club committee in charge of the matter has arranged to provide places for some fifty fresh air children who will arrive on Aug. 17 for a two weeks' outing. A number of homes have been opened to care for one or more of the children and contributions of money for the cause may be made to Mrs. E. B. Guild, chairman of the committee.

An automobile party of two men and two women arrived in Walton late Wednesday afternoon and represented themselves as solicitors for a fresh air children's home near Albany. One of the women had canvassed most of Delaware street before the party was interviewed by President Courtney and told to present credentials or move on in fifteen minutes. They moved.

The annual meeting of union school district, No. 1, Walton, will be held in the academic hall of the high school building next Tuesday evening, Aug. 7, at 8 o'clock. At the annual meeting the budget for the ensuing year will be acted upon and nominations made for the annual election which will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from noon until 4 p.m., in the eighth grade room. Trustees are to be elected in place of Mrs. H. F. Marvin, E. B. Guild and Dr. C. S. Gould.

B. S. Thompson, patrolman on the Middletown police force, and well-known in Walton, had a narrow escape from drowning one day recently in Black Lake, Sullivan county. Mr. Thompson lost his balance and fell from a boat into the water which at that point is thirty feet in depth. Patrolman Thompson is unable to swim and but for the quick action of one of his companions in securing a hold when Thompson's head appeared above the water and bringing him to the boat with the aid of the other campers the officer would have lost his life. Mr. Thompson was unconscious when rescued.

The Tenth Regiment, New York National Guard, of which Company F of Walton is a unit, will have its period of field duty at Peekskill during the two weeks from Aug. 26 to Sept. 9. The Walton company will leave here on Sunday morning, Aug. 26, in time to make connection with the special train from Binghamton bearing Companies E and H and the battalion headquarters company. In Oneonta Company G of that city will entrain. Major C. T. O'Neill of Walton will be in charge of the special train which will arrive in Peekskill about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. On the return trip after a two weeks' outing in camp the regiment will hold a parade in Albany.

The Walton Water Company is making arrangements to install several new hydrants, and have ordered part of them with steamer connection openings. These will be placed at points where there is no provision for using the new steamer pump, which the village is to furnish the fire department and hydrants will be installed by the water company at such other points as the village desires. This action was taken by the water company immediately upon being advised that the court had rendered a decision holding that the village would be required to pay hydrant rental. Should this decision stand the village will be required to pay the water charge of \$30 per year for each of the additional hydrants.

About one o'clock Tuesday morning Mrs. Ira Neer, who has rooms over B. Simon's Boston store in the Lyon block, corner of Delaware and North streets, was awakened by the noise of someone at the rear door of the store. A few minutes later she heard a noise as if an effort was being made to force the door open. Going out upon the upstairs porch she looked down and as she did so someone standing across East brook, which runs just back of the store, gave a whistle and Mrs. Neer heard a man run out from below her. She reported the occurrence to Mr. Simon when the store was opened in the morning but investigation showed that whoever had attempted to enter had failed to do so as the door was well bolted.

FATE OF THE WALTON FAIR STILL REMAINS UNDECIDED

The fate of the Walton fair is still in the balance. Some weeks ago at a meeting called to consider the matter a committee was appointed to see whether forty citizens, twenty business men and twenty farmers, could not be secured to underwrite the fair and assume the management this year. In the fall it was proposed to go ahead with the sale of stock in the amount of \$15,000 which would be enough to pay up the indebtedness and leave a balance in the treasury.

Twenty-eight of the forty guarantors needed have been secured but unless the remaining twelve are secured within a week it is probable that no fair will be held this year, as after that time it will be too late to secure attractions and issue the premium books.

If no fair should be held this year then two years must elapse before the fair association would be entitled to share in the apportionment of the state aid money under the regulations upon which this money is divided. Failure to hold the fair this season practically means that the fairgrounds will pass into private hands as foreclosure proceedings will doubtless be started.

The fairgrounds provide a public amusement place which can never be duplicated if the property is allowed to pass into private ownership. One proposal advanced has been that the village buy the land for a public park.

