

AUTOGRAPH ORDERED FROM WASHINGTON

Among old documents that date back to Revolutionary times there are none that carry with them more interest than several in the possession of former Judge H. M. Hinkley, of River-side.

The documents in question relate to Alexander Graydon of Reading, an uncle of Judge Hinkley's mother and consequently a great uncle of the Judge himself, who was a captain in the patriot army under George Washington.

Mr. Hinkley has in his possession carefully preserved Alexander Graydon's Commission as captain, signed by John Hancock, President of Congress. The Commission is a neatly printed blank filled in with Mr. Graydon's name, the date, January 8, 1776, and signed with the bold hand writing of John Hancock.

In one of the letters in New York State Captain Graydon—then about 54 years of age—was wounded and taken prisoner by the British. This incident called forth a document which in point of interest surpasses all others, as it was penned and signed by the immortal Washington himself.

It appears that the mother of Captain Graydon—widow—learning that her son was wounded and a prisoner, heroically started out to secure his release, if possible, and if not at least to remain by his side and nurse him. To reach her son it was necessary to pass through both the British and the American lines.

The document given by Washington is an autograph order granting Mrs. Graydon permission to pass the lines. It reads as follows:

"Mrs. Graydon, a widow lady of Philadelphia, has permission to pass the guards of my army in order to go into Brunswick to endeavor to obtain liberty of the Commanding Officer there to go into New York to visit her son, Captain Graydon, a prisoner of war.

Given at Headquarters Camp at Middlebrook this 30th day of May, 1777. G. WASHINGTON.

This document—which is clearly legible and in a good state of preservation—possesses, indeed, a remarkable interest and represents great value.

The reader will be interested to learn that Mrs. Graydon secured the release of her son and took him along to her home. Another branch of Mr. Hinkley's family has an order granted by Lord Howe giving Mrs. Graydon permission to pass the British guards.

Hunters Bag Few Rabbits. Rabbit hunters were out in considerable numbers yesterday. However, whether due to the fact that rabbits are scarce or that hunting conditions were bad, good luck did not fall to the lot of any of the hunters and on their return empty game bags seemed to be the rule.

The hunting conditions were bad yesterday. The high wind prevailing blew the leaves about covering up the tracks and destroying the scent so that the dogs worked at a big disadvantage and about all the rabbits that were shot were those that the hunter himself started up. As to whether or not rabbits are plentiful reports do not at all agree and it is a little too early in the season to determine the exact truth.

All hunters agree that at this season the rabbits should be the most plentiful in the vicinity of the cultivated fields. Here hunters are restricted very much by posted lands, which interferes with success. As the season advances and snow appears the cottontails will seek the woods and wild lands where the hunters have more freedom. Hunting should then be attended with better success unless it be a fact that rabbits this year are scarce.

Red Men's 38th Anniversary. Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M., celebrated its 38th anniversary on Saturday night. The room was crowded.

A program was rendered consisting of an address, recitations and music. The address was delivered by Rev. E. B. Dunn and was a very appropriate effort based on the motto of the Order: "Freedom, Friendship and Charity." Recitations were rendered as follows:

Miss Mary Lewis, "The Vagabond." Miss Anna Evans, "The Skeptical Daughter." Miss Martha Clap, "Red Men's Day." Miss Lizette Russell, "Angelina Johnson."

A solo was rendered by Miss Helen Chesnut entitled, "Home of P. Ace." Miss Ida Schuler was accompanied. Refreshments were served, after which benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dunn.

The entertainment was somewhat shortened by reason of the sudden death of Dr. S. Y. Thompson, who was one of the oldest members of Mahoning Tribe.

Left for California. Miss Carrie Isabel Russell, who was graduated from the Danville Hospital Training School, class of 1904, with first honors, left Saturday evening for San Bernardino, California, where she has accepted a position in the Highlands Hospital.

BUSY CAREER CUT SHORT BY DEATH

On Saturday evening about 6:15 o'clock just as shades of the autumn night were settling down upon the earth a report flashed through town that sent a shock and a pang of deep sorrow to every heart: Dr. S. Y. Thompson, the faithful practitioner, was dead. It was another case in which the Grim Reaper came without any warning, the suddenness adding to the poignancy of grief and the effect of the shock.

