

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

DELAY 'PHONE HEARING

**Kayser Club Quits - Four
Boys in Trouble - Auto Burns
Up - Oiling Streets.**

Marshall Knickerbocker has sold his house on Harby street to William Hawley. The sale was made through Thomas Galley.

The work of oiling the dirt streets is now in progress and will be completed this week. Sixteen thousand gallons of road oil are required. The macadam streets will be treated to tarvia in June.

While W. D. Hawkins and family were returning from Liberty Sunday their Crow-Elcar caught fire about a mile south of Apex and was destroyed by the flames. The machine was insured for \$800 with H. M. Robinson.

W. T. Neal has purchased of Lewis C. Wheat the Moore house on upper East street adjoining the O. & W. railroad tracks. Platt Hanford has bought the William Hawley house on St. John street. Both sales were made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Maclaury & MacGregor, the Sidney druggists, have bought from John Wood and daughter, Miss Florence Wood, of that village, the brick block on Main street in which their store has been located. Howard G. Maclaury, senior member of the firm, is a former Walton boy.

Another examination for chauffeur's licenses will be held in Walton Friday, June 22. Application forms may be secured from President A. J. Courtney or from S. T. H. Knight, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. At the examination held last Friday nearly one hundred applicants tried the tests.

The body of William A. Abbott, a former referee in state workmen's compensation cases, was found last Wednesday weighted down by his neck in the Hudson river at Cold Spring, a short distance south of Newburgh. For several years previous to his retirement as referee Mr. Abbott conducted the hearings in workmen's compensation cases held at frequent intervals in Walton.

The law suit brought by Miss Katherine Gladstone of Wilson hollow against the Ontario & Western railroad has been settled. Miss Gladstone had her ankle sprained last winter when she stepped upon switch frog in dismounting from the Delhi train near the Hamden station. A. E. Conner was attorney for Miss Gladstone and S. H. Fancher represented the railroad company in the negotiations.

The hearing in the matter of the complaint of the Chamber of Commerce and the village board against the Walton People's Telephone company as to increased rates, which was scheduled to be held in Binghamton Monday, has been again postponed. The postponement this time was due to the expiration of the term of Commissioner C. G. Blakeslee of Binghamton, before whom the hearing was to be held. The

order suspending the proposed increase of rates continues in effect and the company is permitted to install four party lines in place of two-party lines only with the consent of the patrons.

Four Walton young men, high school students, were arrested last Thursday by state troopers on a charge of breaking into a private garage this side of Sidney Center and stealing a tire. The theft occurred the evening previous. It is stated the boys had been to a dance in Sidney. The following morning the car tracks followed in the mud by the owner of the stolen tire as far as the West brook road and an investigation led to the arrests. It was brought out that the boys had over indulged and one of them was discharged as it was shown that he was asleep in the car when the robbery was committed. The other three were held for the grand jury by Justice Howes of Sidney Center, before whom they were arraigned.

The Kayser club has given up its lease on the rooms in the building on Delaware street recently purchased by Ernest Vail from F. C. Darling. The club has been in operation about three and a half years and has been instrumental in furnishing employees of the Kayser mill with a center for social activities. For two years the club was managed by Ellis Gurney who brought the organization out of debt and on his retirement in April there was a substantial balance in the treasury. Membership in the club was thrown open to the public about a year ago. Factors over which the officers of the club had no control made it seem advisable for the organization to disband and this action was taken recently to become effective June first. The furniture and other club property has been sold to Mr. Vail and the proceeds will be distributed pro rata among the members, who number about fifty. Mr. Vail has arranged with Mr. Gurney to assume the management of the hall and club rooms. The Kiwanis club hold their regular weekly meetings in the hall and this arrangement will continue. Others desiring to rent the rooms for social purposes may do so by making the necessary arrangements with Mr. Gurney. The rooms will hereafter be known as the Walton club rooms.

