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THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for Dec. 19, 1900.

Highest temperature 41 degrees
Lowest temperature 30 degrees
Humidity 80 per cent.
8 a. m. 80 per cent.
8 p. m. 77 per cent.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Labigianne have returned from a pleasant trip to Florida.

Patrick Flaherty, of the State Normal school, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home on Pittston avenue, corner Cherry street.

John A. Moran returned yesterday from Lafayette to spend the holidays at his home in Dunmore. Mr. Moran was much famed as a member of the Lafayette ball team during the season.

A. F. Hoffmann, recently general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association at Montrose, with his family, are stopping at the home of Dr. C. W. Roberts, on Washington avenue, for the week. Mr. Hoffmann has accepted a call to the secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. association in the western part of the state and is now enroute for that place.

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, truck and switching privileges.

Also our barn lot on Dix court, about 55 feet on Dix court by 90 feet deep to Lee court, with brick stable and frame warehouse, located between Lackawanna avenue and Spruce street.

The Hunt & Connel Co.

Models on Exhibition.

Dainty winter boots, in kid, with one sole, two soles or three soles, for women's wear, are the sort which imparts pleasure when displaying these to our lady patrons. All are beauties. Models of the shoemaker's art. Kindly let us fit you for your Xmas shoes. Mahon's shoe store, 508 Lackawanna avenue.

if you want cigars go to Coursen's.

RESIGNATION OF T. H. WATKINS

Will Retire from Presidency of Temple Iron Company.

It was announced from Philadelphia yesterday that the resignation of T. H. Watkins from the presidency of the Temple Iron company, which has been expected for several months, is to go into effect January 1, next. He is to be succeeded by George F. Bauer, of the directorate of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company, who is now vice president of the Temple company.

Mr. Watkins is out of the city but at the Temple company big office in this city confirmation of the Philadelphia announcement was given.

It is Mr. Watkins' intention to devote himself as much as possible from his anthracite coal business that he may devote his time and energies to bituminous coal. He is the moving spirit in a large company which is engaged in developing extensive soft coal tracts in West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania, and after the first of the coming year it is his purpose to give these a great deal of his attention.

It is further stated in the Philadelphia dispatches that the Morgan people, who control the Temple Iron company, are to buy up as many as possible of the better collieries of the Lackawanna and Wyoming region and turn them over to the Temple company.

The main purpose of buying up of the independent collieries is the same as that which obtained in the purchase of the Pennsylvania Coal company—the removal of a constantly disturbing element from the coal world and the better harmonizing of its various interests. Once in full control of the coal fields of the West, the Morgan people will move to make an allotment of territory which each company is to serve, so as to do away with the demoralizing competition which now piles up expense and cuts down prices at every big market.

"This is, it is thought, is just as feasible as the allotment scheme by which the output is regulated and the ruinous overstocking of the market prevented.

THIS SHOPLIFTER WAS PARTICULAR

Woman Tried to Exchange Piece of Alleged Stolen Dress Goods at Goldsmith's Bazaar.

A woman who gave her name as Mrs. Walsh and her residence as South Scranton, was arrested in Goldsmith's Bazaar last night, where she was trying to exchange a piece of goods which she is alleged to have taken away on Monday. She was released from the central station last night on bail and will be given a hearing before Alderman Miller this morning.

She was noticed about the store Monday afternoon, acting in a rather suspicious manner, and after she left the store the clerk at one of the dress goods counters discovered that a valuable piece of material was missing. This was reported to the head of the department, and all the employees in the store were instructed to keep a sharp lookout for the peculiarly acting dame.

About 6:45 o'clock last night a woman approached one of the dress goods counters, and remarked: "If you are willing, I'd like to exchange this piece of material." She handed over a neatly tied parcel, which, on being opened, was found to contain the goods, which the clerk immediately recognized as the ones which were reported missing.

A sharp scrutiny of the woman, and a hurried nod to the floor-walker followed, and an instant later Mrs. Walsh was being subjected to a rapid cross-examination of the dress goods counter. She was unable to answer satisfactorily, and Patrolman Malott was called in and escorted her to the central station where she remained until friends secured bail for her appearance in police court this morning.