Although seriously indisposed, Dr. Thompson may be said to have died literally in the harness with the pencil in his hand taken up to write a prescription. Mrs. Thompson was out of the house at the time calling upon her daughter, Mrs. Dr. C. Shultz on West Market street. His daughter, Miss Olive Thompson, was also out of town, visiting friends in the Southern part of the State. The physician was seated in his chair and was writing when suddenly the pencil dropped from his hand and his head fell forward. The lady for whom he was writing the prescription sprang forward to render assistance, but the vital spark of life had fled.

For a year Dr. Thompson had been suffering with a complication of diseases, involving a serious heart trouble, which was the cause of his sudden taking off. As a physician he fully realized the gravity of his case and the fact that he was at all times exposed to the danger of sudden death, nevertheless with a devotion that was nothing short of heroic he struggled on visiting his patients whenever at all able to go out and attending to a large office practice.

Had Dr. Thompson lived until Sunday he would have been sixty-two years of age. He was born in Danville on October 29, 1843. He was a son of John G. and Hannah (York) Thompson, and a grandson of William Thompson, of Scotch Irish descent, who came to this country locating at Berwick and later removing to Espy. Dr. Thompson acquired a good education in the public schools of Danville and then studied medicine under Dr. P. H. Long at Mechanicsburg, Pa. Entering the Long Island Hospital of Brooklyn he was graduated in 1866 and one year later entered upon his chosen profession in Danville. He was successful from the start and for many years while in the prime of physical manhood he carried an enormous practice.

He was united in the bonds of matrimony with Annie E. Ege, a daughter of Rev. Oliver Ege, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., who survives along with two daughters, Margret Frances, the wife of Dr. C. Shultz of this city and Miss Kate Olive, who resides at the parental home. Mrs. J. B. Gearhart, of Danville, is a sister of the deceased.

Dr. Thompson was a member of the Heptastichs, also of Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., and was Past Sachem of Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M. He served two terms as Chief Burgess of Danville and at the time of his death was serving his third term as Associate Judge of Montour county.

Dr. S. Y. Thompson was a physician in the broadest sense of that term. He strove not for social distinction, nor for great wealth. His mission was to heal the sick—to relieve suffering. He was always out on his errands of mercy—even as above implied after disease and suffering had laid their heavy hand on his own frame. How greatly we will miss his familiar figure, his cordial smile and greeting, his word of good cheer and encouragement as he responded to the calls for medical aid or came and went among his fellow men in the varied walks of life. A man of generous impulses whose heart was easily touched by the sorrow of others Dr. Thompson did much for the poor and did it without the hope or desire of reward. The vast amount of good accomplished in this way that stands to his credit will never be known save by those who received his kind ministrations and the Great Creator, who has called him hence.

Surprise Party. Mrs. Rebecca Baylor was tendered a surprise party yesterday at her home in East Danville. A chicken dinner was served and a very pleasant day was spent. Those present were: Mesdames William Harshart, Benjamin Cook, and daughter Anna; William McVey, John E. Tooley, James Johnson, John Towey, P. H. McAdams, Benjamin Bookmiller, William Bookmiller, William Brent, George Lewis, Henry Shunt, John Weigold, Thomas Mills, Alfred Baylor, Robert Baylor, Lundy Goss, Misses Bessie Baylor, Helen and Isabel Goss, Mary and Harriet Baylor, Messrs. Ralph Baylor and Howard Baylor; Masters Raymond and Willard Baylor, Joseph and Paul Goss and James Tooley.

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BOARD OF HEALTH HELD MEETING

The Board of Health held a special meeting Friday for the purpose of discussing the situation as it relates to the mild epidemic of diphtheria prevailing in Danville and for the purpose of making some recommendations looking to a stamping out of the disease.

Dr. P. C. Newbaker, President of the Board, occupied the chair and explained the object of the meeting. Dr. C. Shultz, Secretary, was at his post and read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which took place on May 3rd last. The different wards of the Borough were represented as follows: First Ward, James Shultz; Second Ward, W. H. Woodside; Third Ward, J. B. Cleaver; Fourth Ward, Robert Farley.

