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YOUNG MEN

especially, who have become the victims of Solitary Vice, that dreadful and destructive habit which annually sweeps to an untimely grave thousands of young men of the most exalted talents and brilliant intellect, who might otherwise have entranced listening Senates with the thunders of eloquence or waked to ecstacy the living lyre, may call with full confidence.

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YOUNG MEN

Who have injured themselves by a certain practice indulged in when alone, a habit frequently learned from evil companions, or at school, the effects of which are nightly felt, even when asleep, and if not cured, renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body, should apply immediately.

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MARRIAGE,

reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness. Indeed without these, the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage; the prospect hourly darkens to the view; the mind becomes shadowed with despair and filled with the melancholy reflection, that the happiness of another becomes blighted with our own.

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Sunqury, Jan. 22, 1875.

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The table is supplied with the best the market affords. Good stabling and attentive ostlers.

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Having just refitted the above Saloon for the accomodation of the public, is now prepared to serve his friends with the best refreshments, and fresh Lager Beer, Ale, Porter, and all other malt quors.

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Oct. 22, 1875.—tf.

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VALENTINE DIETZ, Wholesale and Retail dealer in every variety of ANTHRACITE COAL, UPPER WHARF, SUNBURY, PENN'A.

All kinds of Grain taken in exchange for Coal. Orders solicited and filled promptly. Orders left at S. F. Nevin's Confectionery Store, on Third treet, will receive prompt attention, and money receipted for, the same as at the office.

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Egg, Stove and Nut, constantly on hand. Grain taken in exchange for Coal.

I am also prepared to supply to farmers and others

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W. M. DAUGHERTY, Prp'r.

Sunbury, Jan. 14, 1876.

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ALL the latest styles and novelties selected at the late importers' and jobbers' openings.

BIRDS, WINGS, FANCY FEATHERS, OSTRICH TIPS AND PLUMES, SILK VELVETS, VELVETEENS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, etc.

HATS AND BONNETS

In Felt and Straw, and all New and Stylish, at

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Oct. 15, 1875. Market St., Sunbury.

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Will be found the most complete, attractive and cheapest store of

CHOICE DRY GOODS,

consisting of Ladies Dress Goods, Woolen Goods for Ladies' from the largest establishments in the cities.

LADIES' & CHILDRENS' WOOLEN SHAWLS.

Ladies, Misses' and Childrens' Woolen Goods, Silk Velvets, Ribbons, Sash Ribbons, Neck Ties, Kid Gloves, Fancy and Plain Hosiery, First Quality Zephyr and Germantown Wool.

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IN GREAT VARIETY.

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Has just returned from the Eastern cities, with an elegant selections of

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NEAT FITS GUARANTEED.

You will find prices at least as reasonable as elsewhere. Give me a call.

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John W. Stevenson,

Corner Third and Market Sts, Sunbury, Pa.

HAS completely renovated his Store Room, and opened the largest assortment of

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ever exhibited in this part of the State. Everything in the Jewelry line is kept in store.

Silver-Ware,

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of every description and of the finest quality

Particular attention paid to repairing

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HAIR JEWELRY made to order.

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WINES, BRANDIES, GINS,

Pure Old Rye Whiskey,

APPLE WHISKEY, CORDIALS, &c.

All Liquors sold guaranteed as represented.

Orders promptly attended to and public patronage respectfully solicited.

SELL & SCHONOUR.

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Feb. 27, 1874.—1y.

New Millinery S ore,

HERNDON, North'd County, Pa.

MRS. KATE MECK respectfully informs the public that she has opened a

NEW MILLINERY STORE,

on Front street, Herndon, where she has just opened an entire new stock of Fall and Winter Millinery Goods of the latest styles and patterns, consisting of

HATS AND BONNETS,

FEATHERS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS,

and all Goods found in a first-class Millinery Store, which are offered at extremely low prices.

