THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for December 17, 1900:
Highest temperature ..... 29 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 8 degrees
Humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 96 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 93 per cent.

PERSONAL.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. O'Malley, of Wilkes-Barre, were among yesterday's Scranton visitors.

Mrs. Henry C. Doud, who has been spending the summer and fall at Lake Ariel, is visiting friends in the city.

Attorney Aaron V. Bower delivers his lecture on "Who Is the Author of Shakespeare?" in Danville, this evening, as a number in the Y. M. C. A. course of lectures.

United States Consul George L. Darte, of Kingston, has resigned his post as consul at Patras, Greece, and the president accepted his resignation on Saturday, Mr. Darte's desires in this respect having been communicated to the department about a week since. Mr. Darte recently was given the opportunity to go to Manila, as one of the secretaries of one of the important commissioners, his superiors being desirous of retaining him in the service, but he had fully decided to remain in the states, hence his resignation.

E. G. Worden was yesterday in Pittston.

New York Excursion.

The N. Y. O. and W. Railway company will run their annual Christmas excursion to New York city on Monday Dec. 17, tickets good returning up to and including December 22nd, at greatly reduced rates.

For further information, consult nearest O. and W. R. R. ticket agent. **

If you want cigars go to Coursen's. **

Have You Ever Stopped to Think

what constitutes a thoroughly well laundried shirt or collar? Try our product and make comparisons. 'Phone or postal brings our wagon to your door promptly. Lackawanna, The Laundry, 208 Penn avenue. **

Lunch.

Liver and onions, Frankfurters and kraut, tomato soup. St. Cloud hotel. **

Teachers' Oxford Bibles. Reynolds Bros **

FUNERAL OF MISS HUGHES.

Services Were Conducted at the Adams Avenue Chapel.

Miss Mary Gwendolen Hughes, the oldest daughter of the Rev. James and Mrs. Hughes was buried on Saturday in the Forest Hill cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Chandler, E. P. Fuller, D. Price, G. Monager, B. Jeffrey and B. Lewis. The flower bearers were the lady members of the chapel choir. The mourners were the parents, John R. Hughes and R. Hughes. A service was conducted in the Adams Avenue chapel, New York street, by the Rev. Charles Robinson, D. D. The edifice was crowded with sympathizing friends. Among those present were James A. Linen, Miss Linen, B. G. Morgan, J. A. Evans, cousin of the Rev. Mr. Hughes, and Professor James Hughes, nephew of the bereaved parents.

Professor Chance played the organ and Miss Brown sang two beautiful solos. The Rev. Dr. Robinson delivered a very affecting and earnest discourse. He referred to her useful life. She was a member of the choir, a successful Sunday school teacher, a worker in the Christian Endeavor society. It was his pleasure to receive Miss Hughes into church fellowship last April. Though the departed one was only 17 years of age, she had endeared herself to all who knew her by her exemplary Christian conduct and her untiring efforts to do good. There was a great profusion of flowers in the chapel. There was a very beautiful garland from Mrs. C. E. Robinson, and another from the neighbors of the Rev. James and Mrs. Hughes, and a very large and elegant one from the choir of which Miss Hughes had been a useful member.

At the grave the choir under the leadership of R. Rankin sang "Through Tears and Sighs."

TWO SHOPLIFTERS UNDER ARREST

Both Were Foreign Women Who Had Alleged Stolen Goods in Their Possession.

Let the shoplifter beware. The police have given warning that any person detected taking goods from any store or found with stolen goods on their persons, will be arrested, no matter who they may be. Two women were arrested yesterday on the charge and will be given a hearing before Mayor Moir this morning.

The first to be arrested was a Polish woman, who was caught taking dress goods from the counters of the Globe Warehouse. She came in the store in the morning and one of the clerks fancied she saw her take a small piece of dress goods. She called the attention of Floorwalker McConnell to the woman and he followed her.

He saw her stop before the dress goods counter, look furtively about, and then pick up three short lengths of goods and slip them under her cape. He took hold of her and escorted her back to the office and demanded that she allow herself to be searched.

This she refused to permit and the police were accordingly notified. Detective Moir and Officer Bloch arrived in a few minutes and placed her under arrest. Four pieces of dress goods were found under her arms, the total value being about $5. She refused steadfastly to have a word to say and was locked up in the central police statin.