Secretary Shultz presented a report relating to the diphtheria outbreak, which showed that the first case occurred on August 2nd. Up to the present 29 houses have been placarded. During October 23 houses have been under quarantine. Three deaths have occurred.

Since September 22 out of 23 cases reported 18 of the homes infected were those of children attending St. Joseph's Parochial school. This was considered significant, although it was regarded by no means conclusive that conditions about the parochial school are unsanitary. The fact that the most of the children attending the parochial school reside in a part of the town in which the disease prevails, in the opinion of the members counted for something. Nevertheless it was thought advisable that the Health Officer visit the school and make an investigation of the closets, plumbing, &c.

Health Officer Brown being present reported that he had in the performance of his duty been on the premises and discovered that the closets were unsanitary.

On motion of Mr. Cleaver, seconded by Mr. Shultz, it was ordered that the Health Officer ask permission to make a further examination of the parochial school, paying especial attention to the cellar, closets, plumbing, &c., and to make such recommendations as conditions might seem to warrant. If advisable it was recommended that the parochial school be fumigated by the Health Officer Saturday.

On motion of Mr. Woodside, seconded by Mr. Shultz, it was ordered that the attention of Council and the Street Commissioner be called to the unhealthy and unhealthy condition of many of the alleys about town.

In view of the fact that a mild epidemic of diphtheria is prevailing in our town on motion the following recommendations of the Board of Health were ordered given to the public: Anything which deteriorates general good health tends to render the system liable to disease and in this way filth may be considered a promoter of diphtheria. Perfect cleanliness should be enjoined in the house and in all its surroundings.

Parents in whose families the disease has broken out, who are able to do so may send their children unaffected with the disease to homes in which there is no one liable to contract it. But whenever such removals are made the children should not mingle with the public until after the lapse of two weeks.

If possible only the purest water should be used. If there is any doubt as to the purity of the water, boil it thoroughly before using it. Foods and milk should not be used, which comes from a house in which there is diphtheria or any other contagious disease. For these may carry the germs of the disease.

Whenever a child or a young person has a sore throat with a bad odor to his breath, especially if it has fever, it should immediately be separated from all other persons excepting necessary attendants until it has been ascertained by a physician whether it has diphtheria or some other communicable disease.

Whenever the disease is prevalent in any district children should be removed from the day and Sabbath schools.

Beware of a person who has a sore throat. Do not kiss or take the breath of such a person. Do not drink from the same cup, or use any article handled by such a person until it is disinfected.

Cases of diphtheria should be reported to the local Board of Health or to the Health Officer at once. Do not send your clothing to a public laundry to be washed during an epidemic of diphtheria.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the State Health Department with a view of securing an analysis of our Borough water.

On motion it was ordered that hereafter persons keeping hogs in the Borough will be obliged to conform with the Borough Ordinance relating to the subject of hogs. Otherwise pig pens will be declared a nuisance.

Heddens-Keiser.

Clyde M. Heddens and Miss Marguerite Keiser, daughter of Charles Keiser, both of Washingtonville, were married at Binghamton on Friday. The young couple are residing in Valley township.

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OPENING SERVICE OF GROVE CHURCH'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL

An Eloquent Sermon by Rev. Van Pelt Sunday Morning—Large Congregation—Dr. McCormack's Discourse.

The Semi-Centennial Services at the Grove Presbyterian church began Sunday morning. The services morning and evening were attended by a large and interested congregation, the program as printed in these columns on Saturday being fully carried out. Rev. R. H. Van Pelt, former pastor, occupied the pulpit in the morning and preached a very eloquent sermon. His text was found in Deut. 32: 11, 12: "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, stretcheth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord alone did leave him and there was no strange God with him."