Ladies are especially invited to call and examine all the new styles, and ascertain the prices. KATE MECK.

Herndon, Oct. 15th, 1875.—6m6.

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The Largest and Most Complete Establishment

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NEW TYPE,

NEAT WORK,

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Everything that is needed in the printing department will be executed with promptness and at low prices. All are invited to call and examine our samples. No trouble to give estimates and show goods. We shall cheerfully do this to all, who call for that purpose, without charge.

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WEALTHY

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Select Poetry.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

A hundred years have roll'd away
Since that bright, heroic day,
When our fathers in the fray,
Struck the conqu'ring blow.
Praise to them, the bold who spoke,
Praise to them, the brave who broke
Stern oppression's galling yoke,
A hundred years ago!

Pour the wine of sacrifice,
Let the grateful anthem rise—
Shall we'er resign the prize?—
Never—never—no!
Hearts and hands shall guard those rights
Bought on Freedom's battle heights,
Where he fixed his signal lights,
A hundred years ago!

Swear it by the mighty dead—
Those who counselled, those who led;
By the blood your fathers shed,
By your mother's woe;
Swear it!—by the patriot few—
Those whose breasts were scarred for you,
When to Freedom's ranks they flew,
A hundred years ago!

By the joys that cluster round,
By our vales with plenty crowned,
By our hill-tops—holy ground,
Rescued from the foe—
Where of old the Indian strayed,
Where of old the Pilgrim prayed,
Where the patriot drew his blade,
A hundred years ago!

Should again the war trump peal,
There shall Indian firmness steal,
Pilgrim faith and patriot zeal,
Prompt to strike the blow;
There shall valor's work be done;
Like the sire shall be the son,
Where the fight was waged and won,
A hundred years ago!

Historical.

A HISTORY OF THE SUSQUEHANNA.

BY J. F. MAGINNIS.

CHAPTER XVI.

Organization of Northumberland County—Its original Bounderies—Sunbury founded—Names of the Settlers along the River—Troubles and Privations—The Grant Family—Dr. Plunkett—Sketch of his life—Anecdotes.

The county of Northumberland was organized, March 12th, 1772, out of Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton and Bedford. It embraced a large extent of territory. The following description of its boundaries is from the first section of the act erecting it:

"That all and singular the lands lying and being within the bounderies following, that is to say, beginning at the mouth of Mahantongo Creek, on the west side of the Susquehanna, thence up the South side of said creek, by the several courses thereof, to the head of Robert Meteer's Spring; thence west by north to the top of Tussey's mountain; thence south westerly, along the summit of the m[illegible] thence [illegible] northeasterly side of the main branch of Little Juniata, to the head thereof; thence north to the line, of Berks county; thence east along said line, to the extremity of the Province; thence east along the northern boundary, to that part thereof of the Great Swamp; thence south to the most northern part of the swamp aforesaid; thence with a straight, line to the head of the Lehigh, or Mill Creek; thence down the said creek so far that a line run west south-west will strike the forks of Mahantongo Creek where Pine Creek falls into the same, at the place called the Spread Eagle, on the east side of said creek to the river aforesaid; thence down and across the river to the place of beginning."

It was directed by the Provincial authorities, that the courts be held at Fort Augusta, till a Court House, and the necessary public buildings could be erected. A committee composed of William Maclay, Samuel Hunter, John Louden, Joseph Wallis, and Robert Moody, were appointed to purchase a piece of land, in some convenient place in the county, subject to the approval of the Governor, on which to erect a Court Hause and Jail.

Joshua Elder, James Palton, Jesse Lukens and William Lukens, were appointed "to run, work out and distinguish the boundary lines between Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton, Bedford, and Northumberland counties."

