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COMMITTEE MAKES A POOR BEGINNING

Amendments Involving \$106,500 Added to the Appropriation Ordinance.

FINANCES FOR 1898 DISCOURAGING

Before the Committee Met, the Estimates Exceeded the Revenue \$73,000, but with the Amendments Added There Is \$180,000 to Be Lopped from the Ordinance--Total Revenues Amount to \$295,000. Another Meeting Monday Evening.

The joint estimates committee of councils met last night to begin the annual agency of revising the appropriation ordinance so that its total sum will fall within the city controller's estimated revenue for the fiscal year beginning at noon Monday, April 4.

The committee began its work all right but the members threw up their hands in despair and adjourned when amendments amounting to \$106,516.87 were added to the deficiency of \$72,984.40 already existing.

ONE ITEM CHANGED. One item had been changed in the estimate for the mayor's department when it was suggested by Mr. Chittenden that the reading be discontinued.

Fire department, supplementary estimate \$66,780.00 Arch culvert, Mt. Pleasant road \$90.00 Repairs and damage awards, Fourth district main sewer, 3,117.75

CITY NOTES.

Rev. J. B. Sweet will conduct the service at the Rescue mission tonight at 8 o'clock.

The corridors, walls and ceilings of the board of trade building are being tinted and decorated.

A marriage license was yesterday granted to Harry Liebert, of Hemlock Hollow, Wayne county, and Ella Gross, of Scranton.

Mayor Bailey yesterday inspected the damage done to cellars by the overflow of water on Pittston avenue between Hesch and Birch streets.

Sheriff Pryor has ordered a strict enforcement of the rule that passes to the jail be accepted only on Tuesdays, the regular visiting day.

The board of revision and appeals will hear the complaints of Twentieth ward property owners today and Thirteenth ward property owners on Monday.

Manager Brooks, of the Linden, will present a new star next Monday in the person of Miss Alice Kemp, who is well known here and a great favorite.

The will of Mary J. Evans, late of Carbondale, was yesterday admitted to probate by Register Koch. Letters of administration were granted to Maria and John L. McAndrew in the estate of Martin McAndrew, late of Madison township.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GOLDSMITH.

Was Held Yesterday at Her Home on Wyoming Avenue.

The funeral of Mrs. Morris Goldsmith was held yesterday afternoon at the family home, 425 Wyoming avenue. Rev. Dr. Chapman, of the Linden street synagogue, conducted the services.

The interment was in the Jewish cemetery at Dunmore. The pall-bearers were Simon Rice, Joseph Levy, Samuel Samter, Lou Ottinger, Moses Brown and E. Morris. The flower bearers were Alfred and Otto Rice and F. T. and Ralph Levy.

THE CALL TO DR. DIXON.

The Penn Avenue Baptist Pastor Is Out of the City.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Dixon, pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, is out of town and no authoritative information could be obtained yesterday concerning the call extended him by the Warren Avenue Baptist church, of Boston.

At Mr. Dixon's residence on Jefferson avenue a Tribune reporter was informed that Dr. Dixon would return to the city this afternoon. He was not in Boston yesterday, it was stated.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

One Announced for the Spring Will Not Be Held.

There will not be another United States civil service examination for postoffice clerk-carrier service in this city until next fall.

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FATHER GORMAN WON.

Awarded the Gold Chalice at Mercy Hospital Fair.

At the Mercy hospital fair in Wilkes-Barre last night the contest for a gold chalice between Rev. Walter Gorman, of St. Lee's church, Ashley, and Rev. J. J. Huston, of St. Mary's church, Wilkes-Barre, was won by Father Gorman.

OBITUARY.

The death of Rev. James R. Rensen, 71 years of age, occurred at his residence, Honesdale, at 10 o'clock Tuesday night, Feb. 22. The deceased was ordained as pastor of the Port Jervis Baptist church September, 1858, and continued as pastor until 1870. He then removed to Aldenville, where he remained until 1888, when his health failed. He then moved to Honesdale and for six years supplied the Lake Ariel, Mast Hope and other Baptist churches. During his pastorate he baptized 27 persons, one of which was 94 years of age. He was kind-hearted and loved by all who knew him.

Peter Durkin, of Jerkerman, near Pittston, died yesterday morning after a lingering illness of long trouble. He had taught school in Jenkins township for a number of years. His wife, Elizabeth, was principal of the Inkerman and Port Griffith graded schools. His death, though not unexpected, was nevertheless a great loss to the family. He was born in Ireland and had resided in this country over 27 years of age. His parents are both dead. The following brothers and sisters survive: Hon. P. A. Durkin, of Inkerman; Thomas Durkin, Misses Winnie, Margaret, Jennie, Kate, Mary, Mrs. A. Mulholland, of Wilkes-Barre, and Mrs. Bridget Maloy, wife of Editor J. W. Maloy, of the Lansford Record. The funeral will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock at St. John's church. Interment will be in Market street cemetery.

The death of Mrs. John Gilroy occurred yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John J. Lotus, of Spring street, at the advanced age of 75 years. Mrs. Gilroy was born in Ireland and emigrated to this country over forty-five years ago, when her husband's death compelled her to relinquish the farm, and she removed to this city, making her residence with her daughter, who survives her. She was a woman beloved by all who knew her. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the services in the Holy Rosary church. Interment will be made in Hyde Park Catholic cemetery.

Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM.

The class schedule has been adopted and will be conducted in the Railroad Young Men's Christian association gymnasium as follows, beginning Monday, Feb. 28: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, business men, 8 to 9 p. m.; Monday and Friday, young men, 8 to 9 p. m.; Wednesday, young men's fencing class, 8 to 9 p. m.; Saturday, juniors, 10:30 to 11:20 a. m. Professional men's class Monday and Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.