STONE TREE BUTTS FOUND AT GILBOA

Trees Unearthed by Workers
on Dam Believed to be
Millions of Years Old

Forty of the petrified tree butts, estimated to be millions of years old, which the city of New York has been digging out of its new storage reservoir in Gilboa in Schoharie country, are now being arranged in the state museum and more are being added from time to time as the blasters encounter them in the rock of Gilboa. One of these petrified trees is on exhibition in the Grand Central Palace, New York.

In commenting on these butts, Professor John M. Clarke, director of the state museum in Albany, says:

"This Schoharie forest, earliest of all recorded forests of the earth, is of very great interest from a scientific point of view.

"The rivers of the Devonian time which took their westward way down the wooded slopes of the old land where the southern New England states and their buried Atlantic neighbors now lie, emptied themselves of a vast burden of sand which is now piled up in great thickness in the Catskill region in New York the hills and valleys of which now bound what was the seaward edge of that ancient land.

"We are puzzled not a little to comprehend just the nature of these shore-growing woods. If the diameter of the trunks is carried upward in tapering slope these trees must have reached the height of 200-300 feet, but it is possible that the trunks broke up not so far above their base into a shrubby or bushy cap. Their real nature is still a problem for the student of fossil plants."

ARCHIBALD GARAGE BOUGHT BY COULTER

Purchase Will Furnish Room
for Expansion of Growing
Studebaker Business

The largest real estate transfer in Walton this season was the sale Friday of the Archibald garage, Delaware street, by Russell Archibald of Delhi to D. W. Coulter of the Studebaker agency. The sale, which was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson, includes the large concrete garage building and the frame building adjoining now occupied by Coulter's Studebaker service station.

The lot has a frontage on Delaware street of about 100 feet and a depth of 200 feet. A few days previous to the sale of the garage building Mr. Archibald sold to Joseph Solo a small lot with 20 1-2 feet frontage and 70 feet depth upon which is the concrete block building, the first floor of which is occupied by Solo's tailor shop and the second floor by F. C. Biedekapp's barber shop. The two sales mark the retirement of Mr. Archibald from business in Walton and he will hereafter devote his entire time to his Delhi garage. Mr. Archibald planned to make his home in Walton but could not find a suitable house to purchase and this influenced his sale of the garage. He will continue the distribution of the Star and Durant cars from the Delhi garage.

Mr. Coulter has been a resident of Walton less than a year but in that time has demon-

strated that he is a first-class automobile salesman and business man. Possession of the Archibald garage will be given Sept. 1st. The two buildings on the property will give unusual storage facilities and motorists will find their wants promptly accommodated and courteous service given. Mr. Coulter has been distributor of the Studebaker for four years and since opening the agency in Walton has oversold his allotment of cars, securing cars from other dealers on various occasions to take care of his customers. He states that many motorists are inclined to buy enclosed cars and it has been difficult to get deliveries on these models to meet the demands of the public.

\$12,000,000 DEPOSITS IN DELAWARE BANKS

Reports Show Nearly Two
Million Increase in Year
While Loans Also Jump

Deposits in the seventeen national banks in Delaware county reached a new high figure of \$11,976,971 June 30, according to a compilation of the reports of the institutions to the comptroller of the currency on that date.

This figure of nearly twelve millions compares with deposits of \$11,333,197 on April 3, and of \$10,240,437 on June 30, 1922, an increase of \$1,700,000 in a year's time.

Loans have also expanded, reaching \$8,622,513 on June 30, 1923, compared with \$8,286,711 on April 3rd and \$8,029,822 on June 30, 1922.

Bills payable and rediscounts representing money borrowed to meet calls for loans totaled \$360,848 on June 30, compared with \$1,076,967 a year ago. Those with rediscounts or bills payable on June 30 were as follows: Franklin, \$74,000; Hamden, \$26,628, First National Bank of Fleischmanns, \$51,811; Stamford, \$208,408.

