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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

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MEN OF THE HOUR

Only two of the many men who came to the Lackawanna road with President Truesdale to take charge of an important department in the Scranton office now remain. They are J. M. Daly, superintendent of transportation, and L. T. Canfield, master car builder. It is stated on well-founded authority that Mr. Canfield will, before long, enjoy the distinction, singly and alone, as Mr. Daly has about determined to accept a position with the Southern Pacific.

Scranton will regret to lose Mr. Daly, as he has come to be regarded as one of the kind of men a bustling young city can not have too many of, and it was expected that when, in the near future, he would come to be more prominently identified with his activities, he would prove himself as valuable to the company with which he is now allied.

During his brief residence in Scranton, Mr. Daly has made many friends and admirers, and these will especially regret his departure.

It is a remarkable thing that so few lawyers are elected as members of the municipal councils in the cities of this country. The gentlemen of the legal profession are greatly in the majority in congress and in the legislatures of the several states, but are very seldom elected occupying seats in the legislative bodies of a municipality. Especially is this true in this city, where the only lawyer in council is the newly elected common councilman from the Second ward, H. S. Alworth.

Mr. Alworth met with great opposition from unexpected sources at the recent election, but he won out because the people believed in him, and there is no question but that he will prove himself worthy of their trust. He brings to council not only an unblemished reputation as a man of character and of honor, but the determination to do everything in his power to help win back for the legislative bodies of this city the place in the hearts of the citizens which they have lost by reason of the recent revelations made by the Municipal league authorities.

He is not a theorist or an idealist. He says himself that the reformer who is not practical is no reformer and need not hope for success. He has the legal qualifications to enable him to legislate wisely for the best interests of the city, and his record as a member of council will undoubtedly be a brilliant one.

PERSONAL

Captain J. C. Delaney, of Harrisburg, is at the City. Lewis Hancock, Jr., and wife have left for Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. Mrs. R. N. Green, of Wilkes-Barre, formerly of this city, is the guest of Mrs. E. H. Ripple. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Salisbury, of Waterville, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hallstead, of Wyoming avenue. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thourout, of Dalton; Dr. C. H. Thourout, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Pichel and Mrs. N. Pichel, spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pichel, of Diamond avenue. Charles McMillen is lying very ill at his home on Jefferson avenue. Some days ago he suffered an attack of what was thought to be grippe, but which has gone to his brain and his condition is so serious as to cause the hourly expectation of the end.

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CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Walter Jones Selected for the Office of President.

A meeting of the Central Labor union was held yesterday in Carpenters' hall, when the semi-annual election of officers was conducted. The following officers were elected: President, Walter Jones; vice-president, Stephen Price; recording secretary, Nicholas Burke; secretary-treasurer, George Gother; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Shea; trustees, Thomas Davis, M. J. Burke and John Martin; organizer, Martin D. Flaherty, re-elected.

George Gother, delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention at Louisville, Ky., in December, read his report, describing among other things how hard Wilkes-Barre worked to secure the convention by the circulation of photographic views of the city and pamphlets.

CARPENTERS' STRIKE MAY BE ADJUSTED

It Is Thought That a Compromise Will Be Effected Before the End of the Present Week.

Gratifying progress has already been made towards effecting an amicable settlement of the carpenters' strike, which has been on since June 1, 1900.

As told previously in 'The Tribune,' the local officers of the Carpenters' union, acting with National Organizer Fred Dilcher, of the United Mine Workers, made preliminary arrangements for conferences with influential members of the Builders' exchange, looking to a compromise arrangement that would result in the calling off of the strike.

A. C. Cattermull, of Chicago, a member of the national executive committee of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who came on last Thursday to further the negotiations, has been industriously at work ever since, and now the announcement is made that before the present week is over the chances are the strike will be at an end.

An informal conference is to be held today or tomorrow, at which a formal agreement will be arranged by the two duly accredited committees representing the builders and the strikers. Both sides evince a desire to effect a settlement, and it is thought that when they get together and thresh out the matters at issue that an amicable adjustment will be arrived at.