ESCAPED FROM STATE HOSPITAL

**Inmate Missing from
Institution Found at Apex.**

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Monday evening Chief of Police Austin McGranaghan of Hancock took into his charge a man who was acting strangely and wearing a uniform usually worn by state hospital inmates. The numeral 26 on the fellow's clothing was the only identification that could be found on his person. After placing him in the village lock-up Chief McGranaghan at once got in touch with the Middletown state hospital, describing the person in charge and was told that a man bearing that numeral, 26, had been missing from the hospital for three days. The hospital at once sent an attendant to Hancock and took the man back. Mr. McGranaghan got the man in the Pierson sawmill at Apex. The officer saw the man there and he used much precaution in getting him away, asking him if he did not wish a position as foreman of a large lumber job. The man said yes. He was told that they would have to go to Hancock in order to make full arrangements and the

man got in the car willingly. As soon as they arrived in town McGranaghan placed his man in the lockup and notified Middletown.

COMMISSION REOPENS JAY TOWNSEND CLAIM

**Holds Evidence Presented at
Hearing Should Not Have
Been Excluded**

The State Industrial Commission has issued an order reopening the claim of the estate of the late James J. Townsend of Walton against the Julius Kayser company, employer, and the American Mutual Insurance company, the insurance carrier, which was denied by Referee Blackford at a hearing in Walton some weeks ago.

The reopening was granted on the ground that evidence tending to excuse the failure to give notice of injury to the employer and evidence showing that the employer was not prejudiced by such failure to give notice was wrongfully excluded from the record by Referee Blackford.

Mr. Townsend died May 31, 1922. The claim was based on the allegation that his death was caused by Mr. Townsend straining his heart while lifting machinery, causing dilatation of the heart. Should the claim be sustained the widow would receive about \$36 per month until her death or remarriage. A. E. Conner of Walton represents Mrs. Townsend in the case.

HONOR SOLDIER DEAD ON MEMORIAL DAY

**Union Service Sunday
Evening and Exercises
Wednesday at Cemetery**

Plans for the observance of Memorial day in Walton next Wednesday, May 30, call for the usual memorial exercises on Memorial day and the preceding Sunday.

On Sunday evening a union memorial service will be held in Walton hall at 7:30 o'clock under the auspices of the ministerial association. The various patriotic organizations of the village are expected to attend this service in a body.

On the morning of Memorial day appropriate exercises will be held at the soldiers' monument in the Walton cemetery. There will be an assembly of the organizations participating in the parade at Walton hall at 9:30. The Walton band followed by the various organizations participating will march to the Walton high school where the principal, teachers and pupils of the school will take their position at the rear of the procession. The organizations in line will include the following: Walton band, Company F, 10th Infantry, N. Y. N. G., Spanish War veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Daughters of the American Revolution, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Auxiliary Frank Mead Eells Post, V. F. W., American Red Cross, school children, G. A. R. and village officials in automobiles.

At the cemetery the services will be opened with prayer by Rev. Frank Taft. The school children will then deposit flowers at the foot of the soldiers' monument and salute the flag. The Gettysburg address given by Miss Doris Holmes will be followed by the regular G. A. R. memorial service. The address of the day will be given by Rev. Stanley U. North, pastor of the First Congregational church, then will come the salute to the dead by a firing squad and the sounding of taps.

At noon dinner will be served in the armory to all veterans.

RAISE TAX EXEMPTION

**Income of Married Men
Exempt Up to \$2,500.**

One of the most important of the new laws signed by Governor Smith this week is the bill increasing the state income tax exemption for married men or heads of families from \$2,000 to \$2,500, except where the net income is \$5,000 or more. In that case the exemption is only \$2,000. Exemptions for dependents also are increased from \$200 to \$400. This makes the state tax exemptions the same as the federal.

Still another new law provides that lights must be carried at night on all vehicles and strikes out the provision formerly exempting sleighs and hand propelled vehicles.

HONOR STATE'S FIRST LADY

**Democratic Women Hold
Luncheon for Mrs. Smith in
Delhi.**

A distinguished party of Democratic women visited Delaware county on Wednesday. The party consisted of Mrs. Alfred E. Smith, wife of the governor, Mrs. Daniel O'Day, associate chairman of the Democratic State committee, and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the former assistant secretary of the navy, and first vice chairman of the Democratic Women's committee. They are on a tour of the Empire state acquainting the people with the work and ideals of the Democratic party and urging the women to organize for the furtherance of the principles of that party.

