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THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for Dec. 6, 1900:	
Highest temperature	58 degrees
Lowest temperature	35 degrees
Humidity	50 per cent.
8 a. m.	75 per cent.
8 p. m.	68 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours, ending 8 p. m., trace.	

PERSONAL.

Mrs. T. J. Megaric, of 612 Washington avenue, is spending several days in Carbondale.

Assistant United States District Attorney Myers, of Pittsburg, is in the city on a business trip.

Miss Moran, of Pleasant Mount, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Kelly, of Scranton.

Miss Helen McMenamin, of West Pittston, has returned home after a two weeks' visit with Scranton relatives.

Fritz J. Frank, the western advertising manager of one of the Colliery Engineer company's publications, is spending a few days in the city.

AN UNPARDONABLE CRIME.

Just Think of It, Two Tramps Arrested for Stealing Milk.

There are two unknown gentlemen of the genus hobo locked up in the central police station, and if the crime with which they are charged ever gets to the ears of their fellow knights of the road they will undoubtedly be ostracized and disgraced forever. They are charged with stealing milk.

For several mornings past many of the residents of Green Ridge have found their milk bottles have been stolen in the early morning. Two tramping looking individuals had been seen loitering around the streets in the early morning hours and their description was given Sergeant of Police Charles Hildway, who lives on Wyoming avenue, near Green Ridge street.

He was surprised last night about 8.30 o'clock by being summoned to the door in response to a knock and finding there the two men whose descriptions had been given him.

"We want something to eat," said one of them. "We haven't had a bite to eat for twelve hours."

"I guess you'll take your next meals in jail," responded the sergeant, as he reached out both arms and placed the men under arrest. The patrol wagon was telephoned for and the two men were taken to headquarters. They will be given a hearing this morning.

MRS. BRINK ARRESTED.

She is Accused of Seriously Neglecting Her Children.

Mrs. Nellie Brink of North Scranton, was last night arraigned before Alderman Millar at the instance of Mrs. W. B. Duggan, agent for the associated charities, who charged her with non-support and neglect of her children. The children, two girls and one boy, were at the aidmen's office, and present during the hearing.

They were taken to the Home for the Friendless and the mother was discharged. She told a pitiable story of her husband deserting her last year. Since then, she claims to have been unable to secure work and properly care for the children.

The girls were nine and seven years of age and the boy is a little fellow of five.

A Magnificent Christmas Gift.

Now is the time to select it. Go to J. W. Gurnsey's delightfully arranged music store and see what tempting bargains can be secured on a choice piano or organ. Don't forget the place, Guernsey Hall, 314-316 Washington avenue, Scranton, Pa.

DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER.

They are Acknowledged by Directors of Florence Mission.

The directors of the Florence Crittenton Home, 712 Harrison avenue, acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the month of November:

John T. Porter, one box soap; Mrs. Harris, one can fruit; Mrs. W. S. Diehl, carpet, carpet sweeper, cake, four pair hose, dishes; George V. Millar, two dozen glasses; Mrs. J. L. Crawford, one tea cup and saucer, one dozen cups, one dozen buttons; Mrs. M. A. Gardner, one vest, one pair drawers; Mrs. J. G. Shepherd, one pair towels, one apron; Mrs. Ehrlich, one pair towels; Mrs. G. W. Fritz, apples, one ham, meat; Mrs. L. Clarke, coffee; Mrs. Barr, Carbondale, celery; Mrs. Taylor, Prescott avenue, one bedstead, one rug, one wash-stand bureau; Mrs. W. H. Taylor, two skirts; Mrs. A. Van Doren, three coats; Mrs. C. W. Matthews, one dozen table glasses; Rev. Richard Hiers, one picture; Mrs. A. D. Stelle, food dust, Bon Ami; Mr. Noble, one rose bush; Mrs. Howard, one pot plant; Dr. Hand, condensed milk; Schank & Spencer, shoes; Noy Aug Lumber company, receipt bill for work; Mrs. Duggan, 41; Jennie Smith, 41; Omaha Tea, Washburn, 41; Mrs. Dr. Anna Clarke, medical services; Scranton Dairy company, milk daily; Lackawanna Dairy company, milk daily, ice cream monthly; Maryberger, Agnew, 41; Mrs. Carr, Womack, Mrs. Diehl, meat monthly; Pierce's market, vegetables weekly; Linder's bakery, bread, pie, cake; Zellner, bread. The following are the names of donors and contents of box from West Pittston: Mrs. J. L. Griffith, prunes; Mrs. Charles Law, prunes; Mrs. William R. Sax, canned fruit; Mrs. A. L. Turner, jelly; Mrs. A. D. Miller, jelly; Mrs. James R. Elmer, two cans tomatoes; Mrs. Theodore Strong, one dozen cans peas and succotash; Mrs. George B. Thompson, three cans corn; Mrs. C. S. Crane, ginseng; Mrs. C. H. Cook, ginseng; Mrs. A. W. Cook, one dozen cans corn; Mrs. C. R. Kipp, one-half dozen napkins, one pair towels; Nellie Work, food, one quart; Mrs. W. L. Hays, 81, one pair towels; Mrs. W. H. Kerr, muslin; Mrs. M. E. White, 50 cents.

FAILURE OF S. L. GALLEN.

He Has Filed a Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy.

S. L. Gallen, the clothier of 225 and 227 Lackawanna avenue, through his attorneys, Willard, Warren & Knapp, yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy with the United States district court in Pittsburg.

The schedules attached shows the liabilities to be \$37,023 and the estimated assets \$11,800. It is understood that accompanying this petition an application was made for the appointment of a receiver pending the election of a trustee by the creditors. The appointment of such a receiver would permit the resumption of business immediately or else the inventory and sale of the stock.

Mr. Gallen, who has always been recognized as one of the city's leading business men, came to this city in 1884 from Philadelphia and established in the retail clothing business at 123 Penn avenue. He failed that same year but almost immediately resumed business and in two years had settled with all his creditors.

In 1890 he moved to 137-139 Penn avenue, where he remained until last April, when he removed into his present splendidly appointed store on Lackawanna avenue. The causes assigned for the failure were the depression caused by the recent big strike, unseasonable weather and heavy expenses.

CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

Joseph Cerra, of Carbondale, Is Now in County Jail.

Joseph Cerra, of Carbondale, was yesterday committed to the county jail by Alderman Morrison, on the charge of abducting from her home a sixteen-year-old girl, who also lived in Carbondale. Both are Italians.

The two eloped about three weeks ago, and an industrial search by the girl's parents acquainted them with the fact that the two were living together in Binghamton.

A decoy letter was sent Cerra by the young woman's parents, in which he was informed that if he and their daughter returned all would be forgiven and they would be received with open arms. Cerra was unresponsive, and yesterday arrived in Carbondale with the girl from the Foster City.

He found the open arms, but they were those of a constable armed with a warrant, and poor Cerra was given a hearing, bail was imposed, and in default he was committed to the county jail. He was brought up by Constable Pierce.

FRAUD IS CHARGED.

Scranton Men Ask for a Receiver for Big New York Concern.

Attorney J. W. Carpenter, Marvin P. Carter and the Carter family of this city, have gone into the United States court for the purpose of having a receiver appointed for the Anglo-American Savings and Loan association of New York, in which company they are stockholders.

It is charged that the directors of the company have brought it to the verge of financial ruin for their own personal benefit. The interest and assets of the association amount to about \$2,500,000.

Court issued an order returnable today restraining the company from making payments of any kind. The Messrs. Carpenter and Carter, are, it is understood, acting in behalf of a number of stockholders, including many Scrantonians.

OBITUARY.

