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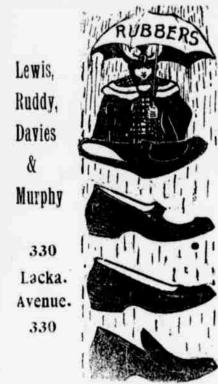
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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for Saturday, March 17, 1991; Precipitation, 24 hours ending 8 p. m., trace,

PERSONAL.

Attention and Mrs. John F. Stragg returns Saturday from a accourn in Florida. Miss Grace A. Cory, of Honogdale, is the gura

of Mrs. Frank Connell, of Bank street. H. H. McKeelsan, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. McKes-en, and Mrs. Emory Young are visitors at New Bloomticki, Pa.

Dr. Joseph W. Lackey, of this city, was married Ecb. 23, to Miss Alma Jubanaon, or New York city, at Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Joseph Hannick, a student at St. Mary's

seminary of Baltimore, is confined to his hone in this city on account of filmes. George H. Russ is ill at his home on Jeffers. Mr. Russ, who is manager of the Seran ton Packang company, fainted away Saturday atternoon at his other from weakness due to the

GAS STOVE CAUSES BLAZE Did Small Amount of Damage in

Scotch Woolen Mills Store. Fire broke out at 7.39 o'clock las evening in the store at 227 Lackawanna evenue, occupied by the Scotch Woolen

Mills company. A gas stove used in heating pressing from is believed to have caused the blaze, which was extinguished before It caused any serious damage. The stove was overheated and set fire to some rags and a piece of carpet in the

rear of the store All the central city companies responded. A stream was directed on the flames by the Crystals, and the Phoenix Chemical company also aided in the extinguishing of the fire. A hole was burned through the floor, but besides this no damage was done.

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SAY IT'S ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

Commissioners' Statement and the Facts Do Not Agree.

It appears from a public statement issued on Saturday by the county commissioners that the latter regard as "absolutely false" the artiele in Saturday's Tribune setting forth the collapse of their crusade against fee-padding aldermen. The commis sieners appear to be somewhat agi-tated in their disayowals of The

Tribune's report. In view of the fact that The Tribune's information, before its publeation, was approved by one of their own number, who now says it is false we give them the benefit of their denial. As the reverse of corroboration of what the commissioners say, the following facts will be of interest Two cases against aldermen were

down for a hearing before the grand jury Friday. Before they were reached the three county commissioners went to the third floor of the court house, took Detective Reyonlds into a jury reom, and remained there for a long time. When they came out, Detective Reyonlds went to the waiting witases and told them they would not be needed. Three officials, who should know the meaning of this action, were interviewed later in the day, and one and all told the reporter that the com-missioners had decided to call off the rusade. At 4.50 o'clock, in the main orridor of the court house, directly in front of the door leading to the office of the register of wills, the reporter outlined the story as he proposed to print it, to one of the county ommissioners, and asked bim if it needed revision. The commissioner admitted the story to be all right and seemed anxious that it should be printed. This same commissioner now declares the story "absolutely

And there you are.

MIGHTY PECULIAR FIRE.

That Is What Chief Zizlemann Said About This Morning's Blaze on Penn Avenue

A fire of most mysterious origin broke out this morning shortly after midnight in the rear of the clothing store of H. Goldschleger, at 407 Penn avenue. A passerby saw a dense volume of smoke pouring out through the front door and turned in an alarm from box 13, at the corner of Penn

avenue and Mulberry street. The central city companies responded and the chemical streams of the Nay Aug and Phoenix companies were oon playing on the flames in the rear room of the store. The blaze had got fairly good start, but it was only a ew minutes before it was under con-

The room in which the fire broke out was literally packed with clothing. They were piled on tier after tier of shelving arranged on all four sides of the room and running up fifteen feet to the ceiling. The fire in the space of time which intervened before its inception and the arrival of the firemen had got among this clothing with

wonderful rapidity. The damage done will not exceed \$500. Chief Zizlemann, when asked by Tribune man to give some theory is to the cause of the blaze, said: "All I can say is, that I think it's mighty peculiar fire. I cannot at the present time offer any explanation of its cause." He will investigate the matter more thoroughly today. The of the large stocks of coal the comdamage done was mostly to the stock. panies have stored away in anticipathe building, which is occupied by

four families, is owned by J. E. Hess. The stock in the store was, up to a few weeks ago, owned by B. Josephson, who became bankrupt. Goldschleger, who has another store in the same block and who was bitter enemy f Josephson's, bought the stock at a eferce's sale, whereat Josephson vaxed wrathy.

