The Great Calve's Opinion

Emma Calve, the wonderful prima donna, whose success in "Carmen" will be remembered for a gereration to come, in speaking of the Washburn instruments, says: "I have never, in all my travets, found anything that seemed to me as near perfection in the way of a mandolin as the Washburn." This is high praise indeed, but the Washburn deserves it, as you will agree if you test one of the new 1828 Washburn instruments that we have recently received. that we have recently received.

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NUMBER OF FAILURES.-There were sixty-two failures in this city last year according to the local agency of Dun & Co. There were only \$164.74 in assets against liabilities or \$22,525.

R, R, Y. M. C. A. SUPPER.-A supper will be served in the Rallroad Young Mens Christian association rooms at o'clock this evening for the gymnasium and other association classes.

S. O. V. INSTALLATION.-The officers of Camp 8. Sons of Veterans, and the camp's ladies' auxiliary, will be installed this evening. Following the installation there wil be a graphaphone entertain-

SING THIS AFTERNOON. -The South Carolina Jubilee singers, who have had several delighted audiences in Serenton, will sing this afternoon for the Central Will sing this afternoon for the Contral Women's Christian Temperance union at 2 o'clock in their room, 314 Washington avenue, over Gustness's music store. As this is the first meeting of the New Year it is hoped there will be a large attend-ance not only of our own members, but every one is invited. every one is invited

CHRISTMAS TREE CAUSED FIRE. A lighted Christmas it is in a second story of the St. James herel on the north side of Lackawanna account near Franklin caught fire about 7 a clock has night. The occupants succeeded in quenching the flames before the district fire companies arrived, but not before \$59 damage had been caused to the room and the piano and other furniture it contained.

EX-SENATOR INVITED.—Ex-Senator Senator Dodge succeeded General Roy Stone as the head of the good roads bu-reau of the department of agriculture and was recently in Scranton to confer with A. H. Dunning, of the National Good Roads league, relative to the steel road proposed for West Market street,

SURPRISE PARTY.-The friends of Miss Myrtle Marlott gave her a surprise on New Year's eve at her home, 1029 Diamend avenue. After enjoying a most delightful evening refreshments were served while watching the New Year in. Those present were: Mr. and Mes. Paul Marlait. Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Tregise, Misses Anna and Elsie Hartman, Edith Miller, Lizzle and Mille Eckersley, Bortha Bishop, Grace Moore, Robecca Howells, Rachel Reese, Kitty Cooper, Gertrade Hitchcock, Maud Blebacks, Marion Evers of Bitters Marion. ans, of Pittston. Messrs, Charles Pierce, Rudolph Bloeser, Jay Alery, Hugh Moore, Floyd Eberling, Harry Kelley, Joseph Mitchell, Wilmer Witman, Albert Thomas, Hugh Rodham, George Nichols, William Frank, Albert Bright, Peter Coleman, Albert Bartz, of Company M. First regi-ment, United States army.

NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL.-The Zenith NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL.—The zentin Literary society held their annual New Year's social, also a reception for Will-iam E. Clark, of Philadelphia, at the home of C. A. Beemer, 507 Prescott ave-nue, Friday evening, December 20, 1898, Among the guests were: Misses Vina Among the guests were: Misses Vina Knapp, Mary Heberling, Rhoda Thomas, Anna Lewis, Cora Pickering, Minnie Wilson, Neille Lewis, Ethel J. Megargel, Lizzie Hermann, Edna Freeman, Flor-Luding, Nettie Van Gorder, Elia Shaw, Ethel Woodruff, Edna Shelley, Messrs, William E. Clark, Philadelphia, R. D. Richards, C. A. Beemer, W. W. Shaw, W. W. Sloat, A. P. Clark, D. J. Griffiths, R. H. Bonney, M. B. Moore, Edward Davis, Willie McCracken, John M. Francis, Chester Weiss, H. C. Caryl, Fred War-ner, Howard Yost, C. R. Osland.

