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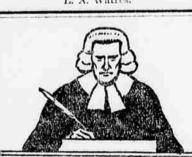
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MISSING GIRL **FOUND IN SNOW**

STRANGE RECOVERY OF GER-ALDINE HEFFRON.

Little Three Year Old Tot Who Was Carried Off by Strange Man Found Fitzgerald-Says She Was Put to Bed and Then Wakened Up and Carried Into Snow by "Bad Man." A Mysterious Affair.

Little Geraldine Heffron, the threerear-old tot who so mysteriously disappeared Thursday afternoon from her home in Olyphant, was found yesterday morning in the snow two miles from her home and the circumstances connected with her finding are almost as remarkable as those connected with her dis-

appearance. John Fitzgerald was walking along the Ridge turnpike just this side of Priceburg yesterday morning about 6.30 o'clock, on his way to work, when he heard the cry of a child in the snow. The snow was falling and he was unable to see clearly but he followed the ries and came upon little Geraldine, who was standing almost up to her

knees in a drift.

The little girl was clad only in the blue gingham dress she had worm when blue gingham dress she was a she ran out of the house and was bareheaded. She was crying piteously and was digging her chubby little fists into her tear-stained eves. Fitzgerald picked her up and having heard of the missing girl he asked her what her name was.

Wanted Her Mamma.

"Geraldine Heffron," she said, "naughty man take baby out of crib and carry out in snow. Baby wants mamma.' Fitzgerald tucked the little tot under his overcoat and carried her back to her home in Olyphant, which was instantly changed from a house of mourning into a place of joyful gladness. When the parents had got through kissing the little girl they asked her where

"In house," she replied. "Man put out in snow. Bad man. Big bad man." find her father, Adam L. Maxam, who The child is so young that question as left home about twelve years ago and long as they might the parents could glean nothing more intelligible from her. She couldn't tell where the house was or what the man looked like, and there was nothing to show that she had i been harmed in any way. She seemed to think that the man who carried her away was a "bad" man simply because he had taken her out of bed and put ery is extremely doubtful

Story Seems Correct. Her story bears every evidence of beng correct because it is impossible to been out in the cold for only a very term that he may name F. W. Fleitz, of few minutes. Fitzgerald says that he this city, as Judge Smith's successor. examined the snow near the spot where she was found and could find no shoe prints leading to it. He seemed to think that someone had carried her along the road and dropped her into the snow alongside.

took the child could have been. One in the directory was found thing seems to be reasonably certain, much alive last night. however, and that is that the hue and pearance led him to make an attempt

to restore her to her parents. The Ridge turnpike is much frequented in the early morning and it is supposed that he placed her near this, mowing that she would be picked up by some person passing.

BIG SNOW STORM.

A Fall of 5.4 Inches in This City Yesterday-Street Railways and Railroads Suffered.

The first heavy snow storm of the winter began yesterday morning about 2 o'clock, and continued almost without intermission until shortly after The weather bureau reports show that 5.4 inches of snow fell, and though this does not seem like a great amount it was enough to seriously interfere with the operation of the local treet railway lines and with the larger

ailroad systems. Weatherman Clarke said that the and was over Georgia on Thursday morning. It travelled all day Thursvas reached. . At all points north of Jersey it met a low temperature which ent fiscal year.

onverted the moisture with snow. The thermometer was practically staionary all day yesterday, the tempera-aire being twenty-five degrees. Weathrman Clarke says that the temperature today will be about the same and declares that the storm is practically ver, and that no more snow can be looked for. There are no indications

or a rapid thaw. The Scranton Railway company experienced great difficulty during the morning in keeping its various lines open, and service on the Duryen, Mooic, Throop and Carbondale lines was practically abandoned. The snow ploughs were sent out on all lines and nore cars were gradually put on until last night all the lines were open and cars were running on fairly good

chedule. The storm was particularly severe on he Pocono mountains and none of the Lackawanna trains were able to run a schedule time. The road is badly plocked just east of Buffalo where the nowfall was the heaviest in the east. The train on the Bloomsburg division. lue here at 9.45 a. m., was an hour and fifteen minutes late, the tracks beyond Vilkes-Barre being badly blocked. The Delaware and Hudson railroad uffered less than the Lackawanna, but several of its trains were ten and fif-

en minutes late. NEW OFFICERS ELECTED. Robert Peck Is Now Master of Peter

Williamson Lodge. The following officers have been electd by Peter Williamson lodge, No. 323 Free and Accepted Musons: Worshipful master, Robert Peck; senior warden Ernest I. Paine; Junior warden, A. E. Lister: treasurer, Thomas E. Lydden; secretary, C. L. Van Buskirk; trustees, L. A. Wattes, William L. Connell and D. A. Hill.

Walter N. Henwood, the retiring worshipful master, was elected as represen-ative to the grand lodge. The newly elected officers will be installed in Masonic hall on Wednesday night, December 17.

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In and About the City.

Change of Agents. Eilis Jones has been appointed freight and ticket agent of the Lackawanna rail road at Clark's Summit, vice Frank L. Van Horn assigned to other duties.