PENNSYLVANIA EARNINGS.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25--The statement of earnings and expenses of the Pennsylvania Railroad company for the month of January, 1898, compared with the same period of 1907, shows Pennsylvania's railroad lines, as operated, month of January, 1898: Gross earnings, increase, \$13,491; expenses, increase, \$99,599; net earnings, increase, \$86,100. Lines west of Pittsburg and Erie, directly operated. Gross earnings, increase, \$54,799; expenses, increase, \$155,860; net earnings, increase, \$38,939.

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Dr. E. Grever was appointed Medical Examiner of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent association and will see all applicants at his office hereafter from 10 a. m. until 8:30 p. m. Old Postoffice building, corner of Penn avenue and Spruce street.

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The second of the series of free lectures being given to the people of Scranton by the University of Pennsylvania, in line with the university extension idea, took place last night in the high school auditorium. The lecturer was Dr. J. H. Pennington, professor of English literature at the university and dean of the college and his subject was "Charles Dickens." The audience was regrettably small, smaller than it should have been even considering the unpropitious weather, for it was to be expected that a free lecture by such an eminent lecturer as Dr. Pennington upon such a popular subject as Dickens would crowd any ordinary sized hall in any community that had a regard for its intellectual reputation.

Those, however, who did attend can have it say that they heard a model lecture. It was by a learned man with rare ability to effectively and interestingly impart his knowledge; a lecturer who strove to truthfully dissect and analyze his subject and to avoid attempting to place high above all other subjects the one he happens to treat.

RADICAL STATEMENTS.

A striking example of this was found in his statement--with the qualification that he expected it to be contradicted--that a strong taste for Dickens was not always evidence of great intellectual power.

Quite as interesting as the lecture proper was the review of the history of literature leading up to Dickens' time. In the Elizabethan period, he said, the novel as we have it today, did not exist. There was instead the English drama. The novel is the successor of the drama; aims at and succeeds in fulfilling the same function.

The English drama arose from the church services. During the period marked on the one hand by the verge of the dark ages and on the other by the introduction of printing, the craving for knowledge and the desire to teach found means only in the church services. This gave rise to objective presentations of the stories of the Bible such as we now see in the passion play periodically given at Oberammergau.

These presentations were transplanted to the stage in due time. A fault was discovered in the gap which lay between the people of the time and the characters represented. To make them more likely of arousing sympathy characters not so far distant were introduced, such as saints, well known and popular. A devil was also worked in and to give an opportunity for fun-making Satan was also accompanied by an imp.

TENDENCY GREW APACE.

This tendency of modernizing the drama grew apace until finally an Englishman was introduced into the drama--King John. He was the first Englishman, the lecturer remarked, that was ever characterized on the stage, if it will be accepted that the devil is not English.

The answer to "What is the function of the drama?" answers also the question "What is the function of the novel?" It is an Hamlet is made aptly put it, to hold up the mirror to nature. In reading Dickens you look into a mirror and see life in the times of which Dickens wrote. Dickens' poverty and his calling as a reporter enabled him to see and peculiarly fitted him to tell of what he so well depicted, ply the text of merit to a work.

That his books were popular even when they first appeared is not to be wondered at because they treated of everyday people. That they are popular now--possibly the most popular of English novels--argues that they possess merit, for posterity alone can apply the test of merit to a work.

He is popular because he is a genius. Talent does as well as it knows how; Genius does better than it knows. That touch of genius licensed him to set at defiance the conventionalities of the day. The "bad taste of Dickens is not bad taste for the same reason that it is argued that Thackeray's didacticism is inconsistent with art--except Thackeray's art.

ANOTHER REASON.

Another reason of Dickens' popularity, the lecturer said, with a somewhat timid and smiling air, was that he makes no demand on intellectually.

In this connection he made the statement that a taste for Dickens is not always accompanied by great intellectual power. As compared with Thackeray, Dickens amuses while the other makes you think. The two great qualities of Dickens' mind were his quick observation with the subsidiary power of writing it down interestingly, and his very vivid, virtually poetic, imagination.

Dickens in his writings had a distinct moral purpose. In Nickleby he discovered the abuses of the county school; in Oliver Twist he awoke London to the realization that criminals were not born but made; in Little Dorrit, he showed the evils and fallacies of the debtors' prison; in his Christmas stories he told of the sufferings of the poor and strove to awake the rich to a realization of their duty in this regard. He called attention to these abuses in a way that forced attention. Writing out the chemical formula for combustion is an essayist's way of describing burning. Burning your finger is the novelist's method. Dickens was a novelist.

While it is true that Dickens wrote of real men and woman it is remarkable that he never builds an ordinary everyday character. Every one of his characters has some marked peculiarity. Each bears a label. It has been said of him that he takes a characteristic and makes a man of it.

READ PART OF THE CHIMES.

Dr. Pennington read a portion of the opening of "The Chimes" to illustrate how Dickens dwells so lengthily on unimportant details--a fault some say. He gives more attention to present effect than to total effect. He slight the sense of proportion. He is absolutely grotesque at times in his minutiae of detail. But that is what makes Dickens Dickens, and as said of Thackeray before it is not consistent with art--except Dickens' art.

Dr. Pennington was introduced by Professor W. H. Buell, of the School of the Lackawanna, who made the announcement that the next lecture of the course would occur in about three weeks. It has not as yet been decided what it will be.

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Best Fine Brown Muslin..... 5c
Best Heavy Brown Muslin..... 5c
Hill Muslin..... 5c
Lonsdale..... 6c
Fruit of Loom..... 6c
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