Women's Shoes at Less Than Half Prices

In most cases. Former \$3, \$4 and \$5 shoes go at \$1.50 pair this way: In with these we have put short lines of our \$5, \$4 and \$5 that have broken sizes because of heavy selling this season. Recent shapes among them but not newest styles. Qualities are standard—you know them. Some bicycle shoes among these also.

Any woman who consuits her own ideas as to footwear and does not "sneeze when Dame Fashion takes snuff" will be wise to buy three or four pairs. \$3, \$4 and \$5

At \$1.60 Pair.

410 Spruce Street.

****************** WEATHER RECORD FOR THREE YEARS

SHOWS A MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 50 DEGREES.

H. E. Paine, Local Weather Observer, Possesses Acurate Figures of Temperature, Precipitation, Etc., for the Last Three Years-For the First Time in the City's History Residents Can Have Determined What the Normal Weather Conditions Are.

Never until now has it been possible to form even an estimate of the mean temperature, rainfall and other particulars showing the normal weather conditions for Scranton. Yearly records have been kept by individuals, but these observations have been faulty in not being attended with proper instructions and standard instruments and the observing has not been for a consecutive number of years.

On last Saturday, Dec. 31, H. E. Paine, local weather observer for the government, finished his third year in that capacity. While the government's executive weather officials express the opinion that seven years is required to determine the nearly exact normal weather conditions for any community, they have been approximately ascertained through the work of Mr. Paine. At his residence on Madison avenue he has had the use of all the instruments and appliances necessary to get the information. .

MEAN TEMPERATURE.

Mr. Paine's records show the mean emperature of 1896 to have been 49.22 legrees. It is a coincidence that the mean temperature during 1897 was exactly the same, while last year (1898) it was slightly warmer, 50.52 degrees. This shows an average of 49,65 for the three years. This average is for the city of Scranton and not for other nearby points where a variation would be shown.

It is probably the general opinion of residents of Scranton that the mean temperature is warmer than the records show. This fault in their belief is due to the fact that they are unduly impressed with the very hot summers and overlook the at times intense cold of the winters which brings the "mean" down. Mr. Paine thinks, however, that a slightly higher average will be shown in the records of the next four years.

Like the mean temperature the averige rainfall was never known before The word "precipitation" should, how-ever, be used instead of "rainfall." It opplies to meited snow as well as rain. In 1896 the precipitation was 31.58 inches, in 1897 35.53 inches and in 1898 33.09 inches. This is an average of 33.40 inches for three years.

PRECIPITATION LOW.

The precipitation is a little low, as here has been no heavy snowfalls in the last three years-that is, no heavy mowfalls taking the whole of any one of the three winters into consideration, though there have been a number of severe snowstorms like the one which began last Saturday. Melted snow cuts juite a figure in the precipitation and the present average of 33.40 inches for the past three years will probably be increased to between 35 and 36 inches at the end of the next four years.

During last month the average tem-Dodge, of Ohio, has been invited to at-tend the annual meeting and supper of colder than in December 1897. The Decolder than in December, 1897. The Dember of 1898 was a cold month, even for this season of the year. The highest temperature was 57 degrees on last Friday, and the lowest 3 degrees below zero on the 14th. The total precipitation (rain and melted snow) was 1.87 inches for the month.

Ten inches of snow fell during the month and of this amount 4 inches, almost one-half, fell on the last day, Saturday. It was a cloudy month, only about half the days being clear, There was one sleet storm-on the 20th. Westerly winds prevailed.

Winter Excursion Rates, to the South, West and South-west, via the Shenandoah Valley Route, in Effect November 1, 1898.

