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**THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.**

Local data for Dec. 16, 1900:

Highest temperature ..... 20 degrees  
lowest temperature ..... 10 degrees  
Humidity: .....

S. W. m. .... 90 per cent.  
S. P. m. .... 90 per cent.  
Snowfall, 24 hours ending 3 p. m., 0.1 inch.

**PERSONAL.**

W. H. Stanton is home from Princeton to spend the holidays.

Mrs. William J. Mabe, of Carbondale, is the next of Alderman and Mrs. W. S. Millar.

William Bunn, who has been with Bell & Skinner for a number of years, left yesterday to accept a position at Norfolk, Va.

John Foote, of Archbold, who is a student at Georgetown College, Washington, D. C., has returned to his home for the Christmas holidays.

Rev. Dr. J. E. Smith, of Baltimore, Md., who filled the pulpit of the Elm Park church yesterday, was the guest of John T. Porter while in the city.

Miss Bessie L. Daniels, daughter of W. G. Daniels, of West Scranton, is home from the Mansfield State Normal school to spend the Christmas holidays.

City Solicitor A. A. Vossburg will go to Harrisburg this morning to assist in the argument of quo warranto proceedings brought by the Scranton Traction company against the Council Park and Speedway railway. Major Everett Warren and Hon. M. E. Olmstead, of Harrisburg, appear for the plaintiffs and City Solicitor Vossburg and Silas W. Pettit, of Philadelphia for the city and Speedway railway.

Within the next two weeks Dr. John W. Bush and Dr. Charles W. Wampler, of the Lackawanna hospital resident surgeon staff, will depart from the city, leaving Dr. John W. Hunter as senior of the resident staff, which will be composed of two more Pennsylvania graduates. Both Dr. Bush and Wampler have become very popular during their stay in this city and their departing will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

Meriting mounted seals. Reynolds Bros.

**Lunch.**  
Kidney stew, corned beef hash, Frankfurters and chicken soup. St. Cloud hotel.

If you want cigars go to Coursen's.

Fancy Leather Bags. Reynolds Bros.

**MUCH INTEREST IN PRIMARIES**

**REPUBLICANS NOMINATED IN FOUR WARDS.**

H. S. Alworth Named in the Second, David B. Evans and William W. Evans in the Fourth, Albert Lewis and John H. Phillips in the Fifth, and William Lewis in the Fifteenth—Nominations Made by the Democrats in Second, Third and Eighteenth Wards.

The Republicans of the Second, Fourth, Fifth and Fifteenth wards nominated candidates for select and common council on Saturday, to fill the unexpired terms of Morris V. Morris, Simon Thomas, W. V. Griffiths, C. E. Godshall and T. M. Watkins, resigned. In the Fifth ward the nominees will stand for the regular February election, and John Henry Phillips, who is now filling the unexpired term of his deceased brother, D. I. Phillips, was named to succeed himself on the board of control. The nominees in the Fourth ward are David B. Evans for select, and William W. Evans, for common council. The former is inside foreman at the Oxford mine, and resides at 1413 Sweetland street. The latter is chorister of the First Welsh Baptist church, and a resident at 333 North Rebecca avenue. Albert Lewis, ex-district chief of the fire department, and an active member of the Columbia Hose company, was named to succeed Common Councilman Charles Godshall in the Fifth. He is a son-in-law of District Mine Superintendent Thomas J. Williams, and lives at 129 Division street. William Lewis, the nominee for common council in the Fifteenth ward, is a miner at the Dodge, and lives at 1167 West Locust street. He is a brother of Joseph D. Lewis, now in the census bureau department, Washington, who was elected to the same office six years ago and resigned to accept a clerkship at the national capital.

The fight for the common council nomination in the Fourth ward was close and exciting, there being seven candidates. Evans defeated Moser by 21 votes. The vote by districts was as follows:

**HONESTY OF THE CITY COUNCILMEN**

Discussion About It Led to a Possibly Fatal Stabbing Affray at North Scranton Saturday.

The councilman's library cases were the indirect cause of a serious stabbing affray in North Scranton on Saturday night.

As a result of an argument over the connection of a certain councilman with the recent disclosures, Patrick McNulty, of 1292 West Market street, lies dangerously injured at his home, while William Murray, of 491 Mary street, is in the central police station charged with stabbing him.

