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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local data for March 26, 1901:

Highest temperature	41 degrees
Lowest temperature	43 degrees
Humidity	82 per cent.
W. W. wind	84 per cent.
W. W. wind	84 per cent.
Relative humidity	84 per cent.

PERSONAL.

B. T. Ryan left for New York and Philadelphia yesterday.

W. B. MacFarland, chief engineer of the Lackawanna railroad, who has been in the city several days, returned to New York yesterday.

F. J. Wadsworth, of New York, employed by L. C. Holden, architect, of this city and New York, arrived here last night to take charge of some work being done under the direction of the firm and is quartered at the Jerome.

NON-SUIT IN SEARS CASE.

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DILCHER HAS LEFT THE CITY

STARTED FOR INDIANAPOLIS LAST NIGHT.

National Organizer Evans Also Left for That Place Last Night—They Refused to Say Anything About What They Are Summoned to Indianapolis For—Board of Trade Has Declined to Send a Man to New York to Attend the Proposed Conference.

National Committeeman Frederick Dilcher left the city at 11:30 o'clock last night for Indianapolis, and while he stubbornly refused to give any definite statement regarding the why or wherefore of his departure, from covert hints he dropped the conclusion arrived at is that a conference will be probably held tomorrow at Indianapolis by the national board.

"I can't tell you anything about my motive for leaving," he said to a Tribune man at the Lackawanna station, just before he left the city. "All that I can say is, I am off for Indianapolis and a quiet talk with the boys. You will have to put one and one together and read between the lines."

Earlier in the day Dilcher had declared a telegram he received in the morning was sent him by his wife in Ohio, and the reporter therefore intercepted at this point:

"Then that telegram from your wife contained the Indianapolis summons, did it?"

The big national board member smiled broadly, but declined to answer. He declared that he expects to be back in a day or two, but as he will only arrive at Indianapolis at 7 o'clock this evening it is not likely that he will return before Friday at the earliest.

CONFERENCE AT INDIANAPOLIS.

A fact which strengthens the belief that a conference is to be held at Indianapolis is the fact that National Organizer Christopher Evans, who has been in the city during the past two weeks, left yesterday morning. Evans remarked to persons at the hotel that "the was off for headquarters," and as Indianapolis is the recognized national center of doings in the mine workers' union, it was immediately conjectured that the Indiana city was his destination. Dilcher confirmed the supposition before leaving.

In a conference at Indianapolis, it is most likely that President Mitchell and District Presidents Fahy, Nichols and Duffy left for it yesterday afternoon from New York, and that the telegram received by Dilcher yesterday morning was the announcement of it by the national president.

A meeting of the officers of the board of trade was held yesterday morning and it was decided to decline the offer of Rev. Father Phillips, of Hazleton, who last week acquainted Secretary Atherton with his project for a trip to New York of the presidents of the Scranton, Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre boards, in company with himself.

As has already been stated, the four delegates from the anthracite districts would meet Bishop Potter and Archbishop Corrigan at the metropolis and call upon J. Pierpont Morgan and endeavor to persuade the latter to meet the mine workers' officers. The local board yesterday decided that in view of the fact that their intermediation was asked by neither miners nor operators, any such action would be merely intrusive, and particularly so when President Mitchell's own presence in New York is considered.

MORGAN WILLING.

Father Phillips called up Secretary Atherton over the long distance "phone from Hazleton Monday night and informed him that he had received a special delivery letter from J. Pierpont Morgan, responding to the communication which he sent him last week informing him of the proposed visit. In his answer Mr. Morgan declared that he would be delighted to meet representatives from the boards of trade, any day this week, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Hazleton telegram further announced that he had made all arrangements for a meeting of the committee at the Astor house at 12 o'clock Wednesday noon.

Secretary Atherton notified Father Phillips of the local board's action, and yesterday afternoon the Hazleton division left his home for New York.

Committeeman Dilcher received no communication from President Mitchell yesterday, and declared that the story in an afternoon paper to the effect that the board of trade had declined to go to an entirely unprofitable one.

"The statement that I received a telegram from President Mitchell is entirely false," he said. "I received a telegram this morning, it is true, but it was only a communication from my wife. Some one evidently jumped at the conclusion that this was a message from Mitchell, and the conference yarn was the result."

EFFECT OF THE STRIKE.

William H. Logan, the manager of R. G. Dun & Co.'s office in this city, yesterday spoke as follows with reference to the threatened mine strike:

"The statement that it probably no other important business community in the United States has been more disturbed by impending or actual labor troubles. In almost every year there has been but a few months when the business interests of the city have not been confronted with the danger of the cessation of work in some industrial branch, the whole culminating in the strike of the United Mine Workers last fall.