Deming, N. M., from Washington, D. C., 6 days, limit May 31st ... \$87.10 El Paso, Tex., from Washington, D. C., 6 days, limit May 31st 87,10 Galveston, Tex., from Washington, D. C., 4 days, limit May 31st 61.56 Hot Springs, Ark., from Washington, D. C., 3 days, limit 90 days., 51.85 Houston, Tex., from Washington, D. C., 4 days limit May 31st ... 59,50 Los Angeles, Cal., from New York,

9 months Los Angeles, Cal., from Washington, D. C., limit 9 months.....140.75 Mexico City, Mex., from Washington, D. C., limit 9 months 107.85 Mexico City, Mex., from New York,

Mobile, Ala, from Washington, D. C., limit May 31st 40.56 Monterey, Mex., from Washington, D. C., limit 9 months ... 81.60 Monterey, Mex., from New York, 60 days, limit 6 months . New Orleans, La., from Washing-

ton, D. C., 2 days, limit May Sist 45.90 Phoenix, Aria., from Washington, D. C., limit 9 months Portland, Ore., from Washington, D. C., limit 9 months......140.75 Rockport, Tex, from Washington. D. C., 5 days, limit May 31st., 75,29 Saltillo, Mex., from Washington, D. C., limit 9 months...... 84.20 San Antonio, Tex., from Washing-

ton, D. C., 5 days, limit May 51., 67.85 San Diego, Cal., from New York. San Francisco, Cal., from Wash-ington, D. C. Henry & ington, D. C., limit 9 months.. 140.75 san Francisco, Cal., from New

York, limit 9 months143.70 Excursion tickets to California are going via Memphis, Shreveport, or New Orleans and direct routes, and returning same route, also going via either of the above routes and returning via St. Louis or Chicago and vice versa. Same rates apply by all these

routes. For detail information as to Routes, Rates, arrival and departure of trains Pullman service, etc. apply to ticket

agents Central Railroad of New Jersey, J. S. Swisher, Dist. Pass. Agent.

Scranton, Pa.

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Opens after holiday vacation January 4. Boarding department comfortably furnished. Convenience for day schol-Equipment of building and apparatus complete. Property worth \$300, 609. For catalogue address, Rev. L. L. Sprague, D. D., Kingston, Pa.

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OPINIONS HANDED DOWN. Action Taken by the Court in a Number of Cases.

Opinions were handed down in court

yesterday in the following cases: John L. Hull vs. fra O. Ives, the thonotary directed to pay plaintiff the amount of money awarded. Rule for a new trial in the case of H. A. Barnard vs. T. Hunt Brock, was made

absolute.

In the cass of Patrick Cormer, geardian, against the Scranton Traction commany, the rule to take off the non-suit was continued until the next argument court.

In the case of Hill & Council vs. Rexford & Co., the gule is made absolute and a new trial awarded.

Lizzle M. Kennedy vs. Martin V. Kennedy the master was directed to dispose dy, the master was directed to dispose f ce property.
In the case of A. L. Rhedes vs. O. E. Vaughan, the rule for a new trial is dis-charged on condition that the plaintiff within ten days remits \$5 from the amount

BROTHER AND SISTER DEAD.

They Will Be Buried Thursday Morning at Carbondale.

Joseph Pahren died at his home at Forest City last night from pulmonary trouble. He was thirty-one years of age, and resided with his mother. His sister, Mrs. William Swartz, also of that place, preceded him to the great beyond just twenty-four hours. Thursday morning, brother and sister will be buried at St. Rose cemetery at Carbon-

Services will be held at St. Agnes church at Forest City.

NEAR TO DEATH.

Dr. A. J. Kolb and Jacob Kaestner, Well Known South Siders, Run Down on Delaware and Hudson Tracks.

Dr. Albert Kolb and Jacob Kaestmer, a young man twenty years of age, son of Charles Kaestner, the Cedar avenue hotelman, were run into by the Delaware and Hudson passenger train at the Elm street crossing last night by the train leaving the Lackawanna avenue station at 7.50 o'clock, southward bound.

fears are entertained regarding Kaestner's condition. He is suffering from fracture of the skull. His collar bone and left arm are fractured, the latter in two places, and he is injured severely internally.

Dr. Kolb will recover, but grave

Dr. Kolb sustained a slight fracture of the skull. His right arm is fractured and there are several cuts about

The doctor and Kaestner, who are warm friends, were driving down Eim street, enroute to the home of a patient of the former. They were riding in a sleigh. The Elm street crossing is at the top of quite a steep incline from either side. Dr. Kolb stated emphatically to a Tribune man that Kaestner drove at a slow gait up the hill and when they landed on the tracks the headlight of the engine shown on them. That was the last either of them remembered until they recovered consciousness some time later.