Josephson met Goldschleger on the treet on Saturday night and, after eiling the latter that he was a sneak, roceeded to knock him down, Goldschleger procured a warrant for his arrest and he was held in \$300 bail by Alderman Kasson on the charge of asault and battery.

WINDSOR IS SELECTED.

Majority of G. A. R. Ballots Cast Were in Favor of That Place as a Memorial Hall.

The dispute as to where the new Grand Army of the Republic Memorial hall is to be located is now considered to be definitely settled. The counting of the ballots cast by the members of the various organizations which are to bave quarters in the hall showed that the Windsor hotel, Penn avenue and Linden street, had won out by a vote of 343 to 231, the latter number being cast in favor of locating the building on the Leonard plot, at the corner of Adams avenue and Mulberry street.

The ballots were counted on Saturday morning in the library of the Conneil building by a committee consisting of A. E. Stevens, William Blume and Samuel H. Stevens. Of the 800 cutitled to vote, only 574 availed themselves of the opportunity.

The matter has yet to be acted upon by the board of directors of the Memorial Hall association, but inasmuch as this board decided to submit the question to a popular vote, it is very improbable that anything more will done than to formally approve of the Windsor location.

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ion avenue, Scranton, Pa. MARRIED.

LACKEY-JOHANSON-In Brooklyn, N. V., by the Rev. A. L. Scoolet, of the Sweedish Luther on church, Feb. 23, 1829, Joe W. Lackey, M. D., of Seranton, Pa., to Miss Alma Johanson. of New York city.

IN HANDS OF THE OFFICERS

MINE WORKERS GIVE LEADERS DISCRETIONARY POWER.

Convention Closes with Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing National and District Officers to Take any Course They See Fit to Bring Operators to Terms-President Mitchell Refuses to Be Interviewed but Organizer Dilcher Says a Strike Will Occur if Union Is Not Recognized.

Hazleton came to a close Saturday with the adoption of resolutions giving the national and districts officers discretionary power to declare a strike or take any other means they may deem expedient to compel the operators to meet the miners in joint conference. The resolutions read as follows

sied and implored the operators to meet with in joint convention to mutually agree no-and establish a scale of mages on conditional employment for the term of one year; and Whereas, They have repeatedly ignored our in tations and treated us with consemptuous s ce, scorning all invitations and demands altho-

Winness, We believe that we are entitled wh more consideration than we receive and as cally entitled to meet with these who empo dution of any country, and with them outlied to discuss and decide matters of mats detect; and therefore as f_1

Re-offsed. That we purhasize our untrinsal prent, national executive board and officers, o Districts Nos. 1, 7 and 0 to negotiate, if po-ole, for a joint conference of minors and opre between this dans and the first of April 96), and in the event of their tailure to seed done conference they may, by a majority vol ecide the policy of ora resystems, even a necessary to result to a suspension of use colorer the justice that is producers at weak By equal with our commons

NOT MADE PUBLIC The report of the wage scale commitee was also presented Saturday, but

its terms were not made public. President Mitchell came to this city Saturday night with the returning Scranton delegates and took up quar ers at the St. Charles. He said Saturday night that he might have a statement to make yesterday, but yes erday no statement was forthcoming-

He was not at home to interviewers. National Organizer Fred Dilcher. owever, was willing to talk and he as unreserved in his statement that it vas his opinion if the operators do not agree to a conference before April 1 here will be a strike.

The operators here state they are in o position to say anything authentic on the situation. As one of them put "Nine men in New York are the ones who know how the companies feel about this matter." The general trend of opinion among the superintendents is that these presidents of the nine big coal roads will

never consent to a recognition of the union, and some of them go so far as to declare that if the truth was known It might be that they are not altogether unwilling that the strike should come. The United Mine Workers must be met and vanquished some time, these superintendents say, and the present is an auspicious time, because ion of such an emergency

OPINION IS DIVIDED.