The following table shows the amount of deposits and loans of each bank on June 30, 1922:

	Deposits	Loans
Andes	\$ 205,253	\$ 133,726
Downsville	384,994	265,686
Delhi	1,434,481	1,031,444
Deposit	771,717	680,719
Franklin	439,536	229,354
Hamden	252,277	218,762
Hancock	856,688	448,609
Margaretville	797,339	286,534
Fleischmanns:		
Citizen's	276,777	341,467
First National	340,825	383,636
Roxbury	519,822	286,363
Grand Gorge	616,858	207,886
Stamford	1,224,082	1,041,016
Walton	1,758,386	1,377,813
Sidney:		
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Nat'l	1,214,080	873,224
People's	489,954	297,579
Total	\$11,976,971	\$8,622,513

FRANKLIN MAN COMPETENT

Jury Finds James Brundage
Able to Handle Affairs.

James Brundage of Franklin, who was charged by his daughter, Mrs. Hattie M. Stewart, with being incompetent in financial and personal affairs, was declared competent by a jury, when the case was brought before Hon. L. M. Cowles Thursday in the office of Judge Raymond at Franklin.

Mr. Raymond represented the plaintiff and Attorneys O. C. Becker of Oneonta and A. L. O'Connor of Hobart represented the defendant. Mrs. Stewart had filed a petition that a committee be appointed to look after the personal property of her father. The Delaware county court appointed Mr. Cowles as commissioner. The action involved an entire day's proceedings ending with the decision of the jury that the defendant was competent.

STOLE AUTO SWITCH KEYS

City Boarder Must Pay High
for His Bit of Fun.

Some seven or eight automobilists who left their cars in Bryce's garage Wednesday night found the switch keys missing when they went after their machines the next morning. An investigation showed that during the previous night Arthur Eaton of West brook had brought his car into the garage for repairs and that a young man from the city, who is boarding at the Eaton home, had strolled about the garage. With this information Officer Stidd visited the Eaton home and Mr. Eaton went to the bedroom of the young man, who was not yet up, and secured the keys. After the officer's return to the village it was learned that a fire extinguisher was missing from the car of E. E. Quackenbush, Standard Oil agent, and an extinguisher and raincoat from the machine of Louis Allen, another salesman. This time the officer went back armed with a warrant and brought the culprit before Justice Peake. The case apparently was one of too much hooch, but in view of the trouble occasioned Justice Peake deemed a fine of twenty-five dollars none too much. The alternative in case of non-payment is 25 days in jail.

High Prices for Cauliflower.

(From Halcottville correspondent.)

The first small shipments of cauliflower have been shipped from this station this week. The price for this early variety is very high but unfortunately there is but a little of the early stock. In a little while there will be hundreds of crates shipped from this village.

RESCUE FATHER FROM BULL

Sons Save Chiloway Man
From Animal's Attack.

But for the timely arrival on the scene of his two sons, Francis and Irvin, F. W. Burnham of Chiloway, town of Hancock, would have been severely injured or perhaps killed by an angry bull on his farm last Wednesday. The bull had knocked Mr. Burnham to the ground and was making another attack on him when the boys drove him off.

Mr. Burnham suffered an injury to his wrist, and had bruises of the back, where the animal's horns struck him. — Roscoe Review.

EAST BRANCH'S NEW FIRE ENGINE.

(From East Branch correspondent.)

The new International fire truck was demonstrated here last Wednesday and Thursday very much to the satisfaction of everyone. The fire commissioners have ten days before accepting the apparatus but intend to make the purchase. We think they are to be commended on their choice of such a fine outfit. The cost is \$4,500 of which \$3,500 is to be raised by taxation. The commissioners have done splendid work in raising so much toward the extra \$1,000 which has been raised by subscription, dances, suppers and similar means.

WHITE LAKE HAS \$20,000 FIRE

Maple Grove House and
Cottage Destroyed by Flames.

The Maple Grove Farm House, one of the largest boarding houses at White Lake, Sullivan county, was destroyed by fire one day recently. The loss will exceed \$20,000 with about \$10,000 insurance. A six room cottage adjoining was also burned. Several years ago the place was the summer home of the late Justice Luke D. Stapleton of Brooklyn.