Referring to the supposed strange

habit of the eagle in tearing up her nest and forcing her young to learn to fly, he showed how God had so dealt with Israel, and so deals with us all. The discipline of adversity, sorrow, bereavement, was depicted. He said: "I see in fancy a home that is the abode of happiness and peace. Its walls and furniture are familiar and dear to its occupants. Not an apartment or half-concealed recess, scarcely a joint or nail about the structure, they do not well know. Be it ever so homely in the eyes of others, there is no place on earth like it, to them. Oh, what sacred associations, what deathless memories, cluster about it! What sunny days look down upon it! No disaster has as yet fallen upon it; no sorrow has beclouded it. When all of the little group have assembled at evening time with the sweet merriest and freedom of domestic privacy the circle is seen to be unbroken. There are no vacant seats, no saddened countenances, no tearful eyes. Ah, it is a blessed sight to behold all thus snuggled down in the dear old nest, and sleep in security and peace within its loving embrace. But can it always be so?"

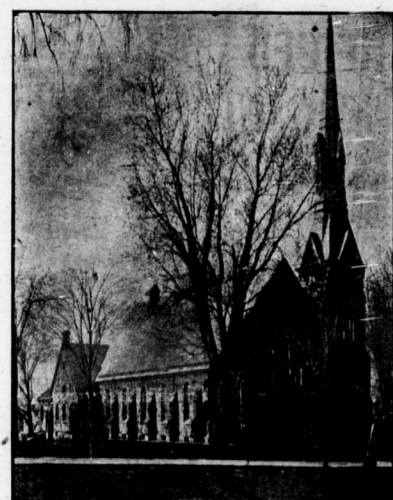
By and by a change comes. There is a serious illness in the family. Friends call in from day to day to tender their sympathy and services, until all, save the chosen few, are shut out. At length there is a strange knock at the door, which none hear save the one who must answer it. A messenger in shining robes stands waiting with a summons from the unseen world. Then the scene hastens to its climax. There are hurried movements here and there; whispered voices; muffled footsteps; smothered sobs; and some morning, after a weary night of watching and farewells, a loved one bids adieu and soars away.

Let us suppose it to be a father or mother. How changed that merry smile give place to tears. The merry voices are hushed. The nest is torn, spoiled; the little brood perhaps scattered. One flies off here, another there, to get each for himself his daily bread, and to find or to make his own new nest. The careless, easy days of fun and frolic, of castle-building and banking in the sun, give way to days of work and wear, of burden-bearing, of manly, vigorous battling with the stern realities of life.

Such, dear loved friends, is the experience that has come to very many of you, during the years since my pastorate terminated; and, verily, my heart has been saddened as I have listened, since my return, to the story of broken homes and parted loved ones.

But do not we well know that this life is not all? It is but the first volume of the entire record, with another, more extended and marvelous, to follow. Every fiber of our being cries out for a conscious, personal immortality; and Christ confirms the unquenched craving as truth-telling. We shall meet our loved ones again, where parting is no more; and meanwhile earth's disappointments, sorrows, bereavements have a beneficent design. There is another side to the picture. Let us look upon it.

The speaker then dwelt upon the developing power of adversity—pictured



GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

English Presbyterian church and coming and going at will—and concluded with an earnest exhortation to an unflinching trust in God.

In consequence of a mistake, which after all has proved a happy one, Mr. Van Pelt found himself in Danville, on the 21st, a week ahead of time. On the Sabbath following, he preached in the morning from the text John 8:12: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world."

Doubting his ability to remain over the following Sunday, he preached in the evening, a sermon that he had intended for the morning of the 29th, on "Applied Christianity."

The historical sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. McCormack, pastor of the congregation, praying for a division of the said church and the organization of a new church, met the congregation at the old Presbyterian (the Grove) church Danville, and after a sermon by the Rev. Isaac Grier, proceeded to divide the said church and to organize a new church to be called "Mahoning English Presbyterian Church North."

The list of original members was composed of 110 persons, all of whom have passed from our fellowship with the exception of Mr. Michael Walz and Mrs. Michael Walz, his wife.

After electing ruling elders and trustees the new congregation began to consider the matter of church repairs. The old high pulpit gave place to a modern platform and reading desk. A new carpet replaced the old one; new windows and blinds were secured; organ pipes were placed in the aisles and the interior was tastefully painted and papered and the fence around the ground was repaired, the total amount of the improvements costing \$1500. During the pastorate of the late Dr. Carmichael the present pipe organ was purchased at a cost of \$800.