At that time Northumberland embraced all the West Branch Valley, as far as Lycoming creek. The river above that point was the boundary on the south side. The north side was in dispute. Most of the territory was a dense forest, where the red man had roamed with untrammelled freedom, from time immemorial, but the onward march of civilization was about to drive him from these favorite haunts, and compel him to seek a new hime in distant wilds.—He sullenly retired from the cherished scenes of his childhood after being overcome by the superior numbers and intelligence of the race that, it seemed, were destined to dispossess him. Such seemed to be his fate. But the vindicative passions of his savage breast were aroused, and he fought for his home and hunting grounds. It was natural that he should do so—the present race of whites, claiming a greater amount of refinement and intelligence would do the same. They would scalp, too, before they would surrender their hearths and firesides to another race, and leave all the endearing associations of home. The territory of the Indian was acquired by *purchase* and aggression, treachery and duplicity. His noble nature knew no guide—he thought, the white man was *honest!* Alas! what a sad mistake.

The territory on the north side of the Otzinachson—now called the West Branch—was not included in the purchase of 1768, at Fort Stanwich, further west than Lycoming Creek, which was supposed to be the Tiadaghton of the Indians. The mistake was not discovered till at the treaty of 1784, held at same same place, when the Indians informed the Pennsylvania Commissioners that what the whites called Pine Creek, was the real Tiadaghton.

The town of Sunbury was laid out in the same year that the county was erected, 1772, by John Lukens, the Surveyor General, on the beautiful plain one mile below Fort Augusta. He erected a frame house, which was, probably, the first building put up in the town. William Maclay, of whom mention has already been made, shortly afterwards erected a stone building, which is still standing, fronting on the river.

At this time Mung Reed resided on what was then called Shamokin island, near the confluence of the two rivers, and a few yards above the fort. Thomas Grant and Colonel Hunter, commander of the fort, lived on two farms which they had taken up close by. Robert Murdock also had a farm here. These gentlemen are considered among the first *bona fide* settlers at this point, who formed the nucleus around which the other emigrants clustered.

The Grant family were identified, to a considerable extent, with the history of the eventful period of the Revolution. Mr. Grant was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and had command of a frontier fort. His widow was a remarkably fine woman, of great mind and resolution, and universally esteemed and beloved by all who knew her, for her many solid virtues. She is well remembered, and feelingly spoken of, by many of the old people now living. When Sherman Day visited her, about 1840, he describes her as a venerable old lady, living in a fine mansion, surrounded by her children and grand children. Her memory extended back for a period of eighty years, yet she did not appear to be over fifty.

Robert Martin, originally from New Jersey, was the father of Mrs. Grafft. He first settled at Wyoming under the Pennsylvania title, but being unable to live there in peace, abandoned his farm, and removed to Northumberland. He erected a house, and kept tavern here previous to the purchase of 1768. His house, at that time, was the only one to be seen about Northumberland Point, or even on the other side, except in Fort Augusta. He was undoubtedly the first settler on the site of Northumberland, near eighty years ago. After the purchase of 1768, his house was thronged with numerous speculators, pioneers, surveyors, and adventurers, who came to view and settle upon the lands of the West Branch.

Colonel Hunter is distinguished in the history of that period. He had command of Fort Augusta during the time of the Revolution, when it was the great point to which all the settlers of both Branches conveyed, when compelled to abandon their homes in the wilderness, by the attacks of the savages. All the forts erected along the West Branch were under his supervision, and the duties that devolved upon him were great. He may be considered the watchful guardian of the frontier. Scenes of the most thrilling character were enacted at that period.

A fine brick mansion now stands on the identical spot formerly occupied by the fort, it is owned by Miss Hunter, a lineal descendant of the old Colonel. Truly, it is built on sacred ground.

In 1772, according to the best and most reliable information that I have been able to collect, there was but one house where Sunbury now stands, one at Fort Agusta, and one on the Grant farms, one on Shamokin island, one in Northumberland, but four between that point and where Lewis Milton and Muncy hills there were six families, and not more than eight or ten on the river above.