Frank Shaughnessy, who was walking up the street, saw the crash, and hastened to the scene. He found Dr. Kolb in the roadway on the west side of the tracks. A large crowd soon

In an incoherent manner the doctor asked for Kaestner, and a search was commenced. He was found on the embankment about 150 feet down the street from the crossing. Near him men were taken to M. H. Gallagher's saloon nearby.

Dr. D. A. Webb, Dr. John T. Mc-Grath and Dr. Thompson were in the immediate neighborhood. Dr. Webb arrived arst, followed quickly by Drs. Thompson and McGrath, Attention vas given the men and carriages were without any difficulty, but it was found that Kaestner could not be taken in a carriage, Henry Armbust, the wholesale butcher, furnished one of his cov-Grath accompanied him home

Dr. Thompson and Dr. John J. Walsh attended to Dr. Kolb.

POOR BOARD INVENTORY. Conducted by Dr. W. E. Paine and Frederick Fuller.

Dr. W. E. Paine and Frederick Fuller of the board of poor directors. visited the Hillside Home yesterday. Their chief purpose was to affix prices to the inventory list which had been prepared under the direct on of Superintendent Beemer.

The prices were to have been indicated over a week ago, but a postponement until yesterday was made necessary by Superintendent Beemer's

DOBBS MAY BOX HUGHES.

Concerning the plans of Bobby Dobbs, yesterday's New York Sun says "John Barnes, manager of Bobby Dobbs, the lightweight of Minneapolis, who has made quite a hit in England, has had a talk with the backer of Johnny Hughes, the English fightweight champion, for the purpose of bringing the pair together next month in Birmingham. Dobbs is willing to wager \$2,000 on the outside."

Biliousness

Do you get up with a headache? Is there a bad taste in your mouth? Then you have a poor appetite and a weak digestion. You are frequently dizzy, always feel dull and drowsy, and you get but little benefit from your foed. What is the cause of this trouble? Constipated bowels.



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E. & W. V. TRACKS WILL NOT BE USED

COAL DELIVERED AT YATES-VILLE AND CARBONDALE.

From Yatesville the Parent Erie Company Will Take the Coal Via the W. B. & E. and the N. Y. S. & W .- From Carbondale It Will Go Over the Jefferson Branch-Erie Company, for Some Reason, Is Not to Avail Itself of Its E. & W. V. Trackage Privilege.

For some reason best known to New York, Lake Eric and Western officials they will not use the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad-at least not at present-in fulfilling their coal-carrying contract with the Delaware and Hudson company.

The Delaware and Hudson coal will be delivered to the parent Erie company at Yatesville and Carbondale. From Yatesville it will be carried over the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern and the New York, Susquehanna and Western roads, which are controlled by the Eric At Carbondale the coal will be switched to the tracks of the Erie's Jefferson branch, which connects with the main line at Nineveh (N. Y.) Junction.

The foregoing information comes to The Tribune from a Delaware and Hudson source which is eminently authoritative as far as the facts related are concerned. This authority does not profess to know why the Eric road does not propose to avail itself of its trackage privileges over the Eric and Wyoming Valley, nor is this authority referred to able to state whether use will be made of this Erie and Wyoming trackage later. It is only known that the Delaware and Hudson company has been notified to deliver at Yatesville and Carbondale until otherwise di-

WILL BEGIN TODAY. The carrying contract between the we companies went into effect yester- Several Hundred Persons Enterday, but no coal was shipped, as work was abandoned for the day at all the Delaware and Hudson collieries, the date being observed as New Year's Day.

Yesterday the new order of things went into effect on the Delaware and Hudson's gravity system between Carbondale and Honesdale. For the first time since the gravity between the two towns began to operate-and that was many years ago-the planes between Carbondale and Farview and between Waymart and Honesdale were idle and only those between Farview and Way-

mart were used. Beginning yesterday, no coal will be for passengers and freight will be operated, the motive power is furnished by locomtives between Carbondale and Farview and between Waymart and Honesdale, the latter town and Carbondale being the lowest points on either end of the gravity grades.