The employes of the car shops, stores department, machine shops and Storrs mine were paid yesterday. The employes of all the local collieries, including the Diamond, will be paid today.

Foreign Missionary Society. The regular monthly meeting of the

New Quarters Secured. The Lackawanna railroad division engineers' office has been removed from the yard office, near the stone brige, to rooms

at 316 Lackawanna avenue, where the car accountants office was formerly cated. To Wrestle on Dec. 12. President B. P. Connolly, of the Scran ton Bievele club, received a telegram last

on December 12 and will wrestie D. S McMilan on that night Looking for Adam L. Maxam. Superintendent of Police Day is in re-ceipt of a telegram from Miss Lulu A. baby to bed but wake her up and take Maxam, of Binghamton, asking him to

night from Professor M. J. Dwyer, stat-ing that he will positively be in this city

Allen Somewhat Improved. The condition of Thomas Allen, who was shot by James Lake at the Marsh-wood collery last Wednesday was reported last night at the Lackawanna hos pital to be slightly improved. The surgeons still say, however, that his recov

who is believed to be in this city.

F. W. Fleitz Name Suggested. The North American of Philadelphia an conceive of her having been out all smith, of this city, fetire from the Superior court bench under the act which vas only slightly damp as if she had allows half pay for the remainder of the

Dead in Washington. Superintendent of Police Day yesterday received a telegram from Major Sylvester, the head of the Washington police department, stating that George W. Hall, It is extremely difficult to conceive of Scranton, is dead at a hospital there just what the motive of the man who took the child could have been. One

> Officers of Griffin Post meeting of Ezra Griffin Post, G. A. R., held last night, the following of ticers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, Thomas Barroman; senior vice-commander, D. S. Bernier; junior vice-commander, D. S. Bernier; junior vice-commander. John Hobday; chap-lain, Thomas Holfman; quartermaster, Samuel H. Stevens; surgeon, Dr. Charles H. Fisher; officer of the day, William A. Mintzer; officer of the guard, S. M. Penniman; trustee, A. R. Raub; representa dives to department encampment.A. B. Stevens, Edwin Pearce, S. B. Mott, S. N. Callender, E. B. Atherton; alternates, S. H. Stevens, E. H. Ripple, John Hobday, W. 1i. Wolfe, J. C. DeGraw, W. S. Albro, These officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January. By a vote of the Post the department of Penn

> > TO OPEN RIVER STREET.

tevens installing officer.

sylvania was requested to appoint A. B

Director Roche Will Begin Work if

Fine Weather Continues. Director of Public Works Roche said yesterday that if the present fine weather continues an effort will be at Ash street there was not any money storm originated in the Gulf of Mexico made to open River street between and was over Georgia on Thursday Crown avenue and the old Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's dump, a dislay in a northwesterly direction and tance of about 900 feet. An appropriarought rain with it until New Jersey tion of \$1,000 for carrying out this work was made at the beginning of the pres-

The opening of River street between the points named will enable persons entering the city by means of the East Mountain road to save at least three blocks in their journey.

WAS INSTANTLY KILLED. William McHale Squeezed Between the Cars Yesterday.

William McHale, 18 years old, of yesterday morning while engaged in coupling cars at the Ontario and Western washery in that borough.

He was employed on a small loco-motive used about the washery, and was waiting for some cars to be backed down. He failed to see them coming, because of the blinding snow storm, and was caught between the two. His body was frightfully mangled and he must have died instantly. Coroner Saltry will investigate today.

The Famous Ministers. Revs. Spurgeon and Parker, of London

were perhaps the two greatest preachers of the ninetcenth century. Dr. Parker was buried this week. Dr. McLeod will speak of Revs. Spurgeon's and Parker's ministry in the First Presbyterian church omorrow evening.

Mr. Lane Read a Paper.

The closing session of the forty-sixth meeting of the American Society of Me-chanical Engineers was held yesterday in New York. Among the papers presented was one on "Filing system for office use," by Henry M. Lane, of the International Text Book company, of this city.

Reception to Prize-winners. A reception will be tendered the Scranton United Choral society, which recently won the big prize at the Brooklyn elsteddfod, on Thursday night next in the new armory. Five hundred reserved seats are to be sold at 50 cents and the re-

mainder at 25 cents. A fine programme will be rendered. Has the Leading Part. Miss Estelle M. Leomis, daughter of At-torney F. E. Loomis, of 545 Madison ave-

Outside Interest in Mascagni. The great interest in the coming of Mascagni and his opera company is not confined to Scranton. All the outside towns have evinced the same interest in the great composer and to accommodate the many who will come special rates have been secured on the Delaware and

Hudson railroad from all points up and

down the valley. Officers of Division No. 22. Division No. 22, Ancient Order of Hi-bernians, has chosen officers for the coning term as follows: President, Danie Galvin; vice-president, John McHugh; re-cording secretary, John S. McGrath; financial secretary, John F. Lafferty; treasurer, R. J. Grimes; sergeant-at-arms, William Murray; sentinel, John S. Walsh; standing committee, P. J. Messitt, John Langau, Michael Flynn and Edward Gal-

The Newsboys' Benefit.