Captain Lowden, and a Mr. Patterson, it appears, became owners of the land at Northumberland. They afterwards sold a part to Reuben Haynes, a brewer, from the city of Philadelphia, who laid out the town of Northumberland, in 1775. This was at a very gloomy period of our history. And it made but slow progress for several years. The settlers were often compelled to abandon their homes, and fly to Fort Augusta for protection.

Ludwig Derr, a German, settled in Buffalo Valley, where Lewisburg now stands, about 1772 or 1773. A patent for a tract of land containing three hundred and twenty acres, was granted to Richard Peters, August 11th, 1772; and on the 17th of November 1773, it was deeded to Ludwig Derr.

Colonel John Kelly, a distinguished hero of the Revolutionary period, settled in Buffalo valley, as early as 1768, immediately after the purchase from the Indians. He was one of the first pioneers in this region, and endured many hardships.

Captain John Brady, with a large family, also immigrated to the West Branch, about 1772, and located opposite where Lewisburg now stands. This family was one of the most remarkable that ever resided in the romantic vale of the Otzinachson, and their history, replete with some of the most daring and thrilling events, will occupy a large space.

The following persons were also among the early settlers:—Samuel and Joseph Wallis, William Hutchinson, Cornelius Atkinson Moses Kirk, John and Robert Eson, Captain Gray, Robert Frait Walton and Wm. Clark, Wm. Wilson, Robert Clark, James Studman, Scotts, &c.

Captain Simpson was among the first settlers in Sunbury. He participated in the dastrous battle of Wyoming. His decendants still live there.

Paul Brady also located here at a very early period. He erected a log house, and it is related by some of the citizens of the present day, that he traded with the Indians through the cracks of the building not daring to permit them to enter the door.

Of the troubles and privations endured by those settlers, we can scarce form a just conception. It is related that during the time of the Indian wars, when hideously painted savages skulked like demons thro' the forest, many of the first settlers about Sunbury, were often oblized to take their families in canoes, and move them in the middle of the river during the night, to escape the scalping knife of the ever vigilent foe. Contrast those times with the peace and comfort now enjoyed, gentle reader and rejoice that you did not live at that day.

Amongst the early settlers at Sunbury, it must not be forgotten to mention the name of Dr. William Plunkett, sometimes called Col. Plunkett, for having commanded an expedition against Wyoming, and also one against the Connecticut settlers on the West Branch. The Doctor, as he was familiarly called, was quite a character at that time, and was extensively known.—He is said by some to have been an Englishman, and by others, an Irishman.

Many anecdotes are related concerning him, one of which is, that once upon a time in England, in a public house he was in an adjoining room where a number of gentlemen were assembled, with several friends, talking in a loud tone of voice.—One of the gentleman in the adjoining room, observed to his companions, that he did not believe that the loud-talking man could tell the time of day by the watch, and taking a valuable one from his pocket, sent it in with his servant to see, the servant informed the Doctor of his errand. Being somewhat irritated, he took the watch, and assuming a very defiant attitude, held it out and exclaimed: "Here is a watch, sent to me to tell the time of day by it; will the owner please step forward, and I will soon inform him?" The gentry became alarmed at his bold appearance, and the owner was afraid to make himself known, fearing a flogging for thus trying to insult him. "As nobody will own the watch," said the Doctor, "I will keep it," and quietly putting it in his pocket, went about his business.

The Doctor was compelled to leave Europe rather abruptly,* for being concerned with one James Maclean, in committing a robbery on Lord Eglintown. He was arrested and thrown into prison, but escaped, and was smuggled on shipboard in a barrel, and brought to America.

His loyalty to the king was so great, that "neither the blandishments of ambition, the persuasions of interest, nor the terrors of proscription could shake him for a moment. Up to the day of his death he never took the oath of allegiance, which would concede the death of royalty in America. Being freespoken and fearless, he was frequently assailed. He went armed with the loaded but of a riding whip, prepared to defend or chastise. Previous to the Revolution, he acted for a time as Justice of the Peace. His manner of inflicting punishment was odd, if not arbitrary and severe. As the old English whipping post and stocks were never erected in Sunbury, the Doctor had a stout worm fence, and he sometimes placed the neck of the culprit between the rails, making them both pillory and stocks at the same time! He was for many years one of the Associate Judges of Northumberland county.

