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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for March 6, 1901.

Highest temperature..... 43 degrees
Lowest temperature..... 4 degrees
Winds..... S. by E.
Rain..... .24 per cent.
Snow..... .32 per cent.

PERSONAL.

H. L. Key is departing in Washington as the result of Major O. L. Purdie, assistant secretary to the president.

Mrs. M. E. Casey and son, Thomas, of 1228 Mulberry street, are visiting friends and relatives in Lackawanna.

Mrs. Robert M. Scanton was called to Harrisburg, Pa., yesterday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Scanton, of her maternal grandfather, Mrs. Emily Newburg Lehigh.

Miss and Mrs. John H. Fellows, of West Scranton, left for Los Angeles yesterday afternoon via Philadelphia. They will remain until West Scranton and return home after visiting at San Francisco.

FUNERAL OF T. W. SCANLON.

Largely Attended Services Yesterday Morning.

The funeral of Thomas W. Scanlon, who died of pneumonia in Temple, Texas, last week, was held yesterday morning.

The obsequies were held from the residence of his father, Anthony Scanlon, at 108 Anthony street, and were largely attended, a big delegation of the Mosses Taylor lodge, No. 55, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, being in attendance. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was an immense pillow, given by the trainmen.

A high mass of requiem was sung at St. Paul's cathedral and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

The pall bearers were W. W. Frances, William Blewitt, George M. Hoyt, A. D. McDonald, H. J. Lyckin, Joseph McCann, Edward Hennigan and M. McCann.

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THE HEARING POSTPONED.

Scheuer Mercantile Tax Bill Will Be Considered Next Week.

Secretary of the Board of Trade, D. B. Atherton and A. F. Duffy, of the Wholesale Merchants' association, were yesterday afternoon preparing to leave the city this morning for Harrisburg when a telegram was received from Representative John J. Schenck, Jr., telling them that the meeting of the ways and means committee was postponed until next week.

Secretary Atherton proposed to attend this meeting in the interests of the board, while Mr. Duffy was chosen to look after the wholesalers and endeavor to have the committee report favorably upon the amendment to the present mercantile tax law, which it is claimed is exorbitant.

Mr. Schenck introduced the amendment Jan. 24, cutting down the tax by 50 per cent. and providing that all retail merchants shall pay an annual mercantile license of \$2, and one mill additional on each dollar of the whole volume gross of annual business. Each wholesale dealer must pay an annual tax of \$2 and one-half mill additional on each dollar of his entire annual business. Each dealer in or vendor of merchandise at any exchange or board of trade must pay a mercantile license tax of 25 cents on each thousand dollars worth gross of goods.

The amendment cuts down the additional tax on retailers to one-half mill and on wholesale merchants to one-quarter mill. A representation from the Wholesale Merchants' association, also in readiness to attend today's meeting and numerous other cities would have been represented.

The merchants claim that the idea of taxing the volume of goods sold is foolish and unjust, and that the proper method of taxation would be on the profits.

SARGEANT IN THE CITY.

Says He Knows Nothing About Any D. L. & W. Grievances—Attended Meeting Last Night.

Grand Master P. P. Sargeant, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, arrived in this city at 4 o'clock yesterday from Buffalo, N. Y., and last night attended a session of Aeneas lodge, No. 228, which was held in Guiney's grand master is now staying at the Hotel Jermyn and may remain in the city for a few days.

Last night's meeting was a secret one, and was in session until 12:15 o'clock. Between fifty and seventy members of the lodge were in attendance, and it is known that a large amount of important business was transacted. For some days previous to Grand Master Sargeant's coming there have been reports that he was summoned here to look into certain grievances of the Lackawanna firemen, but he denied this last night. To a Tribune man he said:

"This is merely one of my usual visits to the boys. I haven't been in this section in some time, and as we have a large and influential lodge here, I decided to take a run over and see how matters stood. I find everything in excellent shape, and no unrest or difficulties of any sort."

"How about those reported Delaware, Lackawanna and Western grievances?" asked the reporter.

"I know nothing of any grievances, and if there were such I would be pretty likely to be made acquainted with them," replied Mr. Sargeant. "My visit is entirely of a social nature, and I find everything in such excellent condition that I may leave tomorrow."

