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THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for Dec. 28, 1900: Highest temperature... 38 degrees; Lowest temperature... 23 degrees.

TO MANDAMUS TREASURER.

That's What the School Board Will Have Its Solicitor Do.

At the next regular meeting of the school board, the solicitor will be instructed to apply in the Dauphin county court for a mandamus on State Treasurer Barnett to compel him to pay over to the Scranton school district the full amount of the vested school appropriation.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune should not assume responsibility for opinions here expressed.]

Help for the Poor.

Sir: In the name of the citizens of Scranton who have generously assisted us with this great Christmas treat to the poor and little ones, which has been a great joy and access, the Salvation Army wishes you a hearty God-speed for the New Year.

BORN.

NALLIN.—In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 26, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Nallin, of 210 Harrison avenue, a son.

For a Cold in the Head. Exaltine Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Children of Two Churches Made Happy Last Night.

The Christmas festival of all the Sunday schools of St. Luke's parish was conducted last night in the church and the parish home, under the direction of the rector, Rev. Dr. Rogers Israel.

The church was thronged with children of all ages when the exercises were begun in the church at 7:30 o'clock. There was a beautiful professional hymn, "Christians Awake! Salute the Happy Man," and following this came a carol, "In the Fields with Their Flocks Abiding," in the rendition of which the clear young voices of the children were heard with splendid effect.

The rector then conducted a responsive scripture reading, followed by two more carols, the recitation in chorus of the Apostles' Creed and a recessional hymn, "Sing, Oh Sing, This Blessed Morn'g."

After the singing of a Christmas hymn by the infant department, in charge of Miss Lillian Hall Morris, a number of beautiful stereotyped views illustrating various scenes in the life of the Christ child were thrown upon a screen and described by the rector.

Following a gorgeously decorated Christmas tree of huge proportions, the gifts from the children were distributed among the eager children, and after the singing of another carol, the festivities were brought to a close.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of the Grace Reformed Episcopal church were also conducted last night before a very large throng of the children and their friends. The pulpit platform was trimmed to represent a house with a chimney, from the top of which Santa Claus' head appeared from time to time during the evening.

The superintendent, Charles F. Hess, was in charge and a splendid musical programme, consisting principally of Christmas carols, was given under his direction. There was a distribution at the close of the programme, each and every person present receiving some remembrance of the Christmas season.

BACHELOR GIRLS' DANCE.

A Most Enjoyable Affair at Bicycle Club Last Night.

The Bachelor Girls, comprising the prettiest and most charming young women of West Scranton, gave a most delightful holiday dance at the Bicycle club house last night. There were upwards of 125 in attendance and music for dancing was furnished by the girls' orchestra.

The young women directly in charge of the affair were Miss Mollie Smith, Miss Laura Niebell, Miss Pearl Fowler and Miss Jeanette Craven. The entertainment committee consisted of Miss Ethel Porter and Miss Gertrude Lloyd.

Present from out of town were the following guests: The Misses Pelletreau, of Boston Spa, N. Y.; Miss King and Miss Roberts, of Wilkes-Barre; A. D. Courtwright and W. V. Courtright, of Clark's Summit; C. E. Verney, of New York city; H. C. Kirtledge, of Tunkhannock; S. E. Shull, of Stroudsburg; H. L. Shipp, of West Pittston; B. L. Towner and H. W. Kitchner, of Pittston; C. T. Tewksbury, of Buffalo; Ben Thomas, of Wilkes-Barre.

MORGAN SERIOUSLY CHARGED.

Mine Foreman Said to Have Accepted Bribes From Employes.

It has been charged for some time back that Foreman Thomas Morgan, of Edwardsville, employed by the Kingston Coal company, has been accepting bribes from the men employed under him for the purpose of retaining them in their positions.

The complaints became so numerous that the company agreed to a proposition made by the United Mine Workers to have the matter arbitrated by a board of arbitrators. The first hearing was held Thursday night and a number of the employes of the company, even including the breaker boys, testified to having paid Morgan various sums for his promise that they would not be discharged.

SEELEY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Lackawanna Brakeman Struck by a Milk Train Last Evening.

Dennis Seeley, of South Scranton, employed by the Lackawanna company as a brakeman, was struck by a milk train at Clark's Summit last evening shortly after 7 o'clock while attempting to cross the tracks.

SAYS SHE WAS DESERTED.

Mrs. Annie Joseph Asks for a Divorce from Her Husband.

Mrs. Annie Joseph yesterday instituted proceedings for a divorce from her husband, Thomas H. Joseph, to whom she was married on Dec. 22, 1890.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24, 1900. Pennsylvania Casualty Co., Scranton, Pa.