Some trite observations on the new policy of the Delaware and Hudson are offered by W. Williams, of Carbondale. He is a poet and a justice of the peace, and a very light holder of the company's stock. A few years ago he attained no little prominence by going to New York city and expressing to the company officials a few opinions on how the road should be operated.

MR. WILLIAMS' LETTER. In a letter to The Tribune dated yesterday, Mr. Williams writes:

Now that the poor old Delaware and was his horse, which was dead. Both Hudson gravity is mearing its end, a kick or two more and it is gone. It is only right that an obituary of such an old and respected neighbor should be written that the young folks of her sect may profit from her good and her weak points. Now she came into existence in 1825, out some historians say she was not quite

here before 1828. Mr. Wents, superintend-ent, followed by James Archbald, two summoned. Dr. Kolb was removed brainy men of their time, conceived the riginality of the plan of taking coal over he mountains. Then came the late Mr. Dickson as president. Of course offices always increase to put her favored young-sters forward. Well, sir, he was a very ered wagons and Kaestner was placed kind and far seeing person—that is, like in it on a couch. Drs. Webb and Mc many people who can see better far away than they can close by with glasses, he looked up into the woods of New York and built and leased railways and built the Jefferson branch for the Eric company instead of for the Delaware and on company, of whom he head and receiving a good salary. And

what is the consequence?

The Erie has paid for the road by letting the Delaware and Hudson trains pass over it, and now that the gravity road is in the last throes of the grim monster the company is bottled up tighter than the Spanish fleet by Sampson which will be a very hard task to escape. Her bunk-ers here became very much depleted at the cost of about four millions per an-Like the Christmas turkey. is but little of the cld skeleton left. Let us see: In 1887 the net earnings was a fraction over 11% per cent., and in 1896 it had fell to a trifle over 5 per cent, and it is often wondered by those who have seen how the old careas has been picked that there is any utility left in her.

DEPRECIATION OF STOCK. Ten years ago the stock was selling at one hundred and seventy-five; a few weeks ago less than ninety dollars per share, while scores of innocent lambs have been shorn of its wool, so that the week ending December 10, 1898, over thir-teen thousand five hundred shares

changed hands. Now, sir, what is the most feasible to make the most of the remains of the old fabrick? We suggest that the stockholders at the next annual meeting in May attend and vote so that a large perentage of new blood up to date may be infused into the directorate who will look after the stockholders' interest so as to make the most of the old skeleton for their interest by salting down the leeches.

THE ROSMOSVITCH CASE

To Be Considered by the Grand Jury Which Will Today Begin Its Labors-Judge Gunster Will

Deliver the Charge.

The grand jury for the January seslons met yesterday morning in the main court room and was briefly addressed by Judge R. W. Archbald. As was the day on which the beginning of the new year was observed, he said the jury might delay the commencement of As work until this

norning. The jury will meet today at 9 o'clock nd will be charged by Judge F. W. Gunster, who will also select the fore-

There promises to be plenty of work for the jury to perform before it is disharged. Already over 200 cases have been filed with the clerk of the courts which is considerably in excess of the number ready at the beginning of th

erm one year ago. Among the cases that will be considered by the present jury is that against Ignatz Rosmosvitch, of Dur-

yea, who is charged with the killing of Richard Howell, of Pittston. It will be remembered by readers of

The Tribune that Howell was killed at Babylon in a wreck on the Lehigh Valley railroad. He was employed as a breakman by the Lehigh Valley company and the train he worked on was wrecked at Babylon in October by burglars who were taking their spoils to the neighborhood of Austin Heights on a hand car. When the burglars, who had raided a hotel at Barbertown, saw an engine approaching pushing a number of cars ahead of it they deserted the heavily loaded hand car and a wreck followed in which Howell was killed.

