THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for December 21, 1900:

Highest temperature ..... 35 degrees

Lowest temperature ..... 27 degrees

Humidity:

8 a. m. ..... 94 per cent.

8 p. m. ..... 94 per cent.

FESTIVAL OF HANUCCA.

Special Children's Services at Linden Street Synagogue.

Interesting services were held last night at the Linden Street synagogue, in celebration of the Festival of Hanucca. Special children's exercises were conducted and the ceremony proved very pleasing.

Edgar Troutfelt and Max Landau, two young members of the congregational Sabbath school, read chapters from Scripture, relating to the festival, and eight other children from the school also participated in the services. They were Leon Brown, Gertrude Moses, Leon Roos, Adele Levy, Arthur Stein, Bertram Samter, Jean Samter and Gustav Breschel.

Rev. A. S. Auspacher then delivered a short sermon, in which he compared Christmas and Hanucca, and pointed out the similarity between the two holidays.

KILLED BY WILDCAT TRAIN.

T. C. Foley's Remains Found on the D., L. and W. Tracks.

The remains of Timothy C. Foley, of Moscow, were found lying on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western tracks about a mile below the Lackawanna station at Moscow, Wednesday night. It is believed that he was struck by a wildcat train about 8 o'clock in the evening.

The body was taken to the deceased's home. He was 48 years of age and a tinner by trade. A wife survives him.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE

A Large Number of Them Heard by the Poor Board.

Only four members of the poor board attended the regular meeting yesterday afternoon, Messrs. Brooks and Shotton being absent. The usual number of aplications for relief were heard. Mrs. Sarah Riley, who has been a charge on the Moscow district for some time, but has been receiving relief through the Scranton board, applied for additional relief. The secretary was instructed to notify the Moscow district that they will have to care for her.

The aplication of Mrs. Bridget Fallos, of Oak street, Dunmore, was referred to Director Burke with power to act. The case of Mrs. Maggie Jenkins, of George street, who has four children and a sick husband to care for, was referred to Director Williams, who will grant relief. Hugh McShane, a young man who was formerly an inmate of the Hillside Home, was readmitted.

Michael Finnerty, of Railroad avenue, who appeared before the board at the last meeting and asked the board's attorney to aid him in collecting a large sum of money, which he alleges is due him, appeared again yesterday with his sister. They now seek admission to the home, and their request was granted.

Mrs. Catherine Moran, of 1022 South Wyoming avenue, a widow with four children, whom the board is evidently acquainted with, wanted assistance in purchasing Christmas presents, but the directors could not see their way clear to grant her request, and the application was dismissed.

Dr. Paine reported for the Home committee that the new store building is rapidly nearing completion, and that it will be a substantial structure in every detail. The board desired to visit the home next Thursday and make an inventory. The quarterly report, which is sent to the state authorities, was signed by the directors.

An application was received from the principal of an institution for the blind in Philadelphia, requesting transportation for three inmates to come to Scranton for the Christmas holidays. The board could not see their way clear to grant the request, and the secretary was instructed to so notify the superintendent.

After a number of bills were ordered paid and orders drawn for the several amounts the board adjourned.

WOES OF SANTA CLAUS.

Unfeeling Officials Arrested Him at Delaware and Hudson Station.

There was commotion galore at the Delaware and Hudson station Thursday afternoon, all owing to the arrival of Santa Claus on the 4.18 train. This statement may seem a trifle peculiar, but it is nevertheless made in all veracity.

The Santa Claus in question, whom an entertprising Wyoming avenue merchant had advertised would arrive on the 4.18, was greeted by an enormous throng of men, women and children, the two latter predominating. The instant he got off the train, however, several Delaware and Hudson station officials seized him and, aided by a number of patrolmen, hustled him upstairs and then forced him to part with his long, snowy whiskers and change his apparel for more everyday raiment.

This was done as the Delaware and Hudson authorities claimed that St. Nick's arrival caused a small panic, several women fainting and children being trampled upon in the rush.

The patron saint of Christmas boarded the train at one of the way stations. When he entered his car, there was nothing extraordinary about him to attract attention, but when the train arrived at the station and he had finished dressing, the metamorphosis was wonderful.