MRS. SMITH DISCHARGED.

In Scalding Eva Spangenburg She Acted in Self Defense.

Mrs. Jennie Smith, of Oakford court, was arraigned before Alderman Howe yesterday and dismissed on the charge of scalding Mrs. Eva Spangenburg. The latter received treatment at the Lackawanna hospital Tuesday for her injuries, as told in yesterday's Tribune.

It seems that the Spangenburg woman was released from the county jail Tuesday morning after serving a twenty days' sentence, imposed by Mayor Moir. On leaving the county Bastille Mrs. Spangenburg called upon Mrs. Smith and asked if Mr. Spangenburg was anywhere about the premises.

She was answered in the negative, at which, it is alleged, that she grew indignant, expressed disbelief of Mrs. Smith's veracity and smashed a door, whereat Mrs. Smith nonchalantly seized a kettle of boiling water and gently doused Eva with it. The latter, by no means daunted, then threw an axe through the kitchen window, after which she withdrew to the Lackawanna hospital, where her scalds were dressed. The warrant was then issued, but Alderman Howe yesterday decided that Mrs. Smith's action was justifiable.

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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.

TO ILLUSTRATE THE SONGS.

The entire front of the mammoth organ which is to be set to re-organize on Christmas night, will be brilliantly illuminated with colored incandescent lights and will be laden with gifts for the little ones.

At the Penn Avenue Baptist church there will be a musical programme of exceptional interest rendered on Sunday night by the full choir, under the leadership of Prof. Haydn Evans, with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert F. Y. Pierce.

The Sunday school entertainment will be given on Christmas afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the principal feature will be an emblematic piece called "Christmas Star," now being arranged by the pastor. The Star of Bethlehem will be shown, with its wonderful brilliancy and the heathen peoples will be represented coming for some of its light. There will be new songs to bring the rays from the star to those seeking the light.

Those who have seen in the past some of these emblematic productions, arranged by Dr. Pierce, are looking for a delightful treat. On the Thursday evening following Christmas, there will be the annual distribution of gifts to the primary children.

Prof. Schilling, musical director at St. Peter's cathedral, is arranged to give the choir render at the pontifical high mass, which is to be solemnized at 10:30 o'clock Christmas day.

PRISONER WANTS DIVORCE.

Mrs. Willis Institutes Proceedings From Her Prison Cell.

Two weeks ago, in Judge Cameron's court, Mrs. Mary Jane Willis, of Vandling, was convicted of unfaithfulness to her husband, and Monday she was sent to the county jail for a term of sixty days.

Yesterday, through the agency of Attorney J. J. Manning, Mrs. Willis applied for a divorce from her husband and erstwhile prosecutor, alleging that his treatment of her had made her life burdensome and condition intolerable. They were married April 29, 1888.

In just what respect Mrs. Willis did these things is not divulged by the divorce libel.

TOOK A LONG STEP.

Fireman Brundage Dislocated His Shoulder and Ankle.

O. J. Brundage, a Delaware Lackawanna and Western fireman, was badly injured early yesterday morning on the Keyser Valley branch.

The engine had stopped and Brundage stepped off. Just at that time he was over a small culvert, and he stepped down a distance of fifteen feet.

He dislocated his left shoulder and ankle, and was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital. His home is on Cedar avenue.

FOOT BALL CHRISTMAS.

Thirteenth regiment vs. the old Scranton team at Athletic park Christmas afternoon 2:30 sharp. Admission 25 cents.

Slippers, 50c, at Mahon's, 508 Lackawanna avenue.

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DIED.

CAPWELL—In West Scranton, Dec. 18th, 1900. Esther Capwell, wife of Charles B. Capwell. Funeral Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the First Baptist church of Factoryville.

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CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

SPECIAL SERVICES IN ALL THE CITY CHURCHES.

Elaborate Musical Programme Being Prepared by the Various Musical Directors—Many of the Churches Will Observe the Day on Sunday. Novel Sunday-School Entertainments to Be Given in Elm Park and Penn Ave. Baptist Churches. Arrangements in West Scranton.