In the afternoon, about 2.30 o'clock, Detective Moir and Officer Bloch were in Jonas Long's Sons' store. They noticed an Italian woman acting in a suspicious manner about one of the fancy goods counters and observed that she had in her hand a large bundle tied up in a cloth.

They immediately decided to arrest her, and did so, placing her in the Centre street police station. The bundle was found to contain a miscellaneous collection of dry and other goods, ranging from a pair of pillow shams and two worsted hoods, to a pair of rubbers.

There were goods from nearly every department in the whole store. The woman, who gave her name as Dresnia Capriano and her place of residence as Dunmore, had apparently made a tour of the whole store, adding a little contribution to her bundle from every counter she visited.

All the large stores in the central city are being watched by members of the police force or special officers and will be watched until after the holiday rush is over.

JOHN HIGHFIELD KILLED.

Lackawanna Brakeman Crushed to Death Between Cars.

John Highfield, of Monroe avenue, a brakeman in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, was run over by wild cat train No. 843 early yesterday morning, near Factoryville, and instantly killed. The train was in charge of Conductor M. R. McLane and was bound towards this city.

Highfield, who was one of the brakemen on the train, slipped while walking along the top of a car and, falling forward, was thrown between two of the cars and crushed to death.

Flagman P. Gilligan found his body. The brakeman was dead when his mangled remains were discovered, and the body was taken to Factoryville, and later removed to this city. Highfield was well-known in this city, and was a trusted employe of the company.

For Sale.

Our warehouse property, corner West Lackawanna avenue and Eighth street, being about 25 feet front on Lackawanna avenue and 130 feet on Eighth street, and about 147 feet on the line of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, with a five-story brick warehouse, track and switching privileges.

Also our barn lot on Dix court, about 85 feet on Dix court by 90 feet deep to Lee court, with brick stable and frame warehouse; located between Lackawanna avenue and Spruce street.

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Fancy Box Stationery, Reynolds Bros. **

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Cigars by the Box.

Standard brands, 12 or 25 in a box for $1.00 or more at O'Hara's cigar store, 431 Spruce street. **

Fancy Box Stationery, Reynolds Bros. **

Fancy Leather Bags. Reynolds Bros.

BOARD DIDN'T COMMIT ITSELF

BUT DECIDED TO CONFER WITH PITTSBURG AND ALLEGHENY.

An Effort Made at Last Night's Meeting of Board of Trade to Secure Adoption of a Resolution Declaring It to Be the Sense of the Meeting That It Was Not Advisable for Scranton to Enter Second Class Was Laid on the Table.

The board of trade last night took up the second class city problem, but took no definite action further than the appointment of a committee of two to confer with the Pittsburg and Allegheny boards of trade relative to a new general act for the government of second class cities.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to secure the adoption of resolutions declaring it to be the sense of the board that it is not advisable for Scranton to enter the second class under laws existing at present and requesting the governor to withhold his official announcement of the city's population for six weeks.

The question was first brought up by Secretary Atherton, who read a commuication from the Pittsburg chamber of commerce, announcing that that body would confer with the Scranton board on the second class city matter. He moved that a committee, with James H. Torrey as chairman, be appointed.

This started the discussion of the question and exactly one hour and a half was consumed in a general argument, upwards of a dozen members airing their views on the matter.

MR. FOSTER'S OPINION.

R. J. Foster thought that it would be possible to secure second class city legislation favorable to Scranton if the Quay faction predominated in the legislature this session. This, he thought, would come about by a desire on the part of that element to punish their Pittsburg enemies.

Colonel Sanderson thought that Scranton would be ground between the upper and lower millstones and would get no show whatever. This political talk prompted A. W. Dickson to remark:

"If we've got to leave the future of our city in the hands of a lot of politicians, may the Lord save us. I was going to say, that if we have to choose between Quay and Magee, lets go to Magee, because he's the least indecent of the two; but I think that if it's impossible to secure better second class legislation without seeing Billy Flinn, Chris Magee or Matt Quay, that we'd better give up and take our medicine."

The motion to appoint a committee was finally adopted and then Colonel Sanderson offered a resolution that it was the sense of the board that it was advisable to remain in the third class. This was voted down.

Colonel H. M. Boies thought than on general principles it was advisable to go into the second class. He thought that political conditions couldn't be much worse than they are now.

Colonel Sanderson then made an elaborate and lenghty address explaining his reasons for favoring his resolution. He thought that entering the second class would be ruinous to the taxables and business interests of the city. "The question of taxation is of vital importance. The first question asked by the promoters of proposed new industries is, 'What are your taxes?' They're high enough now, but they'll be far higher if we get into the second class."