A VALIDATING BILL.

Representative Reynolds to Introduce One in the Legislature.

Announcement was made in the columns of The Tribune some two weeks ago that a plan had been suggested to validate the sewer bond issue of $135,000, the legality of which is questioned by R. L. Day & Co., the successful members, by introducing a bill in the state legislature validating all municipal bond issues in the state since 1897, in which year a similar bill was passed.

Such a bill has now been prepared and will be introduced at the opening of the legislature by Representative Thomas J. Reynolds, of the First district. Mr. Reynolds believes that he can secure its passage by the first of February, on account of the large number of cities in addition to Scranton desirous of having recent bond issues validated.

Among these are Carbondale, Reading and Williamsport, in all of which places technical objections have been raised against bond issues within the past three years. The passage of such a bill would compel R. L. Day & Co. to take the bonds or forfeit their check for $3,000.

NO MORE ARRESTS JUST NOW.

E. B. Sturges Says No Bribery Prosecution Till After Christmas.

E. B. Sturges, of the Municipal League, stated yesterday to a Tribune man that there would be no more counmean that more arrests are bound to mas season. While his remarks were in the negative, they may be taken to mean that more arrests are bound to follow.

He said that the league did not desire to cause any sorrow in the families of the alleged boodlers during the bright and joyous holiday time.

PILGRIM SONS AT DINNER

DISTINGUISHED COMPANY AT NEW ENGLAND BANQUET.

Addresses by President William H. Richmond, Colonel John Van Wormer, of New York; John Birkinbine, of Philadelphia, and Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton—Homer Greene as Toastmaster—Novel and Pretty Menu and Toast Card—Patriotic Exercises Precede the Dining.

No more distinguished company is called together by a Scranton function than that which annually assembles at the dinner of the New England society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and at last night's dinner, the fourteenth annual, this was particularly true, as a glance at the names of the diners will attest:

The guests of the society were Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, bishop of Scranton; Colonel John R. Van Wormer, of New York, president of the New York Athletic club and Lincoln National bank; John Birkinbine, of Philadelphia, president of Franklin institute.

The members' guests were Rev. W. H. Swift, of Carbondale; H. Brewster, of Montrose; S. B. Bulkley, of Dunmore; G. A. Dounce, Dr. H. B. Ware, J. L. Crawford, Dr. W. G. Fulton, Dr. W. E. Keller, Judson B. Woolsey, Dr. H. D. Gardner, Hon. R. W. Archbald, William McClave, Rev. I. J. Lansing, R. N. Atherton, W. D. Zehnder, Dr. J. W. Coolidge.

Members of the society in attendance were:

Carbondale—John W. Aitken, William J. Hamlinton.

Wilkes-Barre—Edward H. Chase, Dr. F. C. Johnson, Oliver A. Parsons.

Dunmore—A. D. Blackinton.

Pittston—C. C. Bowman, S. B. Bennett, Frederick C. Bennett, George S. Ferris, Hon. Theodore Hart, William J. Peck, Theodore Strong.

Honesdale—Homer Greene, Henry Z. Russell, A. T. Searle.

Dalton—Henry M. Ives.

Throop—Charles D. Sanderson

Jeansville—Vernon H. Rood.

Jermyn—J. D. Stocker.

Plains—Frank D. Scott.

Scranton—Captain Dolph B. Atherton, J. L. Atherton, John R. Atherton, Colonel H. M. Boies, Albert S. Baker, Dr. F. D. Brewster, E. F. Chamberlin, C. E. Chittenden, J. Benj. Dimmick, E. H. Davis, A. C. Fuller, J. H. Fisher, Hon. John H. Fellows, Rufus J. Foster, John B. Fish, P. H. French, Rev. George E. Guild, D. D., Dr. L. M. Gates, Hon. Alfred Hand, Colonel F. L. Hitchcock, Walter L. Henwood, Sidney R. Henwood, G. D. Hinds, Hon. W. H. Jessup, Cyrus D. Jones, J. A. Lansing, A. F. Law, John S. Luce, I. F. Megargel, S. B. Mott, E. L. Merriman, Levi J. Northrup, R. E. Prendergast, H. E. Paine, W. H. Peck, R. H. Patterson, F. E. Platt, Harry O. Pond, Ernest I. Paine, William H. Richmond, Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., Colonel George Sanderson, Charles R. Sanderson, James G. Shepherd, Dr. R. M. Stratton, Fred K. Tracy, E. N. Tewkesbury, T. C. Von Storch, Charles H. Welles, O. B. Wright, C. F. Whittemore, W. A. Wilcox, C. S. Woolworth, G. F. Whittemore.