On April 17, 1851, it was decided to proceed to the erection of a new church. The old building was torn down and the bricks were used as a lining for the new edifice. The Rev. R. H. Van Pelt, pastor of the church, dug the first spadeful of earth in excavating for the new foundation. The chapel was built first and was used as a place of worship for four years.

On Sunday, October 24, 1875, the present edifice was dedicated. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. P. Breed, of Philadelphia. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the pastor, the Rev. W. A. McAttee. The structure cost \$25,000, every one contributing of their substance or their labor.

The Sabbath School room becoming crowded during the pastorate of Rev. E. C. Armstrong, the class rooms at the rear were added. The interior of the church was renovated and re-opened with suitable services May 12, 14, 15, 1891. The total cost of the improvement was \$6000. The church owes much to Mr. J. M. Kelo, the painstaking Secretary of the Board of Trustees, for his faithfulness during the time of the erection of the church.

The Rev. Charles Jewett Collins was called to the pastorate of the Mahoning Church North July 2, 1896 and was installed in the same year. The present

will build a bowling alley in Danville, a proposition alluded to in these columns some weeks ago. Those who have the project in hand are Achenbach and Moore of Bloomsburg, although it is averred that there are Danville people interested.

The site selected for the alley is formed by the lots abutting on East Mahoning street between the Grove building and W. Egger's property owned by Mrs. Egger and Lydia B. Grier, the latter of Brooklyn. The lease was executed during the present week. Yesterday a building permit was issued by Borough Secretary Patton to Messrs. Achenbach and Moore providing for the erection of a building ninety feet long and twenty-six feet wide. The structure will be of veneered brick.

Work of clearing off the ground was begun yesterday afternoon. A large apple tree and several smaller trees were cut down and everything got in readiness to excavate for the foundation of the walls. Mr. Achenbach yesterday stated that an effort would be made to have the whole building completed and ready for use in two or three weeks' time. First of all the fence along East Mahoning street will be torn down and removed to the south side of the lot to shut off the upper portion from the part occupied by the bowling alley, which will be open to the street. The effect no doubt will be to change the appearance of the spot and to make what was formerly a quiet and generally deserted locality one of great life and activity. It is certainly true that no more desirable site for a bowling alley could be found in any town.

The width of the building—twenty-six feet—will provide space for three alleys and afford an abundance of room for spectators. Nothing but what is new and modern will enter into the equipment of the alleys.

Ordinance Relating to Hogs. The action of the Board of Health taken at its last meeting, which ordered that hereafter those who keep hogs will have to comply with the Borough Ordinance relating to the same or run the risk of having their pig pens destroyed, has been a source of much interest and in some instances pig pens have been reported to the Board of Health as nuisances. In most of these cases, however, parties keeping the hogs, wearied with the protest, have slaughtered their hogs as the best way out of the difficulty.

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Section 8 of the Ordinance on the Protection to Life and Health provides as follows: "Pig pens will not be permitted within one hundred feet of any well or spring of water used for drinking purposes or within fifteen feet of any inhabited house, or unless constructed in the following manner, viz: So that the floor or floors of the same shall not be less than two feet from the ground, in order that the filth accumulating under the same may be easily removed; and such filth shall be removed at least once a week and often if so ordered, and on the failure of any owner or occupier of such premises to do so, then the same shall be done by the Borough. No pigs or hogs shall be kept in the same enclosure with a slaughter house nor shall they be fed there or elsewhere upon the offal of slaughtered animals."

250th Anniversary of Jews. There is to be much observance of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States. The anniversary occurs in this year, and the celebrations are to take place on the Saturday and Sunday before Thanksgiving day, and some on Thanksgiving day, in various cities of the country. The Jewish churches and the social, benevolent and literary organizations are to co-operate to make the anniversary memorable.

In the two and one-half centuries that have elapsed since the first body of Jews settled upon this continent the pioneers of the race have been followed by multitudes of their creed seeking and finding religious liberty and freedom of existence. The Jews waxed prosperous and influential on this soil, and have made a record for citizenship that is unblemished and which has demonstrated to the world, not without decided effect, that the Jew, if given a square deal, is a bulwark of civilization.