Plunkett was afterword recognized in America by a person who had known him in England, and who kept his secret. He regretted his action, as on of his youthful crimes and afterwards become a very useful member of society. His services as a physician were valuable on many occasions, in the dressing of wounds.

The Doctor is said to have been appointed with several Indian languages, and when traveling up the river one day on a lonely path, met an Indian. He addressed him in all the languages he was master of, without making him understand; when as a last, alternative, he spoke to him in English, and strange enough the Indian understood him. He inquired what tribe he belonged to, and on being informed, exclaimed, "Very bad; very bad tribe." The Indian in return asked him what nation he belonged to, and on being informed that it was the English, looked him in the face and said, "Ah, berry bad tribe, berry bad indeed, more badder dan poor Indion!"

The Doctor was an old Jay-bird ere he became blind. He died at Sunbury in 1801 [illegible]

*Miner's History Wyoming, page 179-80.

Miscellaneous.

A HOME-BRED HERO-MARTYR.

Over One Hundred Lives Saved by One Man.

THE BRAVE DEEDS OF AN AMERICAN JOHN LAMBERT—WHAT JOHN HORN OF DETROIT HAS DONE—HIS OWN LIFE RISKED AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR OTHERS—SEVERE ATTACKS OF ILLNESS RESULTING FROM COLD AND EXPOSURE—HORN'S ACCOUNT OF HIS EXPLOITS.

Among the applications made to the last Congress for a medal for services in the saving of life was that of John Horn of Detroit, who may be justly styled a home-bred John Lambert. The character and adventures of John Lambert of Scotland were very graphically described by Charles Reade a year ago in *The Tribune*, under the title of a "Hero and Martyr." Mr. Horn is a young man living at Detroit, assisting his father there in a small tavern near the public wharves, Doubtless this proximity to the water has given him the opportunities which he has had in several years for saving what he calculates in the aggregates at about one hundred lives from death by drowning.

The Hon. Moses W. Field of the House of Representatives, who knew Horn in Detroit, brought his claims to the attention of Congress. In collecting information in regard to Horn's singular and thrilling adventures, the following letter was obtained from the hero himself. It is a very modest and not detailed report of what he has accomplished, told in simple and homely language, and will be read with peculiar interest.

THE HERO'S OWN STORY.

The Hon. MOSES W. FIELD, *House of Representatives.*

DEAR SIR: I have never desired a public statement of the service which, under God, I have been able to render in saving human life, but as you have asked me to send you a list of the men, women, and children whom I have rescued from drowning I will do so, so far as I can from memory. I have never kept a record of the names, and the number is so great that you will excuse me if I leave some unmentioned.

I think I have altogether saved more than 100 human beings, but I take no cridit about this matter, and I have never regretted doing what I have done in any case, although I have had at times to keep my bed for many weeks on account of the exposure in the cold weather. It is well for me that I had a good mother to take care of me at such times of sickness. On the 21st of May, 18—, I saved Mr. Manning of Windsor. On the 7th of July, 1865 I saved Mr. George Taylor of New York State; he was very near dead when I got him on the warf. October 10, 1865, I saved a child of Mr. F. Gorman of Adrian she was about 5 years old, and was near drowned when I got her out. Dec. 12, 1865, I saved a son of Mr. Yates, who kept a clothing store on Jefferson-ave. The night was very cold, a high wind was blowing at the time, and he was very near dead when we reached the wharf.

NINE PERSONS SAVED IN ONE NIGHT.

April 11, 1866, was the worst night I ever had. It will be ever memorable as the night of the great confl