The other train hands endeavored to remove Howel, from beneath the piled up care, but were fired upon by the outlaws, who then fled to the woods. District Attorney Jones directed County Detective Leyshon to use his best endeavors to learn the identity of the criminals and arrest them, and after a great deal of work, surrounded by all manner of difficulties, Leyshon became convinced that Rosmosvitch was one of the train wreckers and on Nov. 22 he was placed under arrest. It was hoped that his arrest might lead to other important discoveries, but in this the authorities have been

disappointed. Just what the character of the evidence against Rosmosvitch is the authorities naturally refuse to state. They seem convinced that he is one of the men who are responsible for the many lawless acts in the neighborhood of the county line, but whether or not | the warmest day in December, was folthey will be able to produce evidence to substantiate this belief remains to

be seen. A number of constables presented themselves in court yesterday prepared to make their returns and to save them the necessity of coming in again, Judge Archbald took their

reports. They had no complaints to make about the infraction of laws in their balliwicks. The other constables will report this morning.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

tained at the Rooms of the Y. W. C. A. on Washington Avenue.

Several hundred young women, menbers of the Young Women's Christian association and their friends' ladies and gentlemen, attended yesterday's New Year's reception at the association rooms on Washington avenue. The rooms were handsomely decorated. The reception was held betweens the hours of 4 and 10 o'clock and was divided into two periods, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, during each of transported over the system. Trains which there was a fine musical pro-

gramme. The following members of the board of managers received the guests: Mrs. E. H. Ripple, president; Mrs. C. B. Derman, Mrs. C. D. Simpson, Miss Hannah Deacon, Mrs. J. N. Rice, Miss S. C. Krigbaum, Mrs. M. Gates, Mrs. E. S. Jackson, Mrs. E. D. Fellows and Mrs. J. A. Lansing.

Evergreens, ropes of ground pine, United States flags, potted palms and other tropical plants were used in the decorations. The plants were loaned by ars. M. Muir. Mrs. W. T. Hackett arranged the decorations. She was assisted by Mrs. John Sherwood and Miss Fredrika Derman.

Miss Hannah Deacon, assisted by members of the membership committee, has charge of the refrshments which were served during the whole o the reception period.

The music programme in the afternoon was arranged and conducted by Miss Florence Richmond. The entertainers were as follows: Harvey Biackwood, cello: Richard Weisenflue violin: Miss Richmond, piano: Philip Warren, basso; Miss Caroline Conkling, elecutionist: Miss Jordan, contralto: Alfred Wooler, tenor; Miss Huber, contralto.

John T. Watkins had charge of the music in the evening. The artists were roses of Gibbs, violin; Miss Rich-noses, ears, fingers, cheeks and toes mond, plane, and the Schubert quartette, Thomas Beynon, Mr. Watkins, Moses Morgan and David Stevens. The concluding feature in the evening was a gymnacium class drill conducted by Miss Maud Mickle, the physical director.

COLLECTING WITH A PARROT. Device Which Works Well, But Re-

quires Some Alertness. 'No use to dun 'em. No use to dum m! They're deadbeats. These words, uttered in shrill, plerc

ing tones, attracted a crowd in the vicinity of Lincoln Park. A well dressed young man emerged from the vestibule of a residence, where he had been conversing with a woman, and bushed down the steps to a covered buggy in front of the house.

"No use to dun 'em. No use to dun They're deadbeats. 'Quiet, Polly! Shut your mouth, cried the young man as he removed from the seat of the vehicle a large cage containing a particularly vicious-

looking parrot, After several times repeating its uncomplimentary protests the bird fin ally subsided and its master reascend ed the steps to the vestibule, from which he had just emerged with some bank notes in his hand.

"It's an original scheme of my own, explained the young man a little later and I'll explain the scheme if you keep it mum. Some time ago I was connected with an agency that employed uniformed collectors and yellow wagons, the object being to intimidate the debtor, who would pay a just bill rather than be disgraced by having self-advertising bad debt collectors

"After a time legal proceedings were taken by a disgusted debtor, who had been persistenly annoyed and the wagons and uniforms were promptly suppressed. But are deadbeats to escape paying their dues on that account? thought not and recently devised the plan I am now carrying into execu-

calling upon him every day.