Gentlemen—Thank you, not only for your check for fifty-two dollars and fifty cents, but also for your prompt and business-like treatment. I was the recipient of my injury totally disabled me for three weeks and it would have embarrassed me if I had not had your policy as protection, as my work is contracting on work for the Scranton Supply and Machinery Co.

I have several friends situated as I am, and I feel that I can induce them to take a policy, as I can vouch from experience in regard to your soundness and liberality.

I beg to remain, Very truly yours, Edward Maher.

We begin the new century by closing our shoe stores evenings at 6 o'clock sharp, Saturday, December 30th.

MINERS OF THIS REGION

DESCRIBED BY THE REV. N. G. PARKE, D. D.

Work in the Mines Is Not Unhealthy and Many Men Prefer It to Outside Work—Boys Are Employed in Large Numbers in and Around the Mines—Manner in Which the Mines Are Ventilated—The Cost of Mining Anthracite Coal and Preparing It for Market.

In a recent number of the Presbyterian Journal, the Rev. N. G. Parke, D. D., of Pittston, had an article on "The Miners and Mines of the Anthracite Coal Region." It is as follows:

Those who have received their impressions of these miners from what they have seen of them in passing as tourists through the coal region, or from the city journals during the recent strike, are not likely to have very favorable or correct impressions of their work. The clothes they wear in going to and in returning from their work do not suggest to strangers an exalted type of civilization. They are not dressed for show, and that dress is very largely by no means inviting. But on their return from their work they are obliged to go through very thorough ablutions from the crown of their heads to the soles of their feet; and when dressed in going to and in returning for the day is done, they appear just as presentable as our merchants or bankers. Some one has defined "dirt" as "matter out of place"; and that is the kind of dirt that the miners and hands and clothes of those who labor in the anthracite coal mines, including superintendents, engineers, mine bosses and men who use the picks and shovels.

This dirty and somewhat dangerous work that calls for so much of washing and changing of garments is not, as is commonly supposed, distasteful to those engaged in it. Many of them prefer it to work "outside." It has some attractions. The work is generally healthy. The temperature in the mines is much the same in winter as in summer. The miners do not have to work as many hours in the day as the men who work outside. They go to work early, and they often are through with it before noon. And their employers could or would give them steadily work six days a week, and they would earn wages equal to that of our best skilled mechanics. As it is, with work only three or four days in a week miners who are temperate and frugal accumulate a comfortable sum of money, and build for their families pleasant homes, and educate their children in our high schools and colleges. They are among our best citizens, and some of them are in our state legislature and to the national congress. Their apprenticeship in the coal mines is not in the title of their profession. One of our best representatives in the congress, who is now the editor of the Mathematical Journal, published by the university, was a Pittston boy, a graduate of Lafayette college, and son of Alexander Craig, who was a coal miner, and had charge of all the mining engineers of the Pennsylvania coal company.

ALL NOT MINERS.

All the men who work in the mines are not really miners. Those properly known as miners are contractors, ordinarily two men associated, who divide the proceeds of the mine to mine the coal as so much per ton or car, and work at one "breast." They, the miners, work with drills and picks and powder. Their work requires a measure of skill. These two miners employ two laborers who are called "drifters" and who do the work of driving the coal into the cars. These laborers work more hours than their employers, as it takes more time to haul the coal than to "drift" it. These laborers are often obliged to work far away.

AGREEMENT IN THE VIADUCT CASE

It Will Have the Effect of Cutting Short the Taking of Testimony Which Promised to Be Long.

There was another hearing in the viaduct equity case yesterday, at which testimony of Assistant City Treasurer P. J. Ruane was heard as to the condition of the city's finances, and City Engineer Joseph P. Phillips as to the amount that is owed on city sewers.

FUNERAL OF A. B. LIDSTONE.

It Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon from the Family Home.

The funeral of the late Andrew B. Lidstone, select councilman from the Thirteenth ward, who dropped dead, Thursday night, at the banquet of Hilram lodge in North Scranton, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home on Dickson avenue. Interment in Forest Hill cemetery. The funeral will be private. The remains may be viewed from 4 to 8 p. m. today.

OFFICERS OF CRYSTAL HOSE CO.

Elected at a Meeting Held in Quarters Last Night.

The annual election of officers of the Crystal Hose company took place last evening at the company's quarters, and the following were elected to fill the respective positions for the ensuing year: President, D. J. Newman; vice-president, P. M. Holt; recording secretary, C. E. Tropp; financial secretary, Eugene Tropp; treasurer, P. M. Aylsworth; delegate to state convention, H. Hines; alternate, J. J. Padden; delegates Relief association, D. J. Newman, C. B. Bineline; foreman, P. M. Holt; first assistant foreman, W. S. Gould; second assistant foreman, C. E. Hamilton; pipe-men, A. Ridgeway, E. Coleman, G. A. Connor, T. C. Melvin; flag bearer, H. Riker; trustee, G. A. Connor; property clerk, R. E. Willard.