New Rector at Berwick. Rev. Dr. W. R. Agate, lately assistant at Trinity Church, Chicago, Friday afternoon accepted the call that had been extended him by Christ Episcopal congregation of Berwick. Bishop Darlington has sanctioned the call and Dr. Agate will become rector of the charge immediately.

Boy Brake Arm. John Kelly, the son of Andrew Kelly, North Mill street, fell on P. & R. tracks near the grist mill Saturday afternoon, fracturing one of the bones in the lower arm. Dr. Paulsen reduced the fracture.

A Surprise. The good people of St. John's Lutheran Church treated their pastor to a genuine surprise last Saturday evening at his home on Bloom road.

NEW SECRETARY AT HIS DESK

Charles F. Johnson, the new General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. along with his wife arrived at this city Tuesday night and yesterday morning was found at his desk ready to assume the duties of his position. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left Saratoga Springs Tuesday morning and arrived at Danville on the 9:15 D. & W. train. They are temporarily domiciled at the Montour House pending the completion of arrangement for going to house keeping.

Mr. Johnson enters upon the General Secretaryship here with twenty years' experience in busy centers of industry and places where conditions exist that require in the General Secretary not only high moral qualities but capacity for hard work and great executive ability in order to achieve much success in Association work.

Mr. Johnson comes to Danville directly from Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where he filled the position of General Secretary for five years. He entered upon Y. M. C. A. work at Portland, Me., as Assistant Secretary. From Portland he went to Whitman, Mass., where he opened Y. M. C. A. work, remaining at that place two years. He next entered upon the General Secretaryship in the Y. M. C. A. at Millis, Mass., where he remained four years. He next became General Secretary at Rutland, Vt., where he went in four years. From Rutland he went to Saratoga.

At each of the above places Mr. Johnson did the most acceptable work. The general success attending his labors became known beyond the states in which he was engaged and it is significant that he has received no better recommendations anywhere than have come from Mr. Buckalew, the State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Pennsylvania.

Nothing better illustrates his liking and general aptitude for the work than the fact that when Mr. Johnson first entered upon the duties of Assistant Secretary at Portland, Me., it was with no thought of continuing at it longer than one week. He was then a student at the Lowell School of Practical Design. The regular assistant at Portland—which was Mr. Johnson's home—was taken ill and our Secretary was induced to fill the place temporarily. At the end of one week he was induced to remain a second week, and at the expiration of that time he was offered the Assistant Secretaryship, which he accepted.

Mr. Johnson is active along all lines of youth people's work. It is worthy of note that he was the tenth signer of the Constitution of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the World as organized by Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., at the Williston Church, Portland, Me., February 3, 1881.

Our new General Secretary entered Y. M. C. A. work when young, so that notwithstanding his seemingly long service he is still a young man. He is a most affable and genial gentleman, refined in manner and full of magnetism. That he will succeed in his new position admits of no doubt.

Don't Like New Trespass Law. There is much complaint among the hunters in this vicinity but throughout the State over the scope of the trespass act which was passed by the last Legislature, the full text of which was already published in the News, for the purpose of fully informing those who hunt.

The act provides that any person trespassing upon land upon which the owner has prominently posted notices forbidding such trespass shall, be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction before a magistrate, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$10 and costs. Failure to pay the fines will result in imprisonment of one day for each dollar.

This law effectually bars hunters from safely going into the woods and fields in pursuit of game. It matters not whether the land is fenced or not, whether improved or unimproved as long as the owner has posted in prominence, notices not to trespass.

It has been demonstrated that a hunter can unwittingly trespass upon unimproved land within a few feet of such notices and not be aware of their existence. This fact does not prevent his punishment, for he is just as much a trespasser as the man who willfully violates the law.

Nothing can be done until the next Legislature meets, but a new bill will go in early in the session if the present feeling still exists among the hunters.

An Orphanage Project. Mrs. Clara Powell, of Sanbury, State President of the Patriot's Order of Americans, has called a meeting of the representatives of all the lodges in Pennsylvania, to be held in Philadelphia, when the question of establishing an orphanage for the children of deceased members will be decided.