"We found then, by widespread inquiry among all branches of retail trade, that there existed a universal sympathy for the miners and their brotherhood; merchants were outspoken in their willingness to carry them as credit customers to the full limit of their own capital, and the general business condition for many years, January, 1900, having shown all failures with indebtedness of \$35,000, and January, 1901, four failures with debts of \$16,000. With the announcement that the United Mine Workers had delegated to a few of their officials the power to terminate by a suspension of work the existing favorable conditions, has come an entire period of local business depression, and already the record of mercantile failures for March threatens to exceed that of the same month for many years. Investigation among the class of traders who usually have to bear the brunt of strikes develops an absolute record of feeling as compared with last fall, as regards sympathy for prospective strikers. Many are pronounced in their refusal to "carry" any strikers and declare the recent disturbed condition to be absolutely useless and unnecessary."

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Merchants who have struggled along for years without much progress are anxious to see the time when there may be at least twelve months of settled business and they hope there will be no suspension of work by the miners, but show they do hope that the miners' strike will be of delay of action to another given date be avoided and that the winter be finally determined now. That the agitation may cease and that they may be permitted something they have not lately known, namely, a period of uninterrupted trade.

From almost any viewpoint it may be seen, accurately that there is no one thing that the city of Scranton needs quite so badly as a "straight-away" run of a business year that will be free from strikes or anything that may tend to seriously interfere with the prospects and conditions that are otherwise clear and sound.

LIVELY FIGHT TONIGHT.

Reorganization of Fire Department to Be Discussed by Commoners.

There will be a hard fight made in the common council tonight on the amendment which will be offered striking out that section of the reorganization ordinance providing for the reorganization of the fire department.

Each side claims to have sufficient votes to carry the amendment and defeat it, respectively. Mr. Keller will lead the fight against the amendment, and said yesterday that he was confident it would be carried by a piece of getting the measure finally passed before Monday.

MAJOR INGLIS INJURED.

Struck by a Piece of Flying Coal While Making a Tour of Inspection at Pittston.

The inspection tour of the officials of the mining department of the Erie railroad was marred by a slight accident at Pittston yesterday morning, when Superintendent W. W. Inglis, of the Hillside coal and iron company, was struck on the leg by a piece of flying coal in one of the company's mines.

The party included General Manager W. A. May and Superintendent Insila, and they were making the first official tour of the Hillside coal and iron company's property, since Captain Ingalls succeeded Captain May as superintendent of the company. The party was visiting the Butler colliery at Pittston, when a couple of pound chunks of coal was blown by the wind from the face, striking the superintendent in the calf of the leg, causing a rather painful, but not serious injury. General Manager May gave a Tribune reporter the following account of the accident:

"We were in the Chapman shaft at the Butler colliery and in one of the leaders, about fifty feet from the face, when the shot was fired. A chunk of coal was blown along the passageway and struck Mr. Inglis in the calf of the leg, causing some inconvenience, but it is by no means a serious wound."

Medical attendance was provided at Pittston and the leg bandaged. The wounding of the superintendent, Mr. May declared, was purely accidental, as it was thought the party was a sufficient distance from the blast to be out of harm's way.

MORE BRASS THIEVES.

Two West Scranton Men Arrested on That Charge Yesterday.

Fred Backus and John Donovan, both of West Scranton, were arrested yesterday for the theft of brass.

While walking down Penn avenue about 9:30 yesterday morning, Detective Moir and Mounted Officer Bloch came upon the two shouldering a fifty-pound water column, which had been stolen from an engine in the Lackawanna yard. The answers to the officers were not satisfactory, and despite their declarations of innocence the two were locked up in police headquarters.

Later they acknowledged the theft, and said they were on their way to a junk shop in Raymond court to dispose of the column. Promises to being taken by the officers they had been to another junk shop in the alley, but the proprietor refused to purchase it.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

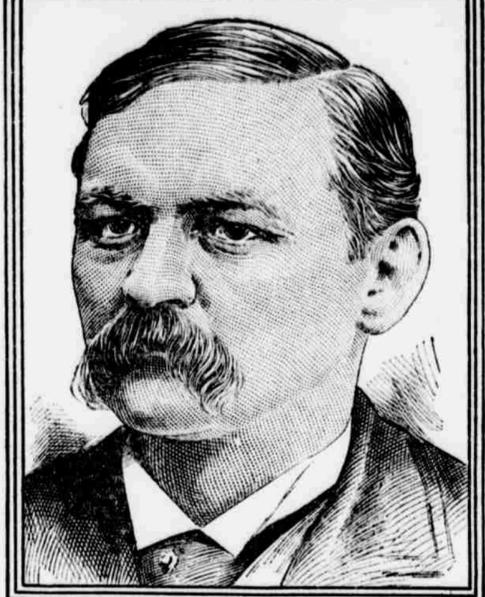
Those Intending to Hold Excursions Must Act Without Delay.

Lake Lodore has not only the charm of novelty, it exceeds in natural beauty any of the old excursion resorts. The ride to the lake, overlooking vast stretches of surprisingly beautiful scenery; the grove, with its densely shaded drives and walks, smooth and dry as asphalt, its white benches and balcony-enclosed dance pavilion, its carousels and varied other attractions; the ball ground set with Spalding bases, and the lake itself with its charming scenery, its broad surface and quiet nooks and coves, explored by handsome launches and a great fleet of row boats—all these things render Lodore a summer paradise.