"I understand that Grand Master Sargeant will pay a visit to Superintendent of Motive Power and Machinery T. S. Lloyd, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company, today."

STRANGE IS NOT GUILTY.

Action Taken by Local No. 219 with Reference to Him.

On Thursday last Emil Strange, of Myrtle street, was arrested and held in \$200 bail on a charge of inciting a riot, preferred by Superintendent Bachofen, of the Reeling, David & Sheen mill, at Petersburg. Strange was a locomotive fireman and on strike. It was alleged that in the stormy events of last week at that mill he incited the other employees to acts of violence.

At a meeting of local textile workers, Union No. 219, held yesterday in Mauley's hall, Dunmore, action was taken with reference to the prosecution against Strange. A large number of cards present were at the mill at the time of the alleged inciting to riot, and they say he did nothing of the kind, but, on the contrary, was doing his best to shield from harm employees who were escaping from the mill.

"These girls will give their testimony when the case is called for trial in court. They believe Strange has been unjustly dealt with."

To the Public.

The Lackawanna Telephone company respectfully requests the kind indulgence of their friends and patrons for a short time longer. There are now about seven hundred telephones connected with the switchboard and about fifty additional phones are being installed daily. While the operators are at their positions from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., our patrons are free to use such service as it is possible for us to furnish, but it will be impossible to give satisfactory service until the switchboard is fully installed and handed over to the company by the manufacturer. There will be no charges made until the plant is in full running order, at which time we will give the public an opportunity to inspect what experts have said to be the finest telephone apparatus now installed in the United States, and it is our intention and aim to give satisfactory service accordingly. Our trunk lines are built and ready for operation between Carbondale, Jersey and Scranton and between Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and Scranton, and our patrons will be given service up and down the valley without extra charge, as soon as we are fully started.

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DALE REFUSED TO ANSWER

WOULDN'T TELL OF DEALINGS WITH MR. M'ANDREW.

He Was Given Until This Morning to Answer the Questions—He Testified That He Had Given Paul Dunn the Sum of \$1,200 to Defeat the Mulberry Street Paving Ordinance—He Refused to Let His Memory Run Back Any Further Than Two Years.

M. H. Dale, one of the principal stockholders in the Scranton Vitreous Brick company and its general sales agent, was the principal witness examined yesterday in the councilman's bribery cases before Alderman Fuller. He admitted having given the sum of \$1,200 to a third party to fight the Mulberry street paving but refused to answer a question as to whether he had given any money either directly or indirectly to Select Councilman John J. McAndrew. He was given until this morning at 10 o'clock to answer the questions.

Mr. Dale, who was examined by Attorney E. C. Newcomb, said that for the past three years he had been the company's sales agent. He had not found it very expensive to secure the good will of the councilman. He himself had not given them any money for their vote but had assisted them in many ways. He assisted Select Councilman Joseph Oliver and John J. Schneider at election time because they favored the brick furnished by his company.

He said in response to a question that he had assisted Mr. McAndrew to be elected some three years ago. He had given him no money nor had he authorized the payment of any money to him. Mr. Newcomb asked if he had assisted to the payment of any money to McAndrew and Mr. Dale said he couldn't tell that any money was handled by an agent. This agent's name, he said, was Paul Dunn, and he is at present in an insane asylum. He didn't remember that McAndrew had cost \$400 at a crack.

GAVE DUNN \$1,200.

"I furnished Mr. Dunn with \$1,200 at one time," said he, "to fight the Mulberry street paving ordinance."

He didn't know how this money was to be used. Some of the money was used to procure votes, he supposed, and some of it to procure signatures to petitions. He didn't know positively that a dollar had been given to any councilman. The \$1,200 was the only fund he ever had a hand in raising as far as he could remember.

Mr. Newcomb asked him if he had ever had a talk with Councilman McAndrew in which money was demanded.

"I want to know my rights in this matter," replied Mr. Dale. "I refuse to answer. I want an attorney here to protect me."

It was agreed to let him consult an attorney. Then he said that within the last two years McAndrew had demanded no money. When the North Main avenue paving ordinance was pending he had George McDonald, the contractor, do a little missionary work among the councilmen. He had talked to Select Councilmen Wade Finn and Finley Ross about the contract but neither had demanded nor received any money.

