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BEFORE BREAKFAST. !!!

The secretary of the board of control is just now kept busy answering anxlous inquiries by telephone, who ring him up before breakfast, and in th silent watches of the night, to know whether the teachers are to get timir Christmas pay as usual. They have not yet received their salary for November, but it has been the custom for many years for the board to pass the December pay-roll, so that the salaries could be paid before Christmas. Special meetings have sometimes been held for this purpose, but nothing has been said regarding the matter this year, hence the teachers are worrying. If the board, having so many troubles of its own just at present, has accidentally forgotten the important duit there is still time for a special meet ing, so that Christmas may be prope ly celebrated by that much overworked class, the public school teachers.

The Young Men's Christian association proposes to have a Christmas trethis year if some kind friend will send one to the rooms by Dec. 22. The Noon Rest girls will furnish the trimmings nd the Girls' Branch and Educational Department will make use of it for their own departments. Among the other long-felt wants of the association is a city directory. The one now in use is for the year 1895. A number of books by the following authors are also needed; Louise M. Alcott, Kat Douglass Wiggin, Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, Mrs. H. B. Stowe, Rosa Nauchette Carey, Rose Terry Cooke, Nora Perry Jane Austen, Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood, Mrs. Elizabeth Charles, There are no doubt many residents of this city whose bookenses are filled to overflowing and while such writers as these named above are an acquisition to any library, perhaps some one will be willing to spare of his abundance for those who have little good reading.

Speaking of Christmas is a reminder that somebody else wants something. The somebody is the free kindergar-ten, at the corner of Mulberry street and Penn avenue, and the want is pictures of the Madonna.

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BOTH COUNCILS WERE IN SESSION

Commoners and Selectmen Transact Some Important Business.

WYOMING AVENUE

It Is a Select Council Measure and Passed Third Reading -- City Trensurer's Report Shows on 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 ression. The most important action by either body was the passage on third read-ing in select council of the ordinance providing for the opening of Wyoming

Despite expectations to the contrary. Roche's ordinance involving an expenditure of about \$75,000 and providing for the opening of Wyoming aveaue from Olive to Ash street passed third reading. Only Mr. Chittenden. Mr. Lansing and President Sanderson voted negatively. Those absent were Messrs, Thomas, Williams, Wagner, Robinson, McCann and McAndrew. The passage of the measure occasioned no debate as it had been apparent at the previous meeting that the supportof the ordinance had secured the deven votes necessary for its passage, resolution permitting John O'Malley change the course of Keiser creek hich mass through his land in the lifth and Twenty-first wards, and thus hange the boundary line of those wards was laid on the table and an ac-companying opinion of the city souch-or filed, stating that councils had no uthority to change the territorial

limits of election districts.

In reference to the claim of Michael Reap for damages to his property on the north side of West Market street communication from the city solicitr reported a verdict of \$600 and costs. The papers in the matter were received

REV. MR. ISRAFL NAMED. The mayor's nomination of Rev. Rors Israel, of St. Luke's Episcopal hurch, as trustee of the Scranton Public library for five years, was confirmed. Mr. Israel has just finished a term of five years and, as Mayor Baley wrote, had served with fidelity and ability and in recognition of this ser-City Treasurer Boland submitted the following report for November:

DALANCE.

RECEIPTS.	
Receipts from delinquent tax	
collectors	2.018 08
City taxes collected	28,557 40
city Recase collected	51.00
Building permits	83.50
Sewer mosessments	1.352.71
Sidewalk assessments according	324.49
Grading assessments assessment	24.25
Paving assessments	6,899.25
Heltor	22.33
(John Cavariangh) registered	
taxes, ISM	39.00

DISBURSEMENTS. ommissions, delinquent tax col-ewer warrants

nierest on redemption loan, 186;

The report was referred to the comnittee on treasurer's account. ppointed a committee to act with a emmon council committee, and the ity solicitor in draftling an ordinance restricting the sale of bankrupt and fire stocks of goods under the manage. ment of Rinerant vendors,