QUOTED STATISTICS.

The colonel then produced statistics showing that the assessed valuation of Allegheny is over three times higher than Scranton and that on this valuation there was a levy of 13½ mills, the same as Scranton's present levy. He offered figures to show that three-quarters of the appropriation for police and fire department purposes in that city were expended in salaries for offices created by councils.

Colonel F. L. Hitchcock said he didn't have any sympathy with the pessimistic views of those who thought this city would go to the bow wows if it entered the second class. The same question was raised, he said, when it was proposed to make Scranton a city.

He believed that a constitutional convention would soon be held which would either wipe out the classification clause and permit cities to frame their own charters or create five classes.

Luther Keller made an elaborate argument against the second class, showing the increase in the expense of running the city in the last ten years and pointing out that it would be dangerous to have the running expenses of the city increased any more.

In the course of his remarks he referred to the fire department, saying that it was getting more money than it ought to have and referring to it as a mob. This brought A. W. Dickson to his feet and he made a few remarks which were warmly applauded.

"Why, gentlemen, we've got a few good things in this city," said he. "We've got a few first-class councilmen and we've got a good fire department. I'm proud of it. It's got some weak ends, but it's weakest end is the fact that it's been starved to death. There are public stealings in this city, there is impurity, there is licentiousness, but no larger proportion than in any other city.

"I hate to hear people decrying Pittsburg. I wish we were like Pittsburg. It's a center of wealth and prosperity. If it's such an awful place, why don't a few of its overburdened taxpayers come here to settle? What on earth is the use of puffing and blowing about the awful difficulties of second-class cities. Let's follow after our destiny. By all means, let us be a city of the second class."

TAX FRANCHISES.

Colonel Boies thought that the increased cost of running a second-class city could be met otherwise than by taxing the property owners. He said that the city has given away its streets and ought to get a big return from the public service companies occupying them. He moved that the resolution be laid on the table until the report of the committee was received, and the motion was adopted.

Mr. Keller then offered a resolution to the effect that the governor be requested by the board to withhold his official announcement of the city's population for six weeks. This called forth a little quiet sarcasm from Mr. Dickson and President Lansing remarked that it would be in very bad taste for the board to tell the governor of the state what to do.

Mr. Keller announced that such a request had already been made to the chief executive, but he wouldn't say by whom. A motion was made to table Mr. Keller's resolution and it was promptly adopted.

The present officers of the organization were re-nominated. They are as follows: President, James A. Lansing; vice-president, A. W. Dickson; secretary, Dolph B. Atherton; treasurer, Joseph Levy; trustee, G. A. Fuller.

The manufactures committee reported upon the securing of the spike mill and galvanizing plant for West Scranton, and the contract with R. G. Dun & Co. for the coming year was renewed.

The banquet committee was authorized to pay the expenses of a committee of two to go to Washington to secure speakers for the banquet to be held next month.

PREPARING FOR TODAY'S ELECTION

County Commissioners' Office Was a Very Busy Place—Candidates to Be Voted For.

It was a case of hustle, yesterday and last night, with the county commissioners to get in readiness the machinery for today's special election.

Out of consideration for the candidates, they held back the certification of the nominations to the printers until 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and as this kept the delivery of the last batch of ballots back till 11 o'clock p. m., the work of distributing them to the judges of election had to be performed, in some cases, in the early hours of this morning.

The ballots for the First, Second, Third and Fourth wards, which were printed by The Tribune, were all delivered at 5 o'clock p. m., but those for the Fifth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth wards, which were printed elsewhere, were not finished until nearly midnight. As a consequence the judges of election in some of these wards were roused from bed this morning to receive their packages of ballots and other election supplies.

There were in all 19,000 ballots printed for the twenty-nine districts of the nine wards in which elections are to be held. There are four columns, at least, to each ballot, to accommodate the Republican, Democratic, Independent and "Sticker" candidates. No sample ballots were printed.

The only new candidate whom yesterday developed was Edward L. Williams, who goes on the official ballot as the Republican nominee for common council in the Eighteenth ward. Thomas Griffiths, the Republican nominee for common council in the Twentieth, withdrew his papers yesterday before the copy for the ballot went to the printers.

The nominees shown by the official ballot are:

First ward—Common council John McDonnell, Rep.

Second ward—Common Council, H. S. Alworth, Rep.; P. M. Flynn, Dem.