Opinion is so divided among the liners themselves as to the wisdom of striking for recognition that no general statement will apply in depicting it. There is no mistaking, though, that If a strike is avoided it will be a great gratification to them. They are very much devoted to their union, however and if a strike is necessary to preserve the union, they can be counted upon to turn out to a man.

The meeting of the national and dis-trict officers of the mine workers' union, scheduled to take place in this city today, has been changed to Wilkes-Barre. At this meeting it will be decided what course is to be pursued in case the operators persist in ignoring the union.

BILLS ENDORSED.

Mine Workers Discuss Bills Pending Before the Legislature.

meeting of Local No. 1052, Un ted Mine Workers of America, held cently, the following bills were disussed and unimously endorsed: t. Mr. Garner's bill, that noise importors ted by the people; that each log of powder

branded with the name of the company an number of pounds contained.

Mr. Drum's bill, to have antiquette con 3. Mr. Leib's bill, to mave soul weighed before

Mahon's bill to provide for close eighman and protection given bins (Signed) John Foley, President, Thomas Price, Recording Secretary.

FELL FROM WAGON DEAD.

Sudden Demise of H. H. Price, of Rendham, at Clark's Summit.

H. H. Price, of Rendham, suddenly died of heart failure Saturday, while driving home from Clark's Summit. When opposite the Clark's Summit toll gate, he was seen to fall from his seat in the wagon to the ground, Life was extinct when passersby picked him up. The body was removed

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\$10 for the accord best story, and 85 for the third best story.

Manuscripts not successful in securing d these prizes will be published and did-redited if the authors so desire. Stories tending to bring out the romain dustry will have preference. In connects the every mine in the valley there is the effection, to confir, but breadth e pes, partition of speedy happenings at tuisd which has never been garbered other in Diesary toim. This opens a first

The task of possing upon the merris of the of the authors. The envelopes contain

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STORY CONTEST.

MANY NEW MEMBERS.

Y. M. C. A. Membership Increasing Rapidly-Five Hundred Expected by April 15.

The plan adopted by the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian association for increasing the membership of that organization, and about a month ago, has been successlations of its originators and pro-

mittees of ten members each were organized and that each member of each of these committees was expected to course ten members. This would make 500 new members.

At a meeting of the board of directors, held on Thursday last, reports the main line and bloughed into the were heard from each of the commit- wrecking cars, fifty yards below. The tees and it was found that over 300 consequences of this are terrible to members had up to that time been contemplate. secured. The committee of which A. V. Bower was chaleman had secured its full quota of recruits and was relieved from further service. The committee in charge of James G. Shepherd reported having seventy members, while the other committees had

each secured almost that number. It was originally intended to give the committees until May 1 to complete the work, but on account of the great progress which has been made it is believed that April 15 will be a better time. On that occasion a recention to the 500 new members will be given at some place to be decided upon later. but probably the Scranton Bicycle club

At this reception the 500 new members will be formed into committees and started out on the work of securing thrice or four times as many new

members. It is now practically agreed that the orner-stone of the new building will be laid some time around May I. The excavating for the foundation is progressing rather slowly, on account of the difficult nature of the work, there being nothing but rock met with. Contractor Williams has promised, however, that he will have everything ready by May L.

Secretary Mahy is negotiating for a speaker to make the address of the day, and stated last night that he expected to be able to secure ex-Comptroller of the Currency Eckels, of Chi-

JOHN MORAN'S LEG BROKEN. Received Rough Treatment from Three Highwaymen.

John Moran, of 508 Putnam street

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yas taken to the Lackswanna hospital late Saturday night. He has a broken leg, the result of a kick administered by highway robbers, who attempted to hold him ap Saturday night, Moran was on his way home when three men accosted him, on Putnam street, and demanded his cash. He replied that he had but thirty cents in his possession, and one of the men Moran claims, can towards him and licked him in the left leg. Moran fell in a heap, yeiling "Murder!" His cries brought help and the three men disappeared in the darkness. The Lackawanna ambulance was summoned, and when Moran was taken to that institution it was found that his leg was broken.

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WAS ENGINEER CHASE DEAD?

ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES SEEM TO INDICATE THAT.