No small amount of building operations are being held up by reason of the unwillingness of the prospective builders to give the work to a non-union contractor and thereby incur the unfriendliness of the union men; on the other hand, to give it to a union contractor and offend the builders' exchange, in which nearly all the larger and more influential contractors are members. This fact will have much to do in encouraging concessions from both sides.

FINED \$7 AND COSTS.

One of the Broadway Club Members Brought to Grief.

James Jones, a leader of the Broadway Athletic club, was given a hearing before Alderman Millar, Saturday night, on the charges of assault and battery and disorderly conduct. The charge of assault and battery was withdrawn, but he was fined \$7 and costs for disorderly conduct. Jones is a member of a gang known as the Broadway Athletic club. On New Year's day the members of the "club" dragged an old man named Samuel Seifer from his carriage and beat him unmercifully. Steinberger, interfered when their blows were directed upon him.

Five witnesses appeared against Jones and testified to his brutal conduct and also to his kicking a horse in the stomach. Warrants have been issued for the gang, but so far they have succeeded in avoiding arrest.

THE REASON WHY.

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Will you give this project your assistance and support, and thus make it a grand success, and show that it can be made a permanent annuality? Subscription prices: Subscriptions mailed to me, \$3.50, which will include having inserted the entire contents of your business card in one-inch spaces, single column, under the first heading that your firm name appears in the business portion of the directory.

I trust that every business person, out firm, in the city of Scranton, will send in a subscription, and that a great majority of them will mail an order, and copy for it, for space advertisements, at once, considering that the project is to benefit the community in general, and its very low cost.

SWEENEY HAD POOR MEMORY

WAS STAR WITNESS AT COUNCILMANIC HEARING.

Couldn't Remember Whether or Not He Had Ever Given Any Money to Councilmen—Drew \$100 from Twenty-first Ward Appropriation and Paid It Over to P. W. Gallagher Because the Latter Said It Was His—Number of Councilmen Placed on Record.

Ex-Councilman Richard H. Williams, of the Fifth ward, and P. F. McCann, of the Fourteenth ward, were re-arrested on Saturday, at the instance of the Municipal league on the charge of bribery and were thus made joint defendants with Councilmen Melvin, McAndrew, O'Boyle, Coleman and James.

Williams and McCann, it will be remembered, were not indicted and when they entered into the agreement with the league their cases were still pending in Alderman Fuller's court.

The agreement, which they entered into, is said by the league authorities, to have been different than the agreement entered into by the eleven indicted councilmen. The league officials say that McCann and Williams agreed to tell all they knew about city hall rottenness and that by their failing to do so at the Saturday hearing they violated the agreement and were therefore re-arrested.

As soon as Mr. McCann heard there was a warrant out for his arrest he went immediately to the alderman's office and offered bail, but the magistrate refused to accept it saying that he would not take bail until he was satisfied, after a hearing, that the evidence warranted his being held for court.

He couldn't remember, he said, whether he had paid any money to councilmen on behalf of the Scranton Railway company or whether the company had ever given him money to give to councilmen. He wouldn't swear, however, that he had never distributed any money among the city fathers.

He was asked about a letter which was said to have been sent him by Select Councilman Melvin while he was in Atlantic City, telling him to come home and attend to business as the Scranton Street railway agreement was pending in council. Sweeney said he destroyed this letter. No money was mentioned, he thought, the letter being merely of a friendly nature.

He was then examined at length regarding a warrant for \$100 on the Twenty-first ward appropriation which he received from the city on May 4, 1899. From the questions asked by Mr. Torrey, who examined Sweeney, it could be inferred that the prosecution was endeavoring to prove that P. W. Gallagher, who was Sweeney's predecessor in the employ of the company, had given Common Councilman Norton, of the Twenty-first ward, \$100 to defray the expenses of his election, and that he recognized the \$100 as having been given to Gallagher.

