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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for January 7, 1901:

Highest temperature	41 degrees
Lowest temperature	29 degrees
Humidity	85 per cent.
8 a. m.	58 per cent.
3 p. m.	62 per cent.
North, 24 hours ending 8 p. m.	61 inch

**PERSONAL.**

Ex-District Attorney Martin, of Luzerne county, was in Scranton yesterday on legal business.

Mrs. A. J. Connell, accompanied her son, Edgar, to New York yesterday on his way to Hotkiss.

Dr. John M. Wentz and Joseph Jensen left yesterday for a two weeks' hunting trip in South Carolina.

Miss Anna Coughlin, of Third street, returned yesterday to Mammoth State normal school to resume her studies.

Mrs. Charles W. Williams, of Washington avenue, left yesterday for Atlantic City, where she will spend two weeks.

John Totan returned yesterday to Lafayette college to resume his studies after spending the holidays at his home in Dunmore.

Miss Kate Pickering and Miss Lizette Pollock, of Scranton, spent Sunday with Ella McGarity, of North Sherman street—Wilkes-Barre Record.

Miss Annie A. Jones, formerly of this city, was married in East Orange, N. J., recently to Henry Knapp Dawson, of Shiloh Island, N. Y., by Rev. J. F. Biggs.

W. S. Foote has accepted his old position with the J. W. Gurney music house, which he resigned some time ago. Mr. Foote has been connected with Mr. Gurney for about twelve years.

Miss Cona Griffin, recently graduated from Elm's school of Orators and Elocution, of Pittsburg, was the recipient of a very flattering offer from a theatrical company. Though the salary offered was large she decided in the negative and will remain in Scranton. Miss Griffin was formerly a teacher in the public schools.

D. B. Atherton, secretary of the board of trade, and Colonel F. L. Hitchcock went to Pittsburg yesterday afternoon to attend the conference of the boards of trade of Scranton, Pittsburg and Allegheny, to be held today. The conference is for the purpose of doing something in the way of getting better legislation for cities of the second class.

**CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

An Important Meeting Is to Be Held Tonight.

At tonight's meeting of the Catholic Historical society and New man Magazine club, membership tickets for the ensuing year will be renewed and an announcement will be made of the coming course of lectures and the entertainments that have been arranged by the board of governors, which includes concerts, cotillions, monthly musicales and the annual social.

The reading and history circles will also be organized tonight. One of the latter will take up the special study of the Catholic history of Scranton and the Scranton diocese.

Tonight's business meeting will be followed by a reception to the members by the officers. Hauer's orchestra will furnish promenade music.

Rates to Boston, Mass.

On and after January 5, 1901, the following rates will be in effect to Boston, Mass., via the Delaware and Hudson railroad (the most direct route), for first-class limited tickets: From Carbondale, Scranton, Pittsburg, Wilkes-Barre and intermediate stations, \$8.25; Honesdale, \$5.25.

Mothers.

Do not fail to see the dainty garments for infants. Made of soft knit material. All from shoulders. At the Baby Bazaar, 512 Spruce street.

Removal Sale.

My stock of Shoes will be sold at one-fourth price before removal to my new store. A. C. Nettleton, Washington avenue.

Fair.

St. Joseph's Lithuanian church fair tonight at Music Hall, 213 Lackawanna avenue. All welcome.

**THE TURNPIKE CONFERENCE.**

Company to Submit a Formal Written Proposition to Committee.

The conference regarding the settlement of the Abington turnpike dispute was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Attorney W. W. Watson, in the Traders' bank building, but nothing definite resulted. Present were Councilmen Caplin, Keller, Clements, Melvin and Costello, Attorney Watson, City Solicitor Vosburg and President H. E. Paine, of the turnpike company.

All the phases of the question were discussed and City Solicitor Vosburg gave the turnpike company to understand just what the city would demand in settlement—an absolute deed to all that portion of the turnpike lying within the city limits, subject to no considerations.

It was finally decided to have the company submit a formal proposition in writing, this proposition to be considered and acted upon at a meeting of the committee to be held later.

**SECRETARY OF THE CHAUTAUQUA IN CITY**

Mrs. Minnie D. Lewis Entertainingly Addressed Large Audience at Excelsior Club House Last Night.

Mrs. Minnie D. Lewis, of New York city, national field secretary of the Jewish Chautauqua association, last night delivered a stirring address before a large audience at the Excelsior Social club's house on Washington avenue, and succeeded in arousing a good deal of enthusiasm in local Chautauqua work.

Mrs. Lewis organized the Scranton branch of the association last year, since which time it has grown and thrived and done really excellent work. At last night's meeting there were present a number of persons not members and Mrs. Lewis devoted her energy to converting these into Chautauqua workers. As a result of her address several names were enrolled on the membership list and a number of substantial contributions to the association's treasury were made.

In her address Mrs. Lewis spoke entertainingly of Chautauqua work in general. She spoke entirely without notes and her friendly, confidential manner of address was both interesting and effective. She urged a more thorough study of the Bible, and declared that there was a deplorable ignorance of simple Biblical facts and elementary scriptural teachings.

Rev. A. S. Auspacher, pastor of the congregation of the Linden street synagogue, followed Mrs. Lewis and in an impromptu speech, brimful of enthusiasm heartily urged the furtherance of the Chautauqua course of study, with its "Bible and Bible work." "The study of the Bible," he said, "should be of importance, equal with the classics, in the curricula of our larger universities. The lessons carried by the pure simple stories of Scripture have an influence on the formation of character which will not be found in any other of the lyrics of ancient Greek or Roman writers."