The affair occurred in the barroom of William H. Cusick's hotel at 324 West Market street. The third ward Democratic caucus was held at that place between the hours of 4 and 7, and pretty nearly everybody who cast a ballot remained in the saloon to find out who was the winner, and incidentally to partake of a little liquid refreshment.

Murray, who is nearly 60 years old, and McNulty, who is just 30, were drinking together, and shortly after 8 o'clock got into an argument about the honesty of councilmen. Their voices became loud and their gestures became violent, causing a crowd to gather around them. Murray was contending that Select Councilman John J. Costello, of the Third ward, was going to be arrested, while McNulty was defending that gentleman.

It wasn't many minutes before Murray and McNulty were hammering away at one another with their fists. Some nearby advocates of the law finally succeeded in separating them for a time, but it wasn't long before the pair were at it again.

This time they were in deadly earnest. McNulty grasped Murray around the body and pulled him to the floor. This enraged the old man, who reached his hand into his pocket and pulled out a large knife, the blade of which he opened.

McNulty made another pass at Murray as they lay on the floor, and then the latter raised the knife in the air and with a vicious jab brought it down under McNulty's left arm. He pulled the blade out, and before anyone could stop him plunged it into McNulty's abdomen, as the unfortunate man lay there on the floor.

McNulty rose to his feet and was able to walk into an adjoining room, where his injuries were dressed by Dr. J. P. Stanton, who was hurriedly summoned to the scene, and incidentally to his home in a carriage. His condition is very dangerous, and it will be a day or two before the result will be definitely known.

Murray went home after the affair, but one man attempted to build him for the police. He was arrested at midnight by Patrolman Charles Perry and lodged in the North Scranton station house, from where he was removed to the central police station yesterday morning. The slaying is a tragedy, as McNulty and Murray are married and have large families.

Dr. Stanton stated last night to a Tribune man that McNulty was resting quietly, but that there was a grave fear of peritonitis setting in.

**FOR SELECT COUNCIL.**

1st	2d	3d	4th	Total
H. S. Alworth	120	120	120	360
D. B. Evans	21	120	120	261
John Fern	21	28	28	77

Evans' majority ..... 250

**FOR COMMON COUNCIL.**

1st	2d	3d	4th	Total
W. G. Moser	41	27	46	114
D. B. Hughes	8	7	15	30
W. W. Evans	12	29	42	83
D. R. Thomas	22	21	14	57
D. E. Nicholas	4	1	15	20
Obel Jenkins	5	42	16	63
Thomas Joseph	2	28	7	37

Evans' plurality ..... 31

Robert J. Williams was defeated in the Fifth ward by the following vote:

1st	2d	3d	4th	Total
William Lewis	68	67	95	230
R. J. Williams	67	73	43	183

Lewis' majority ..... 116

**FIFTEENTH WARD.**

T. Fellows Mason, Lewis' opponent in the Fifteenth ward, lost the common council nomination by 59 votes. The vote by districts was:

1st	2d	3d	4th	Total
William Lewis	135	42	177	354
T. F. Mason	49	73	118	240

Lewis' majority ..... 114

An interesting fight for common council was waged in the Second ward, in which Attorney H. S. Alworth was nominated to succeed Morris V. Morris. The vote in the five districts was as follows:

1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	Total	
H. S. Alworth	59	39	45	7	7	115
H. S. Johnson	12	29	32	2	2	77
John Follan	25	1	3	2	48	80
D. T. Thomas	18	—	—	—	31	57

**DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.**

The Democrats of the Second ward also canvassed on Saturday, and placed in nomination P. M. Flynn, of 1718 Brick avenue, a well-known young butcher. Martin Devaney was named in the Third ward. William Rush secured the Democratic nomination in the Eighth ward.

A three-cornered fight is on in the Twentieth ward with William G. O'Malley as the Democratic nominee; William Griffiths, Republican, and D. P. Battle, Independent. Thomas Burns and Thomas Melvin also filed nomination papers, but they have been withdrawn.

**For Sale.**

Two heavy, one light delivery wagons; set bob sleds; buggy pole; large hot water heater; one light platform scale; cash register; two pipe-cutting machines; four H. P. engine; \$1,500 worth gas fixtures and supplies; \$5,000 plumbers' and steam-fitters' goods; one two-seated sleigh; one two-seated open wagon.