Mr. Newcomb again came at him with a question as to whether he didn't know of \$100 having been paid to Councilman McAndrew. Mr. Dale said that he preferred not to answer the question because his memory was too vague on the matter. He said he had two years ago McAndrew had received no money from him but he didn't want to say whether or not he had demanded any from anyone else.

NEVER BRIBED MORRIS.

Mr. Dale in response to a query said that he had never bribed M. V. Morris. He had given him presents of company brick and so on. He said he put money in the fight for the election of the late A. B. Lidstone as councilman from the Thirteenth ward. He had put money into every election for the last forty years, he said.

Mr. Newcomb began a series of rapid fire questions and refused to let Mr. Dale to admit that he had directly given money to councilmen or that they had demanded it from him. He couldn't remember any further back than two years. He had treated them liberally and they had hinted indirectly that he should be so treated but nothing further.

He had talked to Select Councilman T. C. Melvin, but the latter had demanded no money. He might have given him a present, such as a box of cigars. He had a habit of doing that. He couldn't say that Select Councilman Schneider had come in for a share of the \$1,200 or not. Schneider was expected to vote for the company's interests, but had none over to the other side. Mr. Dale said he probably stated that Schneider had got a bigger price from the other side.

"Now," said Mr. Newcomb, "we want to clear up this McAndrew matter. Will you state that you never placed a certain fund in a third party's hands, with the understanding that part of it was to go to Mr. McAndrew?"

"I never gave any money to Mr. McAndrew directly."

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When the merits of the manuscripts submitted will be assigned to a disinterested judge, whose name will soon be announced, and who will read the manuscripts and select the best. The names of the authors, the envelopes containing the real names of the authors will be preserved unopened until after the awards have been made.

Should this initial competition prove encouraging, it may be followed by other prize offers of similar tenor.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

All manuscripts must be submitted late than 10 o'clock on the evening of the 15th inst. All manuscripts must be signed by a fictitious name and also the writer's full name and postoffice address.

The name of each story must be laid in Northeastern Pennsylvania, but the names of real persons must not be used.

The further condition must be understood. Contributions intended for this contest will be accepted only from resident subscribers to The Tribune, or from those who may, during the contest, become subscribers by payment of at least one month's subscription in advance.

STORY CONTEST.

Scranton Tribune, Scranton, Pa.

TO DROP FRANCHISE.

Street Railway Ordinance to Be Allowed to Die—New One to Be Introduced After Organization.

Select Councilman D. W. Vaughan, who introduced the ordinance awarding a franchise to the Central Rapid Transit Street Railway company, stated yesterday that a Tribune man that he understood no effort would be made to again call it up before the re-organization of councils on April 1.

The time was too short, he said, to have it passed finally, inasmuch as select councilmen had not yet voted on the ordinance and he had not the sanction of the common branch. There will be extra meetings called for the purpose of considering the re-organization ordinance to be introduced to night, but the attendance at special meetings is never very large and the absence of one member might mean the defeat of the ordinance.

The company will draft an entirely new ordinance, covering the main points of the original measure and embodying some of the amendments already attached to the other. This will be introduced immediately following the re-organization of councils and an aggressive fight made for its passage.

ANOTHER BIG SHAFT.

D. & H. Company Will Open Birdseye Slope at Olyphant.

Gangs of men are at work opening the Birdseye slope, at Olyphant, for the Delaware and Hudson company, as a tract of coal, divided into four veins, has been discovered there which is of the best quality and profitable to mine.

Two gangs are working on headings running north and south, and a big shaft, 125-300 feet and eight hundred feet deep, is to be sunk. This will be on a line with Ferris street, and the contract for sinking it will be let this month. It will be one of the deepest in the region, and with its equipment of modern machinery will cost about \$25,000. When it is completed the Eddy creek shaft will be sunk about four hundred feet.

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LETTER WRITTEN BY SERGEANT W. E. RAFTER.

Tells of the Great Work That is Being Done in the Philippines for Them by the Young Men's Christian Association—Also Refers to the Progress of the Campaign of Pacification and the Joy with Which News of the National Election Was Received.