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GIRLS SLEPT IN THE WOODS

FROM WEST SCRANTON AND RAN AWAY FROM HOME.

Instead of Going to Sunday School Last Sunday They took to the Woods and Were Found Yesterday Morning in the Woods Near Archbald Around a Fire—They Had Spent the Night There—Took Over to Mrs. Duggan Who Took Them Home.

The small boy who sallies forth from his happy home and spends several nights out in the open air is a rather common article but the young girl who does this sort of thing is a pretty rare sort of species of the female sex.

Two of this species, living in West Scranton, were captured yesterday morning near Archbald by Chief of Police McHale, of that borough. They left home last Sunday and since that time have been living a tramping life between this city and Archbald.

The girls, who gave their names as Gwendolyn Williams and Lizzie Davis, and who are aged 15 and 12 years, left their homes last Sunday afternoon to attend Sunday school and never returned. Their parents didn't seem to be much alarmed for the police were apparently made to ascertain their whereabouts.

The first seen of them from the time they left home as far as can be learned, was on Wednesday night when Chief McHale saw them standing on the platform of the Delaware and Hudson station between 10 and 11 o'clock. He fancied that they were waiting for a train and did not interrogate them. He passed the station a short time afterward and found them gone.

On Thursday night he heard that the two girls had slept in a freight car over night and that they had been seen about the borough that day begging. He started a search for them then but didn't succeed in locating them until yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock when he came across them sitting around a fire in the woods about a quarter of a mile north of the railroad station.

They told him that they had built the fire themselves and had passed the night around it. They said that they were from Taylor. The chief took them in custody and notified Mrs. Duggan, of the Associated Charities of this city. The latter went up on an early train and brought them to the city hall.

They told a number of conflicting stories but she finally learned their real names and that the ones given by them at first were fictitious, and returned them to their homes.

She refused last night to give their real names but admitted that they were from West Scranton. She said she regretted having given the older girl up so quickly as she had learned since that her home surroundings were not what they should be.

The girls didn't appear to be much the worse for their experience beyond the fact that they were exceedingly dirty. The older girl had a great variety of slang and swear words at her disposal and seemed to be delighted with every opportunity given her to use them.

PRESIDENT COLLINS' FUNERAL.

Attended by Members of Street Railway Men's Union.

From the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Collins, of North Main avenue, the funeral of James P. Collins took place yesterday morning. It was attended by three hundred members of the Street Railway Men's union, of which organization he was president.

About the handsome casket in which the body reposed were many beautiful floral offerings. One was from the street railway men and had the words "Our President" inscribed upon it.

At 9:30 the remains were taken to Holy Rosary Catholic church, North Scranton, where a requiem mass was read by Rev. J. J. O'Toole. Solos were sung by Miss Mary Gerity and W. A. Lynott. After the mass the remains were taken to the Cathedral cemetery and laid at rest. The pall-bearers were: P. W. Breen, Edward Merrill, P. J. Shea, Arthur Williams, James Powell and M. J. Brennan. Guard of honor: John Farley, P. J. Carden, Charles Deising, B. Patton, John Conboy and Daniel Leonard. The flower-bearers were L. Bladen and F. J. Flemming. All are members of the Street Railway Men's union.

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WILL TAKE THE BONDS.

R. L. Day & Co. Will Accept Them if Validating Act Is Passed.

City Solicitor Voshing has received a communication from R. L. Day & Company, announcing that they will take the bond issue of \$125,000, which they some six weeks ago refused to take, providing the validating act, which is to be introduced at the coming session of the legislature, is passed.

They further announce that they will lend their assistance as far as possible to secure the passage of the act. This relieves all doubt as to the sale of the bonds, as there is no doubt but that the act will be passed.

To the Republican Voters of the Seventeenth Ward.

The Republican voters of the Seventeenth ward are hereby notified that a joint caucus will be held at the office of Alderman John T. Howe, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1901, from 5 to 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the various ward officers, as follows: Common councilman, alderman and ward assessor, and also for judge of election, inspector of election and register of voters for each district.

Persons desiring to become candidates are requested to register with H. C. Powell, at 502 Lackawanna avenue, on or before the 3rd day of January, 1901. By order of Vigilance committee, H. C. Powell, secretary.

Scranton Business College.

N. Y. S. and W. R. R. Co., Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 22, 1900.

Messrs. Buck & Whitmore: Replying to your letter of the 16th inst., I would say that Herman Schmalz has been given employment by this company and is giving good satisfaction.

Thanking you for the prompt attention you have given this matter, I am, Respectfully yours, A. J. Zabriske.

This makes the third student sent to Mr. Zabriske.

New Year Ball.

Grand Ball New Year's afternoon and night at Snover's hall.

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