The many friends of P. F. Madden will be shocked to learn of his sudden and most untimely death, which occurred at his late home, 914 West Lackawanna avenue yesterday afternoon. He was taken on Sunday evening last with typhoid pneumonia, and remained in a precarious condition until the time of his death, just at the time when the sun was sinking in the west his soul peacefully went to his great beyond. He was born on the 12th of December, 1850. In November, 1896, he was married to Katie L. Clark, of this city, and their union was blessed by one son, Paul. Mr. Madden was most amiable and loving husband, a kind father, a sincere and warm-hearted friend. His amiable qualities and cheerful disposition endeared him to all who knew him. At the time of his death he was engaged as a salesman in the Newark Shoe store, and was regarded by his employer as a trusted, efficient and most valuable man. He was perhaps more generally known as the drummer of Bauer's band, to which organization he was attached for a number of years, and in band circles was regarded as one of the best in his profession. He was a member of the Scranton Knights of Columbus and Scranton Lodge of Elks, in both of which organizations he was very popular. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Mrs. Miles J. Cawley, of 1205 Ridge Row, died last Wednesday night, after several weeks' illness. She was 55 years of age and is survived by her husband and one son, Miles J. Cawley, Jr. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with services at St. Peter's cathedral, and interment in the Catholic cemetery.

TEN RESIGN IN COUNCILS.

Part of Agreement Between Indicted Members and Municipal League Is Fulfilled.

Mr. Oliver Made a Brief Speech Expressing Regret at the Misfortune That Had Come to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Coyne, and in the Lower Branch, Mr. Griffiths Upon Resigning, the Chairmanship, Spoke Feelingly for a Few Minutes to His Fellow Members—Special Election Ordered for December 18 to Fill the Vacancies—Some Jockeying for Chairman Griffiths' Place Resulted in Delaying the Meeting of the Commoners.

The ten councilmen indicted by the last grand jury for accepting bribes, resigned their seats last night, in part fulfillment of the agreement with the Municipal league, by which they are to escape prosecution in the criminal court. They have already signed a paper stipulating that they will not seek or accept public office for five years, and before next Monday are to raise a fund of \$2,200, to be distributed among certain of the city's charitable institutions. On Monday morning, at which time the consideration of their cases was postponed, the attorneys of the league will go before court and ask that verdicts of not guilty be entered in each case, including that of ex-Secretary Horatio T. Fellows, who subscribed to the resignation. It was rumored about the city yesterday that several of the accused councilmen had discovered that they were not guilty and would back out of their agreement to resign, and thereby leave to the league to try them guilty. This would mean that none of the resignations would be forthcoming, as the league stipulated that all or none of the accused should enter into the agreement.

This aroused some speculation up to the time of the council meeting, and in consequence there was an unusually large gallery in both chambers when the meetings were called to order. Some were there, of course, through mere curiosity, but the presence of many could only be accounted for by anxiety to know whether or not the resignations would eventuate.

MANY SPECTATORS.

Agent Robert Wilson, of the Municipal league, loitered about the corridor to hear the first news of what took place. Mayor Moir looked on over the shoulders of the crowd that lined the rear of the common council chamber in front of the committee room. Several attorneys were noticed among the assemblage of spectators.

The select council was the first to get down to business. The routine of the first three orders of business was gone through with, as if nothing unusual was on the carpet, and when the fourth order, "communications," was called by Chairman Warner, the resignations of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Coyne were taken up from the table by Clerk Lavelle and read in the usual perfunctory manner in which he would disclose the contents of a letter conveying a claim for damages from a blocked sewer or something of that sort.

Mr. Thomas' resignation was read first. It was typewritten, except as to the name, in which he would disclose the contents of a letter conveying a claim for damages from a blocked sewer or something of that sort.

side was fearful that the other would spring some trap to capture the place. The division would stand eleven Democrats to ten Republicans with the council intact, and as Mr. Grier and Mr. Goldshall were absent the Democratic majority would remain the same. The Democrats, however, understood that the Republicans counted on one of the Democrats to support Mr. Keller for chairman, and they were expecting that an attempt would be made to capture the place for Mr. Keller by having the Republicans resign the chair and then go into the election of his successor before the resignations were offered.