Concurrent resolutions were adopted as follows: Awarding to James O'Boyle & Co. the contract for building a lat- details as to routes, supplies, cost of eral sewer on Wyoming avenue, between Green Ridge and Marion streets; directing the city engineer to estimate the cost of filling approaches to the Exchange street, Buffalo, N. Y. Bloom avenue culvert in the Third ward, also the cost of a stone block street from the gas house bridge to Seventh street, also the cost of sidewalks and curbstones on Mulberry street from frying to Arthur avenues, also the cost of opening Irving avenue from Mulberry to Vine street, of Vine street from Irving to Prescott avenue, and of Farber court, from Mulberry to Vine street; directing the street missioner to notify the Delaware and Hudson company to plank its tracks at Phelps street to the full

width of the street.

MR. PINN'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. Chief of Police Robling reported 1,292

arrests and \$2,036.35 collected in fines Davidow Bros., 227 Lucka. ave. during the six months from April to September inclusive. During a correponding period in 1896 the fines wer-\$2.681.60 and the arrests 1.194. A concurrent resolution directing the ity engineer to establish grade on all

streets where no such grade exists as referred to committee. To the ity solicitor was referred a concurent resolution which directs the city ontroller not to draw any further orders in favor of Peter Mulligan for grading Prescott avenue until he makes settlement with Bernard D. Martin for work as foreman on the contract.

Ordinances passed third reading as ollows: (Common) Providing for curbtones on Webster avenue, between Mulberry and Linden streets; (common) for a lateral sewer on Von Storch avenue and Honesdale street, in the

Ninth Sewer district. Aleyough the common branch was to minute in session the same length of time as was the select, the lower body was almost exclusively occupied with Haven association.

ward measures. The sanitary committee reported, in reference to the board of health's conemning of the Cumberland Hose house, that "the matter be referred to the board of health for further disposition." This indicated that councils did not wish to be further concerned in the fight between Selectman Kearney and Commoner Grier, both of the Third ward, and the report was adopted, although Mr. Grier criticized the

report as unfair. A resolution was introduced by Mr. Grier providing for the laying of sidewalks by the street commissioner at Seneca and Market streets, Keiser avenue and Market street, Winola and Mears & Hagen.

Market streets, and the expense charged to ward appropriations, 1897.
Mr. Keller objected to its passage on the ground that such work was usually directed by the councilmen, but

the resolution was adopted. An amendment was proposed by Mr Oliver and seconded by Mr. Sweeney. the ordinance granting the Duni Sprinkling company the exclusive right to sprinkle the streets. The word "exclusive" was stricken out, and the ordinance passed two readings

amended An ordinance providing for stone sidewalks on Garfield avenue, between Washburn and Jackson streets, was introduced by Mr. Walker.

The ordinance providing for a munici pal electric lighting plant, Mr. Noone's measure, passed two readings. Seven measures of interest to the First ward were passed two readings

on motion of Mr. Reese. Ordinances passed three readings as follows: For the construction of a sewer, Sec. C., Fifth district; for two new electric lights in the Sixth and Second wards.

U. OF P. BANQUET.

It Will Be Held Dec. 28 at the Hotel

Jermyn. Over 200 invitations have been issued by the University of Pennsylvania alumni for their banquet at the Hotel Jermyn Tuesday night, Dec. 28. It is to be "given for the purpose of forming a permanent organization of the alumni of Northeastern Pennsylvania, with the idea of fostering a university spirit and securing a united interest in our alma mater," so the invitations

Following are the names of the comnittee who are arranging the affair: Dr. John L. Wentz, chairman; George Davidson, Dr. Lewis Frey, Dr. G. Blanchard, Dr. W. E. Keller, Rev. S. Ballentine, Dr. George B. Reynolds and Dr. E. M. Green, of Scranton; Dr. F. C. Johnson, Dr. L. H. Tay-lor, Dr. C. H. Miner, Dr. L. I. Shoe-maker, Dr. W. S. Stewart and Dr. H. M. Beck, of Wilkes-Barre; Dr. W. C. Gayley, of Hagleton.