OFFICERS OF SOCIETY.

The officers of the society are: President, William H. Richmond; vice-president, Henry M. Boies; secretary, J. H. Fisher; treasurer, A. C. Fuller; historian, H. E. Paine; dinner committee, D. B. Atherton, J. H. Fisher, A. C. Fuller, H. Z. Russell, Hon. Theodore Hart, Hon. Alfred Hand, William A. Wilcox, E. B. Sturges.

Preceding the dinner a brief reception was held for the guests of honor in the board of trade reception rooms. At its conclusion the diners formed in twos and marched to the assembly room, where the tables were set.

At President Richmond's left were seated, in the order named, Toastmaster Greene, Bishop Hoban, Colonel Van Wormer and Secretary Fisher, and on the right, Mr. Birkinbine, Vice-President Boies, Rev. Dr. McLeod and Rev. Dr. Lansing.

When assembled about the table, all joined in singing "America," under the lead of C. F. Whittemore, and to the accompaniment of Bauer's orchestra. During the singing of the last verse, Captain Atherton waved aloft a large American flag, a custom which always obtains at this dinner. After an invocation by Rev. Dr. McLeod, the diners sat down to the good things that O'Neil had prepared for them. The odd and pretty programme of last night's affair was designed by George B. Dimmick.

E. B. Sturges was to have been toastmaster, but owing to illness he was unable to attend. The committee only yesterday afternoon secured Mr. Greene as a substitute. That it made a happy selection the company will unanimously agree.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President Richmond's address proved an exceptionally interesting review of New Englandism and the part it has played in the upbuilding of the nataion. The address was followed by a hearty round of applause. Toastmaster Greene was then formally presented by President Richmond. He made a few witty references to Mr. Sturges and the work in which he is now so prominently figuring, and then told humorously how he had been selected to take Mr. Sturges' place as toastmaster.

A message of regret from Hon. Robert W. Tayler, member of congress from the famous western reserve district of Ohio, which was represented by Ben Wade, President Garfield and President McKinley, Mr. Tayler was to have responded to the toast "Plymouth Rock." Business engagements compelled him at the eleventh hour to send his egrets.

Colonel Van Wormer had for his theme "New England." He treated it in an eloquent and scholarly way, and proved himself one of the best of the many excellent speakers which the New England society has been always so fortunate to secure for its annual dinners.

The progress of America and the part New England influence has played in it was the burden of his remarks. The Pilgrim, he said, had his faults. He was only human. But he had great virtues. Fixedness of purpose, a lofty ideal and a determination to accomplish it were among his chief characteristics. He had his own way, to be sure, in going about the accomplishing of his purpose—the subjugation of the Indians for instance—but he got there.

THE UNITED STATES.

The next speaker was John Birkinbine, of Philadelphia, president of the Franklin institute. He was assigned to the toast, "The United States," and in beginning his remarks he said it was a subject broad enough and long enough to consume the entire evening.

He devoted himself almost exclusive- to a citation of the wondeful industrial development of this country within the past 100 years and to a general outline of the great natural advantages possessed by America.

In introducting Rt. Rev. Bishop M. J. Hoban, of this city, Toastmaster Greene said he was glad to welcome to a New England society dinner, a prelate of the Catholic church.

Bishop Hoban was down on the toast list to respond to the toast, "Friends of New England," but he explained that as he had not had time to prepare anything he would take Chairman Wilcox, of the speaker's committee, at his word and speak around the subject.