The sale of seats at the Academy of Music for the newsboys' benefit next Monday afternoon opened yesterday Monday morning and was exceptionally large The prices are to be 10, 15 and 25 cents. The play to be produced, "The Peddler," is said to be a splendid melodrama of East Side life in New York city and it will be presented by a fine company headed by Joe Welch, one of the funniest men on the American stage.

Will Go to the Protectory. Proceedings under the act of 1901 were conducted yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Cummings, of Oly-phant, for the purpose of having Harry Howie committed to the protectory for boys in Montgomery county. The boy is boys in Montgomery county. The boy is now at the almshouse of the Blakely poor district and is incorrigible. Recently be out of "pure cussedness," as was testifled at the hearing yesterday. The act of 1901 gives justices of the peace power t commit boys to this institution and Squire Cummings decided that Howie is a proper person for that institution. The Blakely poor district was represented at the heating by Attorney M. J. Martin.

NO MONEY IN FUND.

Director Roche Explains Why Ash Street Bridge Wasn't Built.

Director of Public Works Roche stated yesterday afternoon to a Tribune man that when the resolution was passed directing him to erect a temporary bridge over the Roaring Brook remaining in the appropriation for th repair of bridges and culverts.

"I see that council proposes to mandamus me to compel the erection of this bridge," said the director, "I think that if this is done I'll have to ask for a mandamus on council to compel them to furnish money to pay the cost of construction.

Here Is a Bargain.

\$9,000 buys it. A property comprising two modern residences together with a vacant corner adjoining large enough for two more houses. This property, costing the owners over \$13.-000, is offered at the above low figure to adjust an estate matter. It is nicely Archbald, was instantly killed early situated and at the price quoted will no doubt find a ready sale. For further particulars see W. T. Hackett, the Broker, real estate and insurance, cooms 9 and 10, Real Estate Exchange

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WHEN IS THE **PROPER TIME**

MATTER OF CIVIL SERVICE RULES FOR THE CITY.

Director Wormser Has a Belief That the Power of Putting Them in Force Rests with the Director of Public Safety to Be Appointed by the Recorder Who Will Be Elected in February Next-Recorder Believes Rules Should Go Into Force at Once.

A question that is just now agitating Director of Public Safety F. L. Wormser is whether or not he has the right and power to make and promulgate rules and regulations for the placing of his department on a civil service basis.

Section 3 of Article XII, of the ripper bill, provides that hereafter no subordinates shall be appointed in any department, with the exception of laborers or temporary assistants, who have not passed a "systematic, open and competitive examination" to be conducted in accordance with rules and regulations to be prescribed by the head of the department and the controller. The purpose of this section of the act is to make merit and fitness the sole qualification for every subordinate office and to prevent wholesale decapttations every time a new administra-

tion comes into power. If there were no schedule attached to the ripper bill it would seem that the director would have the unquestioned right to consult with the recorder and to make and promulgate the rules and regulations at once, inasmuch as the act specifies that they be agreed upon

"as speedily as possible." The schedule, however, gives the torney F. E. Loomis, of 545 Madison avenue, is now playing the leading part in "The Poison Mystery," a play being produced at Blaney's theater in Newark. The play is based on the Molineux case and Miss Loomis is playing the role of "Blanche Marlborough," the sweetheart of "Roland B. Molando."

The schedule, however, gives the heads of departments appointed by the "ripper" recorders, or the recorders appointed by the governor, the right to remove any and all subordinates whom they may desire and appoint in their place any person whom they may conripper' recorders, or the recorders appointed by the governor, the right to remove any and all subordinates whom they may desire and appoint in their place any person whom they may consider fit and proper, without regard to sider fit and proper, without regard to any especial examination or other test of their fitness. This schedule is in effect until April 1 next, when a new administration will go into power. Director Wormser is inclined to believe that the power of putting the civil service regulations in force rests with the director of public safety to be appointed by the recorder to be elected in February, and that that official will have the right to do a little head-chopping in the bureau of police and fire before he does put them in force. Recorder Conneil, however, takes the opposite view and holds that the regulations should be put in force at once. If this is done, and it may be, and it it is a proper interpretation to make of the law, then the policemen and firemen can rest securely in the belief that no matter what administration comes into power in April, they cannot be

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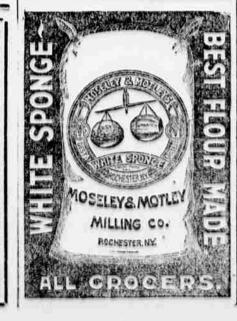
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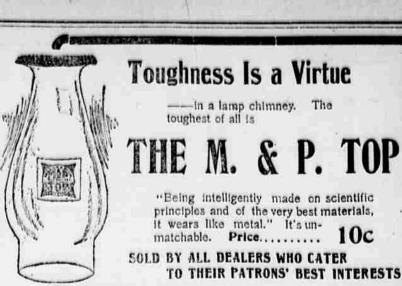
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