

REV. DR. J. H. DUBBS' ADDRESS.

THE POINTS OUT THE SECURITY OF COLLECTING HISTORY.

A Lasting Monument, He Says, Will Be to the Person Who Provides a Permanent Home for the Historical Society—Dr. Egie, of Harrisburg, Makes Some Suggestions.

The executive committee of the Lancaster City and County Historical Society met on Monday evening at the office of W. U. Henschel, with the following members present: Messrs. Martin, Dubbs, Hark, Steigewalt, Ely, Slaymaker, Huppis, Thompson, Orist, Senor, Wickham and McElligott. Dr. Wm. H. Egie, of Harrisburg, Pa., Historical Society, was present as an invited guest. Rev. Dr. Dubbs read the following essay:

The organization of the Lancaster County Historical Society is, we believe, an event of no ordinary importance. For many years the establishment of such an institution has been recognized by some of our citizens as eminently desirable, but no one seemed willing to take the first step which was necessary to the first step has been taken we may be met by the question: "What is the use of such a society?"

Let it be understood, first of all, that the Lancaster County Historical Society does not propose to place itself in a position of rivalry or antagonism towards any other similar institution. Some of our members of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and as Pennsylvanians we should all be proud of the achievements of that superb association.

Under such circumstances are authors to be greatly blamed for the history which they write? Can we expect to receive justice for we learn to plead our cause? In the work of the historical society, an individual can accomplish little, but he can do much more than he can do in any other way.

It need hardly be said that there is an extensive field for careful investigation, according to modern methods, in the history of our splendid county; and it might be added that it is just this kind of earnest labor that historic science in America has been waiting for.

SHOT THROUGH THE EYE.

WILLIAM A. WILSON, WHO ENDS HIS LIFE WITH A PISTOL.

Found in the Closet of Eschleman's Building With Life Extinct—He Had Been in His Health Some Time—The Doctor's Inquest—Sketch of His Career.

The people of this city were startled this morning by the report that W. A. Wilson, Esq., had taken his life. The story grew like wild-fire and proved to be true. This morning Mr. Wilson went to his law office, which is in one of the first stories of E. Frank Eschleman's new building, on Duke Street.

THE RAILROAD COMPANY.

When the "Post of the Herald" composed "The Danites" he crowded into the comedy brilliant scenes and honest manners of life on the frontier that does not fail to engage close attention from beginning to end.

Coroner Honorable Emmanuel Christ A. East, H. H. Holtz, Samuel B. Cox, E. Schaefer Metzger, Geo. W. Tomlinson and Thos. F. McElligott, as the jury to hold the inquest. The first witness examined was E. Frank Eschleman. He testified that while he was in the rear end of the building he heard the report of a pistol.

DECREASED VALUE OF COAL LANDS.

Five Thousand Acres Bring Only Half What They Sold For in 1867.

One of the greatest coal deals ever consummated in the Monongahela Valley was closed a few days ago at Fairburg, New York, by the sale of the coal lands that constitute the Pittsburgh recently formed syndicate, and through an agent have carried on those negotiations which were completed Friday and Saturday by the signatures of nearly all the holders of the coal lands.

ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Feb. 15.—Mr. Joseph Oeschger, formerly of this place, but now of the Chicago Tribune, is at present residing with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

THE AMERICAN CATHEDRAL.

The propaganda at Rome will give a banquet in honor of Cardinals Gibbons and Tachereau after the consistory. The American patriarch at the pope's reception to-day will present his holiness with a diamond ring from the Sultan of Turkey.

THE DEATH OF A LIFE.

Mr. Wilson was born in Elizabethtown on December 27, 1839. He was a son of James Wilson, who still resides in that borough. The deceased graduated at the Millersville State Normal school, and for a time was professor of Greek at the institution.

THE LIBERTY BELL'S BIG HULL.

The Liberty Bell's Big Hull is quite a popular musical organization, held a concert and ball in Mennercher hall last night. The band started from their rooms on West King Street and made a short street parade before going to the hall.

THE NEW JERSEY SENATORIAL STRUGGLE.

The Republican members of the New Jersey legislature held a caucus Monday night and it was announced that William J. Sewell had received the senatorial nomination. "It is understood that there was trouble in getting several of the Republicans into the caucus, and it is believed that Paoli's name would have been the result."

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