Last summer we received a letter from one of our Scranton boys, now serving with the Eighteenth infantry in the Philippines, in which it was stated that his company had nothing to read. We wrote to the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, at New York, asking them to look into the needs of this particular detachment of Uncle Sam's troops. Within two months after the receipt of the first letter, the following letter was written by the secretary in charge of the Army Young Men's Christian Association in the Philippines:

Dear Sir: Some time ago you wrote to Secretary Maury in Scranton, for some supplies of reading matter. He returned the report to New York office and it has just reached us. Today I send you a small package by mail. Tell me of the situation with you and I may be able to send more reading matter and writing material if you need them. I am
Yours very truly,
General secretary for the Philippines.
Mr. Rafter writes to us as follows:

Army Department of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, 2 West Twenty-ninth street, New York city. Army secretary, William Miller, James H. Rankin, John C. Maslin, P. L. Co. D., Eighteenth Infantry.

Mr. George G. Mahy.

Dear Sir: I take great pleasure in telling you how glad we are that you have some good reading matter. I intended to write you some months ago, but we have been very busy suppressing this "war" of insurrection, so that answering your kind offer in our behalf was out of the question. I now improve this opportunity by letting you know that the Young Men's Christian Association in Manila sends us writing material and reading matter which we need. The boys receive copies of the Y. M. C. A. paper and envelopes which they can possess them, and one of the banners in the Y. M. C. A. rooms here contains this question: "When did you ever see a soldier with a book?" We have material at hand and pleasant surroundings, time out of every ten at our disposal and write.

ENCOURAGE THE MEN.

Our officers encourage the men to write often, and I can say that the members of this command receive much of their spare time in that manner. We have not contented ourselves with a mere campaign of pacification and we drove the bands about here sixty miles into the mountains, and one of the best results has been achieved by the surrender of General Delgado and a large force of insurgents. They laid down their arms and took the oath of allegiance to the United States, and now they want to enlist in the service of the United States to fight down the Delgado bands still at large. The insurgents' bandolier, the town which I was stationed at before coming here, on Dec. 14, 1900, was one of the best. The boys were the best of our men, but the native police of the town and the native police assisting in the destruction of their own town, rather than assisting the small garrison of twenty-one men in repelling the insurgents.

You can judge by this statement what number of people we have to deal with. We had a school in running order, teachers employed and the best books loaned to the children. We had were enjoying opportunities that some children do not have in the United States in the way of educational advantages, so you can judge how they appreciate our efforts for their welfare. We made some very important captures of late, which included \$42,000 of insurgent funds and 40,000 rounds of ammunition and medicine, all connected by General's Scouts, which are Eighteenth Infantry men mounted.

The results of election were received here with cheer and enthusiasm that knew no bounds. We fired our rifles and shotguns at about an hour and rockets ascended to the sky by several lively times, including "Yankee Doodle." I am now in mountainous regions, which, but for its isolation, would be an ideal gathering place for the native band in this town is composed of men who are not difficult men in a manner, but are not very patriotic here they are at home. When we first arrived here they regarded our captain and played "Yankee Doodle," "Georgia Camp Meeting" and "Dixie," and the boys went up in the air, as we had not heard our band since Dec. 1900. We only native musicians in our bands ever here, and find them excellent.

It is now the most pleasant season of the year here while you folks are enjoying cold and snow. The ease with which crops are raised over here is simply astounding, and while I thought Porto Rico was a good place to grow equal these islands in products. Surely the Lord provides over here. I will draw to a close by thanking you for your efforts in behalf of boys and their relatives in our own country. I remain, Sir, your respectful,
Wm. E. Rafter,
Co. H, 18th U. S. Infantry, Manila, P. I.

WORTH REMEMBERING.

Some statements in Sergeant Rafter's letter are worth remembering:

(1) "We procure reading matter and writing materials from Manila when we request it."

(2) "The banner on our Young Men's Christian Association rooms here (Manila, an isolated mountain town) read, 'When did you ever see a soldier with a book?'"

(3) "The boys prefer to receive our Young Men's Christian Association paper when they can get it."

(4) "The members of this command spend most of their spare time in the Young Men's Christian Association rooms writing home."

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