Some eighty or more Democratic women and a handful of male guests enjoyed a luncheon given in honor of Mrs. Smith and her companions at Rest Haven Inn, Delhi, Wednesday noon. Visitors were present from all parts of the county. Following the luncheon Mrs. Nora G. Heckroth of Delhi, vice chairman of the Democratic county committee, acted as toastmaster. The address of welcome was given by Fred W. Youmans of Delhi. Following this Mrs. Helene Mason Arundel of Delhi presented Mrs. Smith with a bouquet of roses, accompanying the gift with a few appropriate words. Short talks followed by George A. Speenburgh of Fleischmanns and J. J. Farrell of Walton, and the gathering closed with speeches by Mrs. O'Day and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mrs. O'Day's address was on the subject of organization and Mrs. Roosevelt spoke upon some of the experiences of ladies interested in welfare work in attempting to secure the passage at Albany of certain laws that are very much in demand by the people but which failed of enactment through the practice of partisan politics in the Republican assembly. Both ladies are very interesting and pleasing speakers, who by their ideals and their earnest manner of presenting their topic, bear testimony of the wholesome influence of women in politics.

From Delhi the party motored to Monticello where they were guests at the Jeffersonian dinner held in that place Wednesday evening.

BADLY HURT IN RUNAWAY

**Aged Deposit Man Suffers
Serious Injuries.**

George Spencer, an aged man residing on the old Peters farm, in Deposit, was seriously injured

in a runaway accident on the steep grade near the Perry bungalow Tuesday morning. Three ribs on the right side were broken and possible internal injuries may develop. Because of his advanced age, fears are expressed for the man's recovery. Dr. Palmeron attends him.

ONE IN FIVE HAS MOTOR

**Pleasure Car Licenses Pass
5,000 Mark in County.**

Up to Wednesday of last week, May 16, auto licenses for 5,222 pleasure cars had been issued in Delaware county. It is expected that the licenses for trucks and other motor vehicles will bring the total up to over 8,000. In other words there is a car for every fifth person in this county.

DISCOVERED FIRE IN PASSING

**Barn on East Delhi Farm
Destroyed Saturday.**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The barn of Sheridan Sprague at East Delhi burned Saturday and the ice house, near by, took fire and that too was consumed. Fire was noticed about six o'clock by W. D. Ceas, the Bloomville cattle dealer, and employees who were passing. They hurried to the barn and liberated the stock, all being saved except two pigs. Farm machinery, including a Ford truck, was all burned, also hay and grain. There was some insurance. Mr. Sprague was away when the fire started, having gone to the farm of his son, E. E. Sprague, on the other side of the river, to assist with milking. He is at a loss to know how the fire started. State road workers, who were near by, joined in fighting the fire and by hard work the house was saved.

CANNIBALISTIC FOXES

**Leg of Valuable Animal
Chewed Off by Other Foxes.**

(From Davenport correspondent.)

Last Saturday night Arthur Crane, who has a fox park near Sanford, experienced a misfortune not uncommon among fox farmers. Sometime during the night a fox valued at \$800 and possessing some fine pups, had one hind foot chewed off by those in an adjoining pen. Only a little of the leg was left and it seemed certain that the animal would die but the services of Dr. Latimer and a veterinary surgeon from Deposit were secured, chloroform was administered and the limb amputated at the body. Hope is now entertained that the valuable little animal will live and the pups are being cared for "by hand." Several interested spectators visited the little observatory overlooking the park.

Mr. Crane was already planning to place double partitions between the various pens in the park when the incident took place and had ordered wire for the purpose. His friends are interested in awaiting developments and hope that the animal may recover.

CHILD HAND CUT BY FALL

(From Bloomville correspondent.)

Little Mary Haynes of Bloomville, who fell and cut her hand baldy while at play some time Friday, was taken to the Parshall hospital at Oneonta Saturday.

The child fell while carrying an ink well cover, and the glass cover was shattered. The cords of the two middle fingers of her left hand were severed.