Christmas has always been observed in the various churches of this city with much splendor of song and service, but it was never so observed as it is now. In the musical directors in charge of the arrangements of this year's programmes had entered into a joint agreement to outdo all previous efforts and make the last Christmas of the nineteenth century one long to be remembered by the church-going people of Scranton.

Not only will the musical programmes be especially rich and elaborate, but the Sunday school entertainments being planned far exceed any previous efforts along that line, both in novelty and magnificence.

The Christmas services in all of the central city churches, with the exception of St. Peter's cathedral and St. Luke's Episcopal church, will be conducted next Sunday, both morning and evening.

At the First Presbyterian church there will be services both morning and evening, with a sermon on both occasions by the pastor, Rev. Dr. James McLeod. Prof. John T. Watkins has charge of the musical programme and will be held on Christmas night in the lecture room of the church and a special feature will be a stereopticon display of thirty of the celebrated Tissot pictures representing the life of Christ. There will be music by the church orchestra and a distribution of gifts for the little ones.

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Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 15th inst., enclosing letters from C. E. Chittenden, received today. Your attention was called to the fact that the act of assembly, approved May 8, 1899, page 123, dividing cities of the state into three classes, under this act of assembly it becomes the duty of the governor to certify to any city that has changed its classification under the census. I do not see how I could withhold such certificate, under the plain provisions of this law, nor do I see how the city of Scranton can fail or prevent becoming a city of the second class, but this is for the city of Scranton to determine, not for me.

I will be very glad to oblige you or Mr. Chittenden, and especially to do what the people of Scranton desire, provided I can do so without violating the plain legal duty imposed upon me.

I may say that the act of assembly was construed by the supreme court at the time it passed from a third to a second class city, and the provisions of the act upheld. I think the case will be found in the reports of cases in the supreme court in 1890.

I return Mr. Chittenden's letter.

Very truly yours,
William A. Stone.

IS MUCH CAST DOWN.

Mr. Chittenden, as may be believed, is very much cast down over the receipt of this pronouncement of the governor. "This practically settles the matter," said he yesterday to a Tribune reporter. "Our city has had only indifferent success in handling a reasonably good matter. It will now be interesting to watch the efforts of work which may be called a criminal conspiracy. This charter can only be worked by a boss, and as a large percentage of the Republican vote is unalterably opposed to bosses and bossism, it is a safe prediction that the city will soon pass into permanent Democratic control."

It would seem that all hope of preventing the transition—if, indeed, it is the wish of Scranton to prevent it—is gone, but according to Attorney L. H. Burns, there is still another way out of the difficulty.

The law provides that the governor's certificate shall be recorded, and in a decision in 1893, Justice Williams certified that upon the recording of this certificate to the city, in that instant, passes into the new class. It may be that some of the new classification laws have made this decision inoperative, but that question has never been tested, and if Scranton only wants a delay in transition of a few months or so, it can secure it by requesting to record the governor's certificate for that time. Before any one could secure a mandamus from the Supreme or Superior courts, to compel the city officials to record the certificate and bring about the transition, the work of changing the classification law could be completed.

HAS BEEN AMENDED.

There are some who contend that the actual transition will not make impossible the passage of the legislation necessary to keep Scranton in the third class. They point to the fact that the classification act has been frequently amended and that each amendment has affected one or more cities. There is no reason, they contend, why the amendments can not be made just as well after Scranton becomes second class as when it is third class.

The general opinion, however, is that the transition is inevitable and that the best course for Scranton is to begin actively to prepare for the change.

MRS. DIXON GIVEN A DIVORCE

Her Husband's Charges Against Her Were Dismissed.

Judge Essenden, at Boston yesterday, filed his decision in the divorce proceedings of the Rev. Dr. J. K. Dixon, formerly pastor of the Warren avenue Baptist church, Boston, and his wife, Annie, entering a decree in favor of Mrs. Dixon on the ground of adultery. The libel of Dr. Dixon against

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