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We can deliver all those taken before December 21. The Griffin Art Co.

**ANOTHER VICTIM TO THE LIST.**

Paul Branovsky Fell from the Richmond Colliery Trestle.

Another victim was added to the Richmond colliery trestling list of disasters last night, when Paul Branovsky, of Court street, North Scranton, while returning home from Throop, in company with Thomas Koyevkus, fell from the trestling to the Delaware and Hudson railroad, a distance of twenty-five feet, and sustained injuries from which he died before a physician arrived.

The men had been visiting friends in Throop, and decided to take a short cut home by crossing over the ill-fated trestling. When they had gone half-way over the trestling Branovsky became nervous and lost his balance, falling to the ground below. His skull was fractured and he suffered internal injuries.

He was carried into Joseph Gerchunus' hotel, on the boulevard, and Dr. John J. Belheimer was summoned. Before the doctor arrived life was extinct. Coroner Roberts was notified, and ordered the body removed to the man's boarding house. An autopsy will be made today. Branovsky was a single man, about thirty years of age.

**HISTORY OF LONG FOUGHT COAL WAR**

Last Scene of a Twenty Years' Conflict Will Be Enacted Tomorrow at the Waldorf-Astoria.

**VICTORY NOT ALWAYS TO THE STRONGER**

Valor, Position and Generalship on the Part of Scranton's Independent Coal Operators Defeated the Great Might of the Big Coal Carrying Companies and Compelled Them to Practically Accept the Independents' Terms—Contracts Entered Into with the Delaware Valley and Kingston Are to Be Returned by Their Custodian, the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and the Faithful Independents Will Be Free to Accept the Offer to Accede to Their Demands which the Carriers Made When They Were Made Desperate by the Firm Belief That the New Road Was to Be a Reality.

At the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, tomorrow, will occur a meeting of the Independent Anthracite Operators' association, at which will be read a series of resolutions of a war that has been waging for over twenty years, the conflict between the independent operators and the coal carriers over carrying rates, in which millions have been wrayed against millions, and in which the carriers' greatest financiers have participated on the one side or the other.

The battle closes with victory perched on the banners of the independents. They were the weaker in the matter of wealth, but they were just strong enough in money and their leaders great enough in mind to keep the opposition constantly disturbed and fearful of the disastrous results that would follow their aggressions, and after a series of minor victories, and virtually on the very heels of a threatened defeat, they came out of the warfare with their aim achieved—all that they demanded, granted.

Of especial interest is the history of the conflict to the city, because of the fact that the fight of the independents was directed from here, and because of the further and more interesting fact that the culmination of their victory was brought about by a Scranton man.

**FIXED THE RATE.**

During the years immediately preceding 1879, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company took the lead in the matter of fixing coal carrying rates. It arranged to take the independent operators' coal and pay for it at the rate of 43 cents on the dollar of idewater price. This was the best offer at that time, and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, having been the first to make it, secured the lion's share of the coal contracts. Other carriers, of course, had to come up to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western's offer, and the independents, who had been forced to accept the whole range over secured better prices for their output than they had been getting.

In 1879 a New York party bought up the stock of the New Jersey Midland railroad, with the intention of extending it to Scranton; and securing the trade of the independent operators by offering them a better price than was then being paid. The New York, Susquehanna and Western road was projected as the means of connecting Scranton with the Delaware River, where the New Jersey Midland had its western terminal. The road was built as far as Stroudsburg, but the capital to complete it was not at hand and the stretch between Stroudsburg and Scranton had to be abandoned.

Contracts had been made with a number of operators on the fifty per cent. basis, and as the latter waited on their execution, the New York, Susquehanna and Western people were forced to make an arrangement with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western to deliver the output of these operators to them at Stroudsburg.

**WAS UNPROFITABLE.**

This was an unprofitable arrangement to the New York, Susquehanna and Western, and after four years of effort, or in 1885, money was secured in a sufficient amount to build the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern and to buy up enough large holdings in the lower Lackawanna and upper Luzerne districts to insure a paying traffic.

The completion of the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern, with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, at a rate to prevail all through the region and it so continued for about a year, when another jump of 5 per cent. followed the entry of the Ontario and Western into the coal fields.