The Republicans understood that the Democrats proposed to capture the place for Mr. Keller by having the election take place immediately upon the resignations being presented. Then the council would stand seven Democrats against three Republicans, if the resigning members returned from voting, as they might be expected to do, if they insisted on voting, the division would be ten Democrats as against nine Republicans. Even with a backslider or two the Democrats were sure they would carry the day, as they had promised support, so the Republicans reported from several of the accused councilmen of Republican tendency.

ELECTION POSTPONED.

But after a lot of jockeying a sort of mutual understanding was reached that the election of a chairman would not be attempted and the meeting was proceeded with.

All the routine business was finished up before there was any hint of the all important matter for which the meeting was specially called.

Chairman Griffiths arose and after a brief period of hesitancy said: "Gentlemen of the Common Council: We have now arrived at the serious part of the meeting. Several of your members are compelled to resign in pursuance to an agreement entered into with the Municipal league. It is not necessary for me to deal with the details of the affair. Our local papers took care of that. What I want to say is this: I thank you heartily for your courteous treatment and support during the past few days. I have occupied the chair during these meetings and have always been pleased; not a single incident has taken place that could be called a breach of decorum, it is unfortunate that this thing occurred, but as you all know there is the liability always that something will crop up sometime in any man's life that is not to be regrettable. We are glad to see the resignation of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Coyne, and as a favor I ask you to let Mr. Keller take the chair to receive the resignations. Gentlemen, I bid you adieu."

Mr. Griffiths spoke feelingly all through his address and as he stepped from the platform his countenance betokened no small mental pain.

His resignation was granted by the Democrats by silent assent. Mr. Keller took the chair and then after the other eight resignations were read in the following order: Charles E. Wenzel, D. H. Reese, T. M. Watkins, J. J. Grier, M. V. Morris, T. P. Morris, Charles E. Goldshall, W. F. Griffiths.

RESIGNATIONS READ.

Clerk Lynett's usually robust voice was lowered to a feeble melancholy pitch as he read the resignations, and when he had finished he said: "The whole proceeding among the members, save when a motion to accept a resignation was being put, and voted upon. As in the select branch the voting was low toned and participated in only by two or three members at a time."

At the conclusion of the meeting the retired members received hearty handshakes from their more fortunate brethren. It was extremely embarrassing all around as the most that could be said was "well, good bye, old man."

A joint resolution was passed fixing Tuesday, December 18, as the time for holding the special election to fill the vacancies.

The board of revision and appeals met last afternoon, and it is probable that the resignations of Messrs. Thomas, Morris and Leese will be forthcoming.

COLLIERIES SOLD TO THE ERIE COMPANY.

They Were the Properties of the Butler Mine Company, of Pittston.

An important transfer of mining properties took place at Pittston yesterday, when the holdings of the Butler Mine company, of that city were taken into possession by the Hillside Coal and Iron company, of which Captain W. A. May, of this city, is the manager. The property of the Butler company consists of three main openings, the Chapman, the Baker and the Fenwood, with two branches, comparatively new, at the latter named collieries, with several hundred acres of coal land partly developed. The properties in question are all located in Pittston township. The new acquisition is a most valuable one to the Hillside company, as they previously owned considerable unimproved land adjoining the Butler company. Heretofore the product of the collieries has been shipped over the New York, Susquehanna and Western, the Lehigh Valley and the Pennsylvania railroads, but in future will be shipped exclusively over the Erie railroad.

The Butler Coal company is composed of A. Houghton and S. W. Bump, both of Catonsville, N. Y., and S. B. Bennett, of Pittston, the latter being the resident manager during the thirteen years which the company has controlled these mines.

The sale is another evidence of the policy of the large coal carrying companies to eliminate small operations from the anthracite mining business and thus prevent the construction of the age-old road.

