the debt to be repaid to the Association in ten annual installments.

The Council has decided to appoint Rabbi Halphon, a former pupil of the Jewish Seminary in Paris, as Rabbi of the Argentinian colonies.

It is stated that the Jewish Colonization Association has offered to place at the disposal of the Galician authorities 4 to 10 million francs for the purpose of developing the industries of Galicia, if certain specified privileges are granted to the Jews. The offer is under consideration.

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Zionist Notes.

On Sunday evening, January 31, a large mass meeting was held at Odd Fellows' Hall, McKeesport, for the purpose of organizing a ladies' society. Mrs. Dr. Spiro, Miss Annie Cohen, Miss Freda Davis, Mr. Edward Stoyer and Mr. Abraham Shapira addressed the meeting. Intense enthusiasm prevailed and the speakers were heartily applauded. That their remarks were affective is evidenced by the fact that a society with a membership of over 50 young ladies was organized and is making favorable progress. It has affiliated with the Federation of American Zionists.

Great enthusiasm prevails among the local Zionist in anticipation of a successful convention of the Council, which is to be held at McKeesport on Sunday, March 6.

The Council met Tuesday evening, February 9, and very important business was transacted.

The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday evening, February 16.

The Daughters of Zion held a very successful box party last Sunday evening and a neat sum was realized.

The Hebrew classes will continue to meet every Sunday evening and the Jewish History class Friday evening.

That Zionism is as potent a factor in uniting the Jews living in country EIGHTEEN—CRIterion towns as it is in uniting those living in cities was very evident at the reception given by the Tipereth Zion Society of Beaver Falls. The spacious First National Bank Hall was filled with men and women, young and old, from every town in the Beaver Valley. Intense enthusiasm prevailed and the guests did not depart till early morning. The local society, although but six months old, has done excellent work and is in a very flourishing condition.

Theatre Party.

Miss Pauline R. Livingston entertained the Social Club of East End by giving a box party at the Grand Opera House, which was followed by a supper and dance at her home, Maple Lawn, Neville street.

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Raphael Michael.

On Sunday, January 31, 1904, at San Francisco, Cal., Raphael Michael, aged 34 years, brother of Mrs. Ben. Marks, of 315 Ward street, this city. Funeral on Tuesday, February 9, at Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

Gusky Home Donations.

Mr. Sigmund Kalich, in honor of his sixtieth birthday, ice cream, cake and fruit; Mrs. M. Fink, boy's suit; Mrs. Joseph Myers, \$10; Mrs. J. S. Kaufman, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Rauh presented a picture of Dr. Levy.

Of Interest to Book Lovers.

The organization of the Publishers' Association, one of the strongest trusts in this country, is a menace to the lover of good books, compelling as it does the payment of many dollars in excess of their real commercial value. Under the leadership of Mr. W. S. Westwood, 34 McCance block, the book lovers of Pittsburg are organizing under a plan of co-operation which will enable them to save from 10 to 40 per cent. from the trust's price on books and magazines of every description. He will be glad to furnish details of the plan upon application.

Representative Young Man.

The many friends of Mr. Louis W. Ohlman, of Meadville, who reside in this city, will be pleased to read the following anent his candidacy for Mayor of Meadville, which appears in the Meadville Democrat:

"As the Democratic candidate for Mayor Louis W. Ohlman stands as the unanimous choice of his party. This fact alone is a strong recommendation of his popularity and his fitness for the highest office within the gift of the people of this city.

"His character and business standing are established, and he holds the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact in business and socially. That he has an ambition to become Mayor is a credit to himself as well as to the city. He is not a stranger to offices of trust, and has proved himself honest, capable and conservative of the interests of those he has been called on to serve.

"If there is one thing in Mr. Ohlman's life that speaks higher of his true worth than another, it is his connection with and work for the Odd Fellows' Home Association. He is a prominent and popular member of Crawford Lodge, No. 734, I. O. O. F. For the past 15 years he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Home, and has been unanimously elected each year for eight consecutive terms as treasurer of the board. His work for the good of that worthy institution has been so marked that there is not an Odd Fellow in the city but will admit that his labor is a strong testimonial to his character and ability.

"Mr. Ohlman was born June 21, 1861, at Conneautville, Pa., where his father was a prominent merchant. He moved to Meadville in 1875 and attended the Meadville High School. Later he took a course in the Bryant, Stratton & Smith business college, graduating in 1877. He