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MISS HELWIG ELECTED TEACHER

The School Board held a special meeting Monday, at which Miss Sara Wilson, teacher of the fourth grade of the Third Ward, was transferred to the first primary school of the Fourth Ward to fill the recently created vacancy occupied at present by Miss Tooley, pupil teacher. To fill the school left open by the transferring of Miss Wilson, Miss Lillian B. Helwig, of Elysburg, was elected a member of the corps.

The choice of teachers was made, after a great deal of discussion. The first question to decide was whether or not one of the two pupil teachers elected should not be given the vacant school in the Fourth Ward. It was finally decided that it should be for the best interest of the schools to permit the pupil teachers to resume their places as such and complete their six months' training and to elect an older and experienced teacher to fill the existing vacancy.

In accordance with this view on motion of Mr. Orth Miss Wilson was transferred to the primary school of the Fourth Ward at a salary of \$43 per month. It was explained that Miss Wilson was favorable to the change.

To fill Miss Wilson's position Miss Helwig was selected from several applicants. She was nominated by Mr. Fischer and elected with nine votes. She has a Normal School education; has had nine years' experience in teaching and has high recommendations. Her salary will be \$40 per month.

The teaching of music in the High School seems to be unpopular with some of the directors. The subject has been up for discussion during several meetings past. The matter was brought to a head last night by Mr. Porsel, who moved that music be abolished in the High School. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion, which failed to carry. A division was called for which showed the following vote:

Yeas—Parsel, Fischer and Heise. Nays—Adams, Orth, Burns, Workleiser, Trumbower and Grose.

Mr. Bedickian's Lot of Curios. Rev. S. V. Bedickian, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Washingtonville, was in this city Tuesday. He is a Syrian, a native of Armenia, and grew to manhood in that ancient country.

Mr. Bedickian recently returned from a year's sojourn in his native land. He is a great lover of curios especially those that relate to his own country and for some years past he has been the owner of one of the most interesting collections to be found in this section. On his return from Syria he brought with him a number of curios that have augmented his fine collection very much.

He had with him in this city yesterday a musket of foreign and probably ancient pattern that would have filled a modern gun dealer with wonder. It was a Macedonian musket in use as present by the soldiers of that country in their warfare with the Turks. In general appearance it resembles a gun and that is about all that can be said for it. It is a flintlock and ramrod affair gaudily decorated. Although, as before stated, in actual use Mr. Bedickian stated that the army of his country also possesses guns of more modern type. Whether the old Macedonian musket is to be put to use in pursuing cottontails is not known, but Mr. Bedickian's object in bringing the old piece to Danville yesterday was to find a gunsmith to repair the flintlock, which was out of order.

A large number of persons visit Mr. Bedickian's collection which includes ancient swords, and other weapons, Turkish pipes galore, old books and curious carvings; also coins that belong to the time of Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar.

Great Demand for Brick. The demand for brick at present is unprecedented. John Keim last evening stated that throughout his long career as brick manufacturer he has never known of so many inquiries at this season. He could dispose of millions, whereas he has only 700,000 brick on hand, which he has prospects of getting rid of near home.

The Milton yards are all depleted as are also the yards of Shamokin valley and other nearby localities. Within a couple of days past Mr. Keim has been called upon by Wilkes-Barre contractors, who hoped to induce him to part with the stock he has on hand.

In brief there seems to be a shortage of brick that may interfere to greater or less extent with building plans in this part of the state.

Meanwhile there is every inducement for brick manufacturers to increase the capacity of their yards and push the manufacture of brick to the limit as long as the season lasts this fall. Wilkes-Barre contractors state that even now they have sufficient contracts on hand to occupy them for a year to come. To procure the brick needed is the problem they are trying to solve at present, hence their visits to Danville.

12 Woodcock and 5 Rabbits. A party composed of Michael Ryan, Harry Millard, Buck Seidel and Dan Frazier, who were hunting yesterday beyond Washingtonville, bagged 12 woodcock and 5 rabbits.