Third ward—Common council, Martin Devaney, Dem.; Martin Sheridan, Ind.; James Haggerty, Cit.; Thomas Connor, Peo.

Fourth ward—Select council, David B. Evans, Rep.; common council, William W. Evans, Rep.

Fifth ward—Common council, Albert Lewis, Rep.

Fourteenth ward—Common council, Charles R. Acker, Rep.; William Gurrell, Dem.

Fifteenth ward—Common council, William Lewis, Rep.

Eighteenth ward—Common council, Edward L. Williams, Rep.; William Rush, Dem.

Twentieth ward—Select council, William G. O'Malley, Dem.; Daniel Battle, Cit.; William G. O'Malley, Ind.

The Prohibitionists made nominations in a number of wards, but failed to certify them in time to have them appear on the official ballot.

D. P. Elias is running as a cold-water candidate for common council in the Fifth ward, and J. B. Peck for the same office in the Fourth ward. In the First ward Thomas G. Moore seeks to succeed to Mr. Reese's place in the lower branch, and in the Second ward Giles L. Clark offers himself as a successor to Morris V. Morris.

Lively contests are looked for in the Third, Fourteenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth wards. In the other wards there is only one set of candidates, or else a practically assured election.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.

Aged Resident of South Scranton Struck by an Engine.

Patrick Faulkner, aged sixty-five years, of 1415 Cedar avenue, was struck by a Jersey Central engine at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and instantly killed. He was crossing the tracks near the Sauquoit silk mill and did not hear the train approaching, as he was quite deaf.

The body was removed to his late home, where Coroner Roberts viewed the remains. Deceased was a well-known resident of South Scranton, and is survived by four children.

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A French Briar Pipe.

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THAT BARBER ASPHALT BILL

MAYOR MOIR IS HOLDING IT UNDER ADVISEMENT.

It Is Likely That in the Near Future the Court Will Be Again Asked to Pass Upon It—Proceedings Looking Toward Annulling of Contract Are Talked of—It Will Be Alleged That It Was Secured by Unlawful and Illegal Means.

A bill for $4,380, being a quarterly payment to the Barber Asphalt company, under their yearly contract of $17,500 for the repair of the city's asphalt streets, is being held up by Mayor Moir in response to requests from several citizens, whose names he will not mention.

In response to an inquiry from a Tribune man yesterday as to his reasons for refusing to sign the bill, the mayor said:

"There have been objections raised by certain taxpayers to me, requesting that I refrain from approving the bill. It is contended that the contract is illegal, because it was obtained by illegal acts, or in other words, that money was used to secure the passage in councils of the ordinance providing for its execution. This is said to be in violation of the law, which provides that no corporaton shall profit as the result of its illegal acts.

"I have not yet decided whether I will approve the bill or not. I simply have taken the matter under consideration and shall obtain legal advice on the question."

SIGNED SIX OTHERS.

The mayor has already signed six similar bills, but this is the first one presented to him since the recent hearings in Alderman Fuller's office, when ex-Mayor Bailey confessed to having received $1,000 for signing the ordinance.

There is a very well defined rumor that an effort will be made in the near future to have the contract annulled by court. Those who are in a position to know, say that this effort will be made some time next month.

It is understood that those behind the movement have evidence to prove that certain councilmen accepted money for their votes on the ordinance, but that they are not desirous of having these men prosecuted for bribery, their sole object being the securing, if possible, of an annulment of the charter.

The statute of limitations provides that a person charged with bribery must be arrested within two years after the crime was committed. The asphalt contract was let in January, 1899, so that these two years will expire next month. It is understood that the plan is not to bring action until after these two years have expired, so as to prevent any evidence which might be offered at the hearing from rendering these certain councilmen liable to arrest.

WRONG IMPRESSION.

The mistaken impression seems to prevail that court recently decided that the contract could not be annuled if it could not be proven that bribery was used to secure it. Nothing of the kind was decided. When Attorney Comegys petitioned the court for an annulment of the contract in 1899, he raised two issues, an issue of law and an issue of fact.

The issue of fact was that bribery had been used to secure the contract. He dropped this issue in the absence of any tangible proof and fought the case out on the question of law. Court refused to annul the charter, and Mr. Comegys lost his case on purely legal grounds.

A short time ago he petitioned court to permit him to take up the issue of fact, formerly dropped, but court decided that this could not be done. There is nothing to prevent another action for the annulment of the contract being brought.

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