Sweeney admitted drawing \$100 on a city warrant on the date mentioned, but claimed that it was for work actually done by him on the streets of the Twenty-first ward. He also admitted giving the \$100 to Gallagher. He offered no explanation as to why he gave the money to Gallagher, except "that he (Gallagher) said the money was his and I gave it to him."

Repeated questions failed to elicit any other answer than "He said the money was his and I took his word for it."

Following Morgan came Carl McKinney, who is already under indictment on the charge of bribery. He said that he was connected with the Barber Asphalt company at the time the repair contract was pending in council, and that his duty was to secure sufficient votes to guarantee its passage. He said he never gave any money or other valuable consideration to any councilman for his vote and reported this action to second time.

He said that as a favor to W. W. Scranton he also assisted in securing the passage of the ordinance awarding the ten-year electric light contract, but that he had given no councilman any money in connection with it. He had no actual knowledge of any cabal of twelve or fourteen councilmen banded together to "milk" anybody who wanted to get any measure through councils.

The witnesses sworn after Mr. McKinney were ex-Select Councilman T. J. Coyne, ex-Common Councilman M. V. Morris and Select Councilman T. C. Melvin. It was apparent that the league was desirous of putting these men on record as saying that no crookedness existed in councils, so that they could be prosecuted in the future on the charge of perjury.

MEETING AT ST. CLOUD. Mr. Coyne was questioned regarding the celebrated meeting at the St. Cloud hotel on Feb. 19. He said he was there for about fifteen minutes, but denied any knowledge of a combination of select councilmen. He stated most emphatically that he had never received any money for his vote, from either Harris, he said, had offered him some, but he did not take it.

He admitted that on one occasion he borrowed \$200 from General Manager Silliman, of the Scranton Railway company, but he said that this had been paid back and that he had vouchers to prove it.

SCHEDULE IS NOT ACCEPTED

BARN MEN NOT SATISFIED WITH COMPANY'S OFFER.

Alternative Schedule Will Be Prepared and Submitted to General Manager Silliman—Believe They Should Have Same Wages as the Car Men and Maintain That They Will Not Accept Anything Less. Long and Spirited Meeting of the Street Car Men's Union.

Dissatisfaction is still existing between the Scranton Railway company and its employees. It results mainly from their inability to agree on the compensation of the barn hands, but there are other differences quite as serious, and the chances are that it will be some time before there is a return of the amity which existed before the strike.

When the strike was declared off, the matter of the compensation of employees of the barn was left for future adjudication. Last week a revised schedule of wages granting an increase in every department was prepared by Master Mechanic Thomas J. Malin and submitted by General Manager Frank Silliman, to the union.

It was passed upon at a meeting held yesterday morning at Carpenters' hall, Wyoming avenue, at which all the employees were present and, after a discussion which lasted from 4 o'clock till after 5, it was decided to reject the offer and present an alternative schedule for the company's approval.

NINETY OF THEM. The barn men are ninety in number and the majority of them are in the mechanical and engineering department, in which the highest rate of wages is paid. The rejected schedule is as follows:

Boys, First Class—Who are taken in with the mechanical and engineering departments, in street railway motors.

For the first year... 62c. For the second year... 72c. For the third year... 82c. For the fourth year... 92c. For the fifth year... 102c. For the sixth year... 112c. For the seventh year... 122c. For the eighth year... 132c. For the ninth year... 142c. For the tenth year... 152c.

WHERE THE TROUBLE RESTS. The offer would be acceptable the men say, but for the wages which it proposes to pay beginners in the mechanical and electrical department. Twelve and one-half cents an hour, they say, is not enough. They believe they should be placed on the same footing as the car men who are electrical department, and their rate made to conform with that of said department.

Mechanical and Electrical Department—Including steam and machine workers, night inspectors, pit-men, etc.

For the first six months... 12 1/2c. For the second six months... 13 1/2c. For the third year... 14 1/2c. For the fourth year... 15 1/2c. For the fifth year... 16 1/2c. For the sixth year... 17 1/2c. For the seventh year... 18 1/2c. For the eighth year... 19 1/2c. For the ninth year... 20 1/2c. For the tenth year... 21 1/2c.

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