Then, too, rates to churches and societies are lower than rates to many other resorts. In short Lodore is at once the most pleasure-giving and most profit-reaping place for excursionists in this region. Dates are being filled rapidly and organizations intending to go should apply without delay at the Lackawanna avenue depot to H. W. Cross, Division Passenger Agent, Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

GEORGIA OWES ITS RAILROADS TO HIM

Paine's Celery Compound Was a Revelation to E. C. Machen.



Machen is one of the makers of the new south. He has changed the map of Central Georgia. Flourishing towns have sprung up along the railroad lines he has developed.

Hon. Clark Howell, in an editorial in the Atlanta Constitution, said of him: "To the people of Georgia, Machen is known principally by the roads he has built in the south. He has brought all Georgia within hand-reach of Atlanta. He is a public benefactor."

While at work on the Covington and Macon railroad, Machen's health failed. After much useless expenditure of time and money he was induced by a friend who had been cured of nervous prostration to try Paine's celery compound. That the remedy was a revelation to him no one can doubt who reads Machen's letter:

69 Wall Street, New York.

Gentlemen: I spent many thousands of dollars, including eight months abroad, for nervous prostration, and then found Paine's celery compound the remedy I ought to have taken at first. Doctors periodically tinkered at and patched me up so that my nerves would hold together for a short while, seemingly just long enough for my bank account to get a respite. However, your medicine has sidetracked the doctors. My nerves don't seem to require any rest, and I am in such good spirits these days it doesn't matter much whether I have any bank account or not. I have determined on the terms of such a contract could be altered after its execution. They did not dissent from the general proposition that a municipality can establish certain binding water rates."

The solicitor stated that a well-known citizen had promised to bring a test case on the ordinance just as soon after April 1 as convenient.

CAN FIX WATER RATES.

Opinion of the United States Supreme Court, Which Has an Important Local Bearing.

The Supreme court of the United States handed down an opinion on Monday, before taking the customary Easter recess, which establishes that a municipality may not be forced to fix water rates to be charged by companies furnish water to its inhabitants, but can go even farther and can reduce rates for water for city purpose below the price contracted for for a term of years.

This opinion has a most important local bearing, inasmuch as the council recently passed an ordinance establishing water rates to be charged by the Scranton Gas and Water company, which corporation, it is generally understood, will test the legality of the measure in the courts.

According to the press reports of the case and opinion the cities of Freeport, Danville and Rogers Park, Ill., made contracts with water companies to supply them with water for municipal purposes at a specified rate. The councils of these cities later reduced these rates by nearly fifty per cent. The companies brought suit to compel the carrying out of the original contracts.

An Illinois act of assembly gives cities the power to make contracts for a period, not exceeding thirty years, but the Supreme court of the state held that the power to fix rates for public water supply was a governmental function and that the power of council to bind the city did not extend over the life of the body itself.

The United States Supreme court opinion was written by Justice McKeen and upheld the ruling of the Supreme court of Illinois, declaring that a municipality could fix water rates in a contract and then from time to time, as circumstances changed, regulate these rates accordingly.

City Solicitor Voshug said yesterday that the opinion not only reiterated the former decisions of the court on the question, but went much further.

"There is no question in my mind," said he, "as to the right of a municipality to regulate the price to be charged for water, as Scranton has recently done. This is well established and has been declared by the United States Supreme court in several cases, which I quoted in my opinion on the matter submitted to council.

"The court now goes even further, and declares that the terms of a contract entered into with a water company are not binding and can be altered by councils. This recognition of council's right to alter the terms of a water contract, also includes a recognition, as a matter of course, the council's right to fix certain rates."

"You will notice that the four justices who dissented from the opinion merely dissented from the declaration

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GRABBON HUNG HIMSELF.

Was Told of the Unfaithfulness of His Wife, Who Is in Austria.

John Grabbon, a native of Austria, committed suicide by hanging himself at the Ridge yesterday morning. Grabbon was about 30 years of age and has been living in this country some six years.

Up to three months ago he resided at Jermyn, when he came to the Ridge, a small mining town located about a mile from Peckville. Grabbon took up his abode with his brother, Sam Grabbon and was employed as a laborer in the Ontario mines. About a week ago Grabbon was taken ill and had not worked since. He was a married man, his wife living in the old country. A few days ago, a friend, who had recently arrived from Austria, came to the Ridge and told Grabbon that his wife had been unfaithful to him and had again married. This pierced Grabbon's mind and it is thought that this was the motive of his committing suicide.

About 6 o'clock yesterday morning, Mike Chioski, who was on his way to work at the Ontario shaft, discovered Grabbon's dead body dangling from the limb of a small tree. Chioski notified Sam Grabbon.

The suicide had taken a strap some three feet in length, hung by him as a belt, and standing upon a stump beneath a small tree, he put the end of the strap through the buckle, making a noose on one end of the strap. The loose end he tied in a double knot about the limb of the tree. When everything was adjusted, he jumped off the stump and was slowly strangled to death.

Coroner Roberts was notified, and Dr. Paine, acting in the absence of Coroner Roberts, came to the Ridge, and after his examination the body was taken to the home of the suicide's brother.

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