Was a Careful Man but Nevertheless His Train Ran Into a Switch at a High Rate of Speed and Left the Track-Conductor and Fireman Were Unable to Get any Response to the Signals They Gave Him as He Approached the Switch at a Speed of Fifty Miles an Hour.

most peculiar wreck occurred on the Lackawanna railroad, Saturday afternoon at 2.39 o'clock, at Stateford. the same place where the big freight wreck occurred on Friday night. The engineer of the wrecked train, Lyman S. Chase, of Factoryville, was instantly killed and his tireman. Noble Johnston, of Lafayette street, was badly injured Christian Kierstead, of Jersey City, the baggagemaster, and Frank Smoke, of Scranton, head brakeman, were

slightly hurt. The train to which the mishap befelt was No. 4, which leaves this city at

12.55 o'clock. To get around the blockade caused by Friday night's wreck, trains were being run through a switch. The crew of No. 4 had orders to take to this switch, and Engineer Chase was given personal directions at Delaware Water Cap by Trainmaster McCann to slow down on approaching the switch and run very slowly while going around the

As an extra pre-caution a flagman was stationed some distance in advance of the switch to remind approaching engineers of the necessity of stacking up, and at the switch itself a brake man was stationed to "hold the bull," which sets the switch.

This flagman, the brakeman at the witch and all who were aboard the train declare that the speed was not sluckened one leta, but instead that the train went into the switch at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

COT NO RESPONSE.

Conductor Purple says that when he saw they were approaching the switch and that the speed was not being stackened, he reached for the bell rope and gave the prescribed signal to slacken speed. The engineer made no response, and he repeated the signal Again there was no response, and before he could make another move the ngine was going into the switch. The flagman says he signalled the ngineer to slacken up, but got no reponse. The engineer sat in the cab his usual place, but his face could not be seen by the flagman. On acount of the terrific speed at which the rain was going he could only get a

glimpe of the cub before it was out of The man who was "holding the ball" at the switch says he knew the train would never keep the track at the speed at which she was coming. The engine had no sooner crossed the frog than the wheels left the rails and over on its side went the big mass of

mechanism. It ploughed along in the dirt until the whole train, with the exception of which was put into active operation the last car, had passed over the freg. and all the trucks excepting the las overturned, but the forward ones were SCRANTON GAS AND WATER COMPANY A. badly damaged by being thrown up

against the bank. did not release his hold of the ball until the train had come to a standstill. Had he dropped the ball and lei the switch fly back to its natural position the train would have gone down.

MUST HAVE BEEN DEAD. Railroad men who knew Enginee Chase and who have heard the story of the accident, agree to a man that the engineer was dead before his train entered the switch. He was a mar veighing 220 pounds, and therefore susceptible to apoplexy. That he was stricken dead somewhere between Delaware Water Cap and the point of the accident is very probable. The fact that he was using steam as the train approached the switch, the flagman and the condition of the throttle testify, proves almost conclusively that he was stricken dead after having left the Water Gap and some distance beore reaching the switch. It could not be that he was asleep, for it was only seven minutes before the accident oc curred that he was talking with Trainmaster McCann, at the Water Gap, re garding the instructions about getting around the wreck. The company had no more careful or competent man in its service. This all the officials and

employes freely testify. Among the passengers from this city on the train were Mr. and Mrs. James S. McAnulty, Mr. and Mrs. James Connell, Attorney George S. Horn, E. A. Carey, Leo Sutto and Mrs. George Hand and daughter, Messrs. Horn and McAnulty received painful bruises by being thrown from their scats.

The remains of Engineer Chase were taken to his residence in Factoryville from where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr Chase was fifty-three years old, and was one of the oldest railroaders in the employ of the company, having

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The wreck on Friday night was no as serious as was at first supposed. A wildcat freight train, east-bound, drawn by engine No. 807, in charge of Engineer Cole, drew into a switch a Slateford to allow fast freight No. 200 to pass on the main line. No. 807 was pulled too far up in the switch, so that when 203 tried to pass it it struck No 807 a glancing blow, or, as tailroaders

say, it "sidewiped" No. 807. Both engines were overturned, but the only one injured was Fireman J. Mackrath, of 1110 Washington avenue whose right arm was so badly lacer ated that it had to be amounted at the Moses Taylor hospital. Engineer Eldmore, of No. 203, escaped with a few slight bruises.

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