People whose names are on th blacklist are generally shrewd enough to understand the situation and a settlement is at once made or arranged for. I have been operating for over a month, and in but one instance has Polly been called upon to repeat her well-rehearsed act. I am told that complaints have been made to the police, and I must make hay while the

sun shines, Good day."
"By-by! I'm a bird, I am!" shricked the parrot as the enterprising collector drove briskly away.

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COLDEST WEATHER IN TEN YEARS

MERCURY DOWN TO SIXTEEN DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

In February, 1894, There Was a Day When the Thermometer Registered Thirteen Degrees Below Water Pipes Were Frozen in All Parts of the City, and Plumbers Could Not Observe the Holiday. Employes on the Trolley Roads Suffered Effects of the Frost.

The snow, cold and other trimmings of the recent polar weather gave H. E. Paine, the local weather observer plenty of opportunity to exercise the duties of his office. He has the pedigree of the storm down "pat." His records show the particulars as accurately as do the records of the Rogue's Gallery reveal the characteristics of its criminal patrons.

The snow began to fall Saturday morning, the last day of the year. It drifted so much that measurements were made with difficulty, but Mr. Paine's official report will show the fall to have been 5 inches. It is a peculiar fact that last week

Friday with its 57 degrees above zero,

lowed by a drop to 15 degrees below zero at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, a total fall of 72 degrees in 62 hours, o more than one degree for each hour. During Sunday the mercury ranged from 1 degree below to 5 degrees above. It was highest at 3 o'clock in the after noon and then began to tumble. At t 'clock p. m. it registered 1 degree be low and continued to drop until it was 15 degrees below the zero point at 5 a. m, yesterday. That was the last flirt of the mercury's meanness, for it then began to go upward until by noon yesterday the weather was quite bearable and during the afternoon it was pos

sible to even drive with comfort. COLDEST IN TEN YEARS.

The cold was the most intense in ten years. The nearest approach to it was during the memorable week of cold during February in 1894, when the thermometer registered 13 degrees below zero on one day of that week. The coldest days of last winter were Jan. 4. Feb. 2 and Feb. 4, on each of which the thermometer showed 2 degrees be

As a result of the coad, many plumbers did not get the holiday they expected yesterday. Early in the morning urgent calls for their services were received at the homes and offices of plumbing proprietors, and before noon it was the exception and not the rule to find a plumber idle.

Many water pipes were frozen, and another common cause of trouble were the burst water-backs in kitchen ranges. In scores of houses kitcher fires were started without a thought of frozen boilers and many a waterback was blown out.

Reports from up the valley indicate that the cold was a little more intense than in Scranton, but not too much reliance is to be placed on the vagaries of authorities which have not stood a government or other proper test. It was cold, though, and no mistake, and the statement that the mercury registered 16 below zero at Peckville at 6 a. m. may be correct.

ON THE POCONO.

It cannot be learned that there was any greater degree of cold on the Pothan in this city. A telegraph operator on duty Sunday night at Tobyhanna, a point almost on the mountain summit, is authority for the statement that twelve degrees below zero was the point lowest reached during the night.

Actual pity was left for street railway motormen and others who had to begin work in the open air just before daylight and at an hour when the temperature was lower than at any noses, ears, fingers, cheeks and toes was no uncommon thing among the trolley men up to an hour well into the morning, when the weather began to moderate. Several of the men were "bitten" so bardly that they had to stop work.

WEDDED IN THE SOUTH.

Member of the Thirteenth Married at Birmingham, Ala

The wedding of Private William J. Boyce, Company B. Thirteenth regiment, to Miss Ida Best, of Marysville, Tenn., occurred on Monday, Dec. 18, at Birmingham, Ala. The groom is a son of Mrs. M. A. Boyce, of the West Side, and a brother of Arthur J. Boyce, compositor.

If the regiment is mustered out, Mr.

and Mrs. Boyce will reside in the

south, where a position has been offered

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Cups and Saucers

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Tete a Tete Set French China, has 2 cups and saucers, creamer, sugar and tea pot with tray, was

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