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BEFORE BREAKFAST.

The secretary of the board of control is just now kept busy answering anxious inquiries by telephone.

The Young Men's Christian association proposes to have a Christmas tree this year if some kind friend will send one to the rooms by Dec. 22.

Speaking of Christmas is a reminder that somebody else wants something.

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BOTH COUNCILS WERE IN SESSION

Commoners and Selectmen Transact Some Important Business.

WYOMING AVENUE ORDINANCE

It is a Select Council Measure and Passed Third Reading -- City Treasurer's Report Shows an Increased Balance--Common Branch Refuses to Take Further Part in the Kearney - Grier Squabble.

Both branches of council met last evening, the select branch in regular and the common in adjourned session.

Despite expectations to the contrary, Mr. Roche's ordinance involving an expenditure of about \$75,000 and providing for the opening of Wyoming avenue from Olive to Ash street passed third reading.

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RECEIPTS.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Cash on hand, Receipts from delinquent tax collectors, City taxes collected, etc.

DISBURSEMENTS.

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The report was referred to the committee on treasurer's account.

MR. FINN'S ORDINANCE.

An ordinance was introduced by Mr. Finn providing for a sewer on North Main avenue, Providence road and Philo street, according to plans filed by the city engineer, Dec. 1.

Ordinances passed third reading as follows: Providing for curbstones on Webster avenue, between Mulberry and Linden streets; common for a lateral sewer on Von Storch avenue and Honesdale street, in the Ninth Ward district.

The sanitary committee reported, in reference to the board of health's condemnation of the Cumberland House, that the matter be referred to the board of health for further disposition.

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U. OF P. BANQUET.

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