The committee have requested The Tribune to announce that if any of the alumni have been omitted in the distribution of invitations, they notify any member of the committee.

POOR ROMOLO WALLENTYNODZSIC

Was Beaten. He Says, by the Queenly Antoinette Damshinsky.

There appeared before Alderman John T. Howe yesterday Gregorovitch Ronolo Wallentynodzsic. He had been hurt by Antoinette Damshinsky. He stated that when enjoying a quiet evening at home Wednesday he was assailed and assaulted by the fair creature. She hurled a bunch of frankforts at his head and followed this Wallentynodzsie was badly injured,

so much so in fact, that he had to appeal to the law for protection and redress. Alderman Howe issued a warrant for Anteinette's arrest, but when Special Officer Cole attempted to serve it he could not find the woman.

City and School Taxes For 1897.

A penalty of 7 per cent, will be added on all taxes remaining unpaid after Dec. 31, 1897, and an additional penalty of 1 per cent, on the first of ach and every month thereafter until paid.

Taxes remaining unpaid after Dec. 31, 1897, will be placed in the hands of collectors, as provided by an Act of Assembly, approved May 23, 1889, C. G. Boland.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Angela Finnerty, of Honesdale by risiting Scranton friends. Edward Day and Oscar Veith, of South Main avonue, are in New York city, Mrs. S. B. Hartley, of Leboxville, is a guest at the home of C. J. Church in the North End.

Desk Sergeant Charles W. Ridgeway at La Piume today attenuing the burial tlengral Manager Heury Wearum, o

the Lackawanna fron and Steel company, is in New York city. Mrs. Elizabeth Frace, of Clark's Sun visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Parker.

of Washburn street. Miss Irene Collier, of West Pittston who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Campbell, of William street, has returned home.

Frank Beldin, of the Rallroad Young Men's Christian association, has been en-gaged as assistant accretary for the New Mr. and Mrs. George Folmer, of Orwis

burg, Fa., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ben Johnson, of 737 Madion avenue, have returned home. Charles Keifer and son, Henry, of Ce dar avenue, South Scranton, left yester day to attend the funeral of Mr. Klefer's brother, who died at Poughkeepsie Tues-day at the age of 83 years.

Among those registered at the Hote Jermyn yesterday were C. H. Reynolds, Kingston: Mrs. C. R. Brady, Honesdale: Mrs. R. Coward, Pittston: R. S. Searl, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stewart and Mis Tapscott, Montrose.

Notice.

FEIGNING MADNESS

And Never Contemplated Committing Suicide.

SUCH IS DR. STAFFORD'S THEORY.

The Eloquent Washington Divine Again Heard in an Interesting and Highly Instructive Shakespearean Lecture -- As a Study, Hamlet Is Sublimet as a Play It Is Far from Being Dramatically Perfect .- The Critics Reviewed.

A good-sized audience, but smaller by far than what it should have been, ommensurately, heard Rev. Dr. D. J. Stafford at College hall, last night, in his most popular lecture and the one in which he has achieved the greatest enown, "Hamlet."

Shakespearean authorities know, holds to the theory that Hamlet was not mad, nor a sufferer from temporary sberrations of reason; that while he entemplated suicide he never conemplated committing suiside, and that the proper explanation of his famous solilequy, "To be, or not to be," is that it was a study of the everlasting quesion of man's eternity.

"Hamlet" is the most interesting page in the history of literature. declared. It is the first we read; the last we understand. We read it as a school boy; we meditate upon it as a man. It is our idel in summer; by winter's fireside we pender upon it. We are never tired of it, and we never turn from it. It is an exhaustless fund of interest and study. It has been road or three hundred years and yet is new. It has been translated into all the lan-guages of Europe and holds its power n each of them. Every line of it has been the subject of learned controversy. To elucidate one of its passages has been considered by sages as a greater achievement than to gain the wealth of Idle Ind.

