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Everybody really knows that it is neither necessary nor advisable to hold a newspaper or book at the tip of one's nose or at arms length when reading. But we see it every day. With children it is often called "habit" (until the eyes give out or the child breaks down; then it is called Astigmatism, Near-sightedness, Farsightedness or Heterophoria) it should be called "criminal neglect." With adults it means overwork of the eyes, latent defect or "we're not so young as we used to be."

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MISSING GIRL FOUND IN SNOW

STRANGE RECOVERY OF GERARDINE HEFFRON.

Little Three Year Old Tot Who Was Carried Off by Strange Man Found in a Drift on the Ridge Turnpike Early Yesterday Morning by John 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 three-year-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 disappearance.

John Fitzgerald was walking along the Ridge turnpike just this side of Olyphant 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 cries 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 worn when she ran out of the house and was bare-headed. She was crying piteously and was digging her chubby little fists into her tear-stained eyes. 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 she had been.

"In house," she replied. "Man put baby to bed but wake her up and take out in snow. Bad man. Big bad man." The child is so young that question as 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 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 her in the snow.

Story Seems Correct.

Her story bears every evidence of being correct because it is impossible to conceive of her having been out all night. Her dress when she was found was only slightly damp as if she had been out in the cold for only a very few minutes. Fitzgerald says that he 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.

It is extremely difficult to conceive just what the motive of the man who took the child could have been. One thing seems to be reasonably certain, however, and that is that the hue and cry which followed the child's disappearance led him to make an attempt to rescue her from her parents.

The Ridge turnpike is much frequented in the early morning and it is supposed that he placed her near this, knowing 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 noon. 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 street railway lines and with the larger railroad systems.

Weatherman Clarke said that the storm originated in the Gulf of Mexico and was over Georgia on Thursday morning. It travelled all day Thursday in a westerly direction and brought rain with it until New Jersey was reached. At all points north of Jersey it met a low temperature which converted the moisture with snow.

The thermometer was practically stationary all day yesterday, the temperature being twenty-five degrees. Weatherman Clarke says that the temperature today will be about the same and declares that the storm is practically over, and that no more snow can be looked for. There are no indications of a rapid thaw.

The Scranton Railway company experienced great difficulty during the morning in keeping its various lines open, and service on the Duryea, Moosic, Tiroon and Carbondale lines was practically abandoned. The snow ploughs were sent out on all lines and more cars were gradually put on until last night all the lines were open and cars were running on fairly good schedule.

The storm was particularly severe on the Pocono mountains and none of the Lackawanna trains were able to run on schedule time. The road is badly blocked just east of Buffalo where the snowfall was the heaviest in the east. The train on the Bloomsburg division, due here at 9:45 a. m., was an hour and fifteen minutes late, the tracks beyond Wilkes-Barre being badly blocked.

The Delaware and Hudson railroad suffered less than the Lackawanna, but several of its trains were ten and fifteen minutes late.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Robert Peck Is Now Master of Peter Williamson Lodge.

The following officers have been elected by Peter Williamson lodge, No. 323, Free and Accepted Masons: 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. Watters, William L. Connell and D. A. Hill.

Walter N. Henwood, the retiring worshipful master, was elected as representative 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.

Ellis Jones has been appointed freight and ticket agent of the Lackawanna railroad at Clark's Summit, vice Frank L. Van Horn assigned to other duties.

D. L. & W. Pay Days.

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

Foreign Missionary Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will be held at the residence of Mrs. A. B. Blair, 491 Jefferson avenue, this afternoon.

New Quarters Secured.

The Lackawanna railroad division engineers' office has been removed from the yard office, near the one bridge, to rooms at 215 Lackawanna avenue, where the car accountants' office was formerly located.

To Wrestle on Dec. 12.

President B. P. Connolly, of the Scranton Bicycle club, received a telegram last night from Professor M. J. Dwyer, stating that he will wrestle in this city on December 12 and will wrestle D. S. McMillan on that night.

Looking for Adam L. Maxam.

Superintendent of Police Day is in receipt of a telegram from Miss Lulu A. Maxam, of Binghamton, asking him to find her father, Adam L. Maxam, who left home about twelve years ago and who is believed to be in this city.

Allen Somewhat Improved.

The condition of Thomas Allen, who was shot by James Lake at the Marshwood colliery last Wednesday was reported last night at the Lackawanna hospital to be slightly improved. The surgeons still say, however, that his recovery is extremely doubtful.

F. W. Fleitz Name Suggested.

The North American of Philadelphia announced yesterday that Governor W. A. Stone is anxious to have Judge P. P. Smith, of this city, retire from the Superior court bench under the act which allows half pay for the remainder of the term that he may name F. W. Fleitz, of this city, as Judge Smith's successor.

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, of Scranton, is dead at a hospital there and asking for information regarding his relatives. The only George W. Hall in the directory was found to be very much alive last night.

Officers of Griffin Post.

At a meeting of Ezra Griffin Post, G. A. R., held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, Thomas Barryman; senior vice-commander, D. S. Bernier; junior vice-commander, John Hobbay; chaplain, Thomas Hoffman; quartermaster, Samuel H. Stevens; surgeon, Dr. Charles H. Fisher; officer of the day, William A. Minter; officer of the guard, S. M. Pennington; trustee, A. R. Rau; representatives to departmental encampment, B. Stevens, Edwin Pearce, S. B. Mott, S. N. Callender, B. B. Atherton; alternates, S. H. Stevens, E. H. Rippke, John Hobbay, W. H. Wolfe, J. C. Dwyer, W. S. Albro. These officers will be installed at the first regular meeting in January. By a vote of the Post the department of Pennsylvania was requested to appoint A. B. Stevens installing officer.

TO OPEN RIVER STREET.

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 made to open River street between Crown avenue and the old Lackawanna Iron and Steel company's dump, a distance of about 900 feet. An appropriation of \$1000 for carrying out this work was made at the beginning of the present fiscal year.

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 Archbald, was instantly killed early yesterday morning while engaged in coupling cars at the Ontario and West-coupling cars at that borough.

He was employed on a small locomotive 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.

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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 the 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 subordinate 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 deceptions every time a new administration 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 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 consider fit and proper, without regard to any special 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 Connell, 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 if 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 touched.

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No. 34 School, \$5.00
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Thanksgiving offering, North Main avenue Tabernacle, \$7.50
Thanksgiving offering, Duane St. E. church, union service, \$11.11
Thanksgiving offering, Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, union service, \$20.00
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