The Hillside Coal and Iron company is the name under which the Erie company conducts its mining operations. The Erie company is bitterly opposed to the construction of the proposed road to tide-water.

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HOW CHANGE WILL AFFECT THE SCHOOLS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

presumed to operate, was unconstitutional, inasmuch as it provided for a school district in cities of the second class, and such legislation, under the decision in the Kennedy case, was unconstitutional, it being an attempt to classify school districts and legislate specially for different classes.

But to the surprise of the majority of lawyers, the Supreme court sustained the Act of 1874 and continued the board of twenty-one in office. Mr. Burns was one of the attorneys who was engaged in the assault on the 1874 act, and it is reasonable to presume, if thoroughly acquainted with the matter in all its ramifications, Mr. Burns says he is satisfied that if the constitutionality of the Act of 1885, the Kennedy act, is again brought up, the Supreme court will rule that it is good law, and that an error was committed when it was declared invalid.

One Way Out.

This suggests one way the Scranton school district may solve the difficulty that confronts it. Another way is that championed by Mr. Reedy, the board's collector. He holds that in the absence of any code of laws for school districts in second-class cities, the Scranton school district will be entitled to retain her present laws, even though they do apply to school districts in cities of the third class. His argument is that the term "school districts in cities of the third class" is a geographical rather than a legislative distinction, and that as there is no provision made for "school districts in cities of the second class," and none can be made, the Scranton school district must needs follow the laws of the city of Scranton, so long as other laws are passed to supplement them, as would eventuate in the case of the Kennedy act being declared valid by the Supreme court.

If neither of these views are acquiesced in by the Supreme court, Scranton's school district would naturally have to fall back on the general Act of 1854, as Allegheny did, and when this thing comes to pass, if it should, Scranton can look out for bother.

The Act of 1854 provides for a separate school board in each ward and a central board composed of all the members of all the ward boards. This would give Scranton a school board of 126 members. Allegheny has six wards less than Scranton, but at that it is complaining grievously of the bulkiness of its central board. The work is done mainly by committees of fifteen, but all their transactions are under the direction and subject to the approval of the whole board.

The central board levies a tax sufficient to pay for the High school's expenses, for the salary of officers, teachers and other general employees for text books, stationery and supplies and, in fact, for all general expenses. The sub-boards are, under the law, made a quasi-corporation and have practically all the powers of the general board. It levies a tax for the construction and maintenance of the buildings or buildings in its respective ward, selects the teachers, hires and pays the janitors and books after all repairs and other matters of maintenance.

Councils must assess and collect school taxes. The school boards levy. It is mandatory on the councils and there is nothing to interfere with the school controllers' discretion in the matter, even the courts being powerless to interfere.

In Allegheny the school tax for sub-ward purposes varies in the different wards from a fraction of a mill to eight or nine mills. The tax for general school purposes is about three mills. The whole tax is about six mills, and this is on a total valuation of \$76,000,000. The amount of the tax is \$36,000,000, the abatement of one-third on rural property and one-half on agricultural property resulting in a reduction of 10 per cent.

At present one of the Allegheny wards is building a \$200,000 school house. Two of the wards maintain industrial schools.

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BATTLE SERIOUSLY CHARGED.

Colored Man Accused of Assaulting Nellie Wilson.

Morris Battle, a young colored man, living in Center street, was arrested last night and taken to the Center street police station, on a warrant issued by Alderman Miller, at the instance of Miss Nellie Wilson, of West Lackawanna avenue, who accused him of attempting to criminally assault her, and falling in this, of beating and attacking her.

There will be a hearing in the case at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Miss Wilson, who is a comely young white woman of twenty-one years, alleges that on Tuesday night, December 4, Battle effected an entry into her bedroom, by breaking the door. She says that he then attempted to outrage her, and falling in his purpose, became enraged at her resistance and struck her violently, seriously bruising her.

Battle claims to have lived with the woman for some time past, and says that her accusation is entirely false.

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