An open discussion then followed at which Mrs. Lewis answered several questions pertaining to Chautauqua work and the meeting then adjourned.

**GOD'S BOOK.**

Clergy and Presidents Meeting.

A meeting of the clergy, all denominations, and the presidents of the board of trade, all hospitals and charitable institutions in the city of Scranton will be asked to meet in the immediate future in the interest of charity. The date, time and place will be given in tomorrow's issue of this paper.

A clergyman from each church or denomination will be expected to attend the meeting because they all have under their care some of our charitable institutions at heart.

The presidents of the charitable institutions will be there because they not only want, but need, all the assistance that they can get.

The president of the board of trade will naturally attend because he is ever ready to benefit our business public and the community in general.

At the meeting it will be shown that our business public are in a position to very materially assist our charitable institutions, some of which are very much in need, and not have it cost them one cent.

Why? Because, all they need do to bring the result about is to simply give their regular patronage to the directors that I will publish this year, the entire profits of which will be given to lessen the needs of our charitable institutions, which the public must necessarily support any way.

There can be no doubt but that by exerting its influence in extending patronage to the project, the public can astonish even itself, by the amount that can thus be made available for our charities.

Further, the cost being so much less this year, in order that every business person or firm can afford to advertise and subscribe, it will be saving to those who must have a directory and who usually advertise in it.

Subscriptions, without advertising, only \$2.50. With your full business card, only \$3.50. Advertising only about two-thirds usual rate, hence the saving from usual prices, and the greater volume of subscriptions and advertising warranted.

In giving your patronage, remember you are giving it to the community, to God, and humanity.

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**COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZED.**

The county commissioners reorganized by electing John Penman as chairman to succeed John Courter Morris, W. G. Dast was re-elected chief clerk, and Herbert L. Taylor, county solicitor. All the old force of clerks and other employees was retained. They are: Clerks, E. E. Robathan, John Van Bergen, John P. Mahon, George Houser, Fred M. Francis, court janitor, Daniel H. Baker, janitor, Fred Ward and Robert Walker, elevator man, Benjamin Williams, night watchman, Richard Davis.

The county auditors also had a reorganization. William E. Johns was made chairman, and A. E. Kiefer, secretary. Last year Mr. Kiefer was chairman, and P. W. Costello, secretary.

The prison board reorganized by re-electing President Judge Archbold as chairman, and E. E. Robathan, clerk. Sheriff Schadt succeeded ex-Sheriff Pryor on the board.

The county commissioners and auditors met jointly at noon and fixed the compensation of the new treasurer at the same figure as that of his predecessor two and one-quarter per cent for receiving, the same for disbursing, and one and three-quarter per cent for redeeming bonds.

Ex-Sheriff Pryor will have a desk in the sheriff's office for six weeks or two months, by which time he expects to finish up his business. He will then go abroad with Mrs. Pryor for an extended tour and upon his return continue his home in Scranton. What occupation he will take up he has not decided upon as yet.

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Indications Are That the Man Whose Body Was Found on the Railroad Was Murdered.

A great deal of mystery surrounds the death of John Lenahan, whose mangled body was found on the tracks of the Bloomsburg division of the Lackawanna railroad, near the Dodge mine, early yesterday morning.

Some workmen employed at the Dodge mine found several pieces of the unfortunate man's skull alongside of the track yesterday morning and sent them to Coroner Roberts, who examined them carefully. He was surprised to find a clean cut hole just the size of a bullet through the center of the largest piece, which he said appeared to be the right side of the skull.

He examined this carefully and expressed himself last night as being confident that the hole was made by a bullet. As soon as he made the discovery he hastened to O'Donnell's undertaking establishment in North Scranton, where the remains had been taken. He made a careful examination of the small quantity of brain matter which remained in the badly crushed skull, but on account of the fact that the skull was with mud and dirt, he could find no trace of a bullet.

Just how Lenahan came to be on the railroad track at the place where his body was found, if he was struck by a train, is not explained. He lived with his family at 175 Brick avenue, North Scranton, and spent the greater part of Sunday in company with his wife, at the home of his sister-in-law, at the corner of Luzerne and Fifteenth streets. He left there about 4 o'clock in the afternoon on his way to the house of his nephew, Daniel Lenahan, who lives on West Jackson street, in the Keyser valley.

He stayed there until between 9 and 10 o'clock at night, when he left, saying he was going home. He was very fond of walking, and on previous occasions, when he would walk home from his nephew's house, he had always taken Keyser avenue direct to North Scranton. Neither his wife nor his nephew can offer any possible explanation as to how he could possibly have got as far out of his way as the Dodge mine.

Mrs. Lenahan stated last night that her husband never had any considerable sum of money about his person and that on Sunday night he couldn't have had more than a dollar. His watch, she said, had been returned to her and there was no appearance of his clothes having been rifled.

She was asked if she could think of any motive which would have impelled anybody to murder her husband and she said in reply that she didn't think he had an enemy in the world. She was puzzled, nevertheless, at the place where the body was found. W. G. Dast, who has lived in this city for the past thirty years. He is survived by a wife and six children: John, Thomas, Sarah, Margaret, Minnie, William, Bridget and Martha. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS.

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