To be all this there must be beneath it some great and subtle philosophy— and there is. Other books compared o it are superficial.

The Darish writer, Saxo Grammat! us, from whom the story in its crudity was borrowed, is in no wise Shakeseare's creditor. The sublime Hamlet, the great soul-tragedy is selely Shakes-

penie's. TIMES DEMANDED IT. Parenthetically, the lecturer stated, Shakespeare was not to be criticised for the slaughter with which the play encluded. It was necessitated by the astes of the times which demanded for a finale a cleared stage.

To study "Hamlet" one must approach it with a theory. There must be some rule to guide in the research. The text, the lecturer claimed, is the best guide.

Touching upon the old discussion of whether Hamlet was mad in fact or in eraft. Dr. Stafford said that the question is certainly possible of solution. While it is a mystery and the poet intended it to be such, it is not beyond comprehension, and it is not reasonable to suppose he intended it should be inomprehensible.

Some critics hold that he was essenlially sane; others, that he was essentially insane; others that while he was escentially same, he was mentally un-balanced, and another school of which the lecturer is a member, holds that was the personi tion of high intellectuality and that this madness was feigned for the purpose of better carrying out the design of his latter life, the discovery for certain of the manner of his father's death and the avenging of the crime, if vengeance vas called for.

Tien the lecturer proceeded to apply his theory and the others which h holds, that their correctness might be ractically apparent.

Hamlet is presented to us at the age f thirty, a student, a philosopher, He s an ideal man both as to mind and ody-"The glass of fushion and the could of form; the observed of all observers" as Ophelia depicts him and with intellect as his prodominating feature as the story clearly makes him

He was a king's son, romantic, philsophic, living for a useful and happy future. He idealized and idelized his father and mother. They were his all.

PLUNGED INTO GRIEF.

Such we find him when he is plunged into the deepest abyss of grief. could have borne a natural thing like the death of his father, but he could not rally from the greater grief Into which the sin of his mother east him. When she failed him all the world failed him. When we have staked all, to lose all is to change the whole atti- and Corner Chairs. tude of life. "That this too, too solid flesh would melt' shows his almost ressimistic condition of mind, even before the ghost revealed to him the

nurder of his father. When he returns to his companions after the communion with the ghost they beset him with entreaties to tell them what passed between him and his spiritual visitor. The fact that the ghost called him aside, convinces him that what was told him was intended for his ears alone. While his companions are demanding to know of the communication. Hamiet is revolving the terrible discovery in his mind and formulating his plan of action. gain time, he parleys with them about screey and the like as if he intended to tell them and then like a flash the idea of feigning in-sanity occurs to him and putting the idea immediately into

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ction he gets rid of their questionng. The Scene They will be less suspicious of him if he is mad, he argues, and under such cloak he can the more successfully carry out the work the ghost has laid out for him, and pursue his investiga-Changes Daily ions into the revelations of the spectre for he is not wholly satisfied but that the devil may have assumed his dead New Xmas goods coming

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The real madness of Ophelia contrasted with madness of Hamlet ought to be a proof in itself of Hamlet's mad-ness being unreal, when Shakepeare's love of strong contrasts is considered.

father's guise to wreck his life and

CRITICISING THE PLAY. Criticising the play, Dr. Stafford averred that dramatically it is not a great play. Up to the ghost scene it Is active enough, but after that it lags. But in the matter of moral it far transcends all his other plays. other plays deal with some particular thing. Hamlet is a generality, the whole plot of existence.

It points out the solitude of genius, the insufficiency of this life and the fact of another life. Its argument is that this life does not allow adequate means for the full exercise of man's Dr. Stafford, as those familiar with faculties, and hence there must be a greater life. In Hamlet the problem human destiny is satisfactorily solved. Hamlet will always have life. Dr. Stafford's incomparable recita-tion of some of the more expressive passages particularly the soliloquy "To be, or not to be," avoked most hearty applause,

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