This new rate continued for five years. It was a fair rate for the time it went into operation, but mining all the time was growing more expensive and the independents began to murmur. They felt that the carriers could afford to offer a better figure and demanded that they should receive 60 per cent. The coal carriers turned a deaf ear to their demands, thinking the independents were powerless to cause any loss, but they reckoned wrong.

In 1891 came the big-reckoning combine. McLeod took hold of the Reading and the interests of the two chief competitors, the Jersey Central and Lehigh Valley, and was prepared to do all sorts of things in the coal world.

**AN AWAITED OPPORTUNITY.**

Here was the opportunity the independents were awaiting. A committee in which the moving spirits were Simpson & Watkins and E. L. Fuller joined it, and in Philadelphia and, after a four days' session, brought him to believe that, by offering a 60 per cent. rate, he could capture practically the whole output of the independent colliers, and when this belief was made a surety by an agreement on the part of the carriers, the independents to make long term contracts with him. Mr. McLeod promulgated the new rate. He wanted a ten year term. The independents were only willing to make the term five years.

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**THE RATE WAR.**

But to revert to the rate war. All the companies, of course, had to meet the new rate, and when making their contracts, likewise, were compelled to be content with a seven-year term. As 1895, the year of the expiration of the contracts was approaching, and the making of a new contract was being discussed, the coal carriers, informally, though emphatically, gave the independents to understand that when the new contracts were made they would have to be for less than 60 per cent. The carriers declared they could not afford this rate; that it was secured by taking them at a disadvantage, and that as long as the conditions were such as to relieve them from the danger of a similar disadvantageous position they proposed to fight the wrong that had been done them, and so on.

The independents replied, informally, and with equal emphasis, that not only would they not accede to a reduction of the rate, but that when the contracts were renewed they would have to be at an advance of 5 per cent.

With the carriers declaring that they would not pay over 55 per cent, and the independents contending for not less than 65 per cent, the 60 per cent. contracts expired. Neither side, it appears, wanted to force the issue, as it was sure of a ground and did not want to precipitate the conflict until something should develop that would give an advantage.

The carriers had gotten together some time before this and through the management of J. Pierpont Morgan were brought into a fairly harmonious working agreement.

**PROJECTED ANOTHER ROAD.**

The independents say they would have to do something desperate or submit to the threatened reduction, and through their association projected a road of their own to tidewater. A company was chartered, under the corporate title of the New York, Wyoming and Western, options were secured on terminals at Perth Amboy and a route was surveyed from Scranton over the Pocono, across Monroe county, through the Wind Gap, and thence in an air line to Perth Amboy.

Coal continued to be carried by mutual agreement, or rather through the lack of any agreement, according to the terms of the old contracts. The carriers were afraid to carry out their threatened reduction, because it would make the independents all the more desperate, and those of them who were hesitating about putting their money into the independent road would be quickly decided by such a move on the part of the carriers.

The independents who were at the head of the new road project could not bring their fellows to see the success they felt sure the new road would be and it had to be dropped, though a bluff was kept up all the time that the road would be built, and that it was anything but everything except the lack of funds that was delaying its construction. Once when a creditable story went forth that the project had fallen through, it was given a quick quietus by the delivery and distribution of 2,000 tons of steel rails along the route surveyed over the Pocono.

The rails are still there. They cost over \$150,000, but, though they never came in contact with a tie, they were not a bad investment. They served their purpose, and can be sold any time for pretty much what they cost.

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Fancy Sweet Oranges, doz. .... 25c  
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3 lbs. French Cream Candy ..... 25c  
2 lbs. Choice Chocolate Drops ..... 25c  
Greenish Walnuts, per lb. .... 12c  
Fancy Sicily Filberts, per lb. .... 12c  
Brazil Nuts, per lb. .... 12c  
Fancy Pecans, per lb. .... 12c  
Targonia Almonds, per lb. .... 15c  
Christmas Candy, clear togs. 3 lbs., for ..... 25c  
Sugar Pop Corn, quart ..... 5c  
Coconut Cream Bon Bons, per lb. .... 12c  
Decorated Honey Wafers, per lb. .... 12c  
Butter Scotch Caramels ..... 12c

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