After telling two very good stories, he referred to what he termed "the latent distrust" against Catholics which he had noted in his travels, and said that never had he been able to understand why one person should hate another on account of his religion. He himself had the greatest respect for the consistent Mohammedan and the devoted follower of Confucius.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Referring to the president's statement that the New England fathers brought the free public school system to this country, he said, "God bless the Pilgrim Fathers for having done so, I say, for in a republic it is the duty of every citizen to see that his children are educated." He stated that the Pilgrim Fathers got their idea of public schools from the Catholic duchy of Luxeburg in Holland, where he remarked, "a system of public schools was established in the Seventeeth century by the pope and the Jesuits."

He said that in the schools of early New England, the children were not only taught to read and write, but were taught the elements of morals and religion. He thought that the Catholic parochial schools were therefore the logical sucessors of these early New England schools, because in them the religious education is given in addition to the secular.

"I think that the Pilgrim Fathers are to be commended," said he in conclusion, "for their doctrine of no classes and no masses. The early settlers in Virginia and Maryland may have been more liberal in matters of religion, but they were illiberal in that the rich were allied against the poor, a distinction which did not exist in New England. May God prosper this glorious doctrine and may the day never come when we shall see the classes and masses arrayed one against the other, in this fair land."

RAILROAD NOT TO BE BUILT

ANOTHER OF THE INDEPENDENTS' PROJECTS ABANDONED.

Directors of New York, Wyoming and Western, at a Meeting Yesterday, Decided to Sell Their 7,000 Tons of Steel Rails and Let the Road Go by the Board—Securing of the Sixty-five per Cent Rate Was All That the Road Was Intended to Accomplish.

The beginning of the end of the New York, Wyoming and Western Railroad company occurred yesterday afternoon in the office of E. B. Sturges, its president, when a meeting of the directors was held for the purpose of considering an offer for the 7,000 tons of steel rails which were purchased some two years ago.

The company was organized in 1898 ostensibly for the purpose of constructing and operating a coal road between this city and Perth Amboy. At that time the seven-year contracts entered into between the independent operators and the coal carrying companies on a 60 per cent. basis had expired. The independents wanted new contracts at 65 per cent., while the carrying companies gave out the ultimatum that new contracts would have to be 55 per cent.

It was said when the New York, Wyoming and Western company was organized that it was organized to force the coal carrying companies to give in to the demands of the independents. When there was talk about two years ago that the company would soon give up the ghost, the directors got together and purchased 7,000 tons of steel rails.

These rails were distributed along the proposed route of the new road and have been lying twixt earth and sky ever since. They were purchased when rails were selling at $18 per ton, and the company not long ago refused an offer of $35. Rails are now selling at about $30, but just whom the offer considered yesterday came from could not be learned.

Present at the meeting were the following directors: E. B. Sturges, John Jermyn, Joseph Jermyn, Thomas E. Jones, M. L. Kemmerer, John L. Kemmerer, E. L. Fuller, R. G. Brooks, J. N. Rice, L. A. Watres and W. G. Payne, of Kingston.

President E. B. Sturges, after the meeting, admitted to a Tribune man that the road would not be built.

"The New York, Wyoming and Western railroad," said he, "was not started as a club or as a lever to force the coal carrying companies to grant the demands of the independents. It was planned to secure an independent route for the individual operators when they were fighting for a 65 per cent. rate.

"By forcing the coal carrying companies to grant a 65 per cent. rate the very thing has been accomplished which the New York, Wyoming and Western Railroad company intended to do."

"It was not the Pennsylvania Coal company nor the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railroad company that brought about the capitulation of the carrying companies. It was the New York, Wyoming and Western Railroad company, and none other that did it."

AT CONSTABLE'S SALE.

Effects of Scranton Correspondence School to Be Sold Today.

The visible assets of the Scranton Correspondence Schools company will be sold today by Constable Ira Mitchell, of the Ninth ward, on a writ of execution issued by Alderman Myron Kasson on a judgment for $81, secured by the Reeder Blank Book company several days ago.

The sale will be conducted at the company's offices in the old Delaware and Hudson freight station, at the corner of Franklin avenue and Vine street. There have been filed with the alderman wage claims amounting to $191 and a claim for rent amounting to over $200 from the Delaware and Hudson company, in addition to a number of smaller claims.

The company was organized last spring with a capital stock of $150,000. Some three months ago it was reorganized and several of the incorporators retired. Recently it was seen that the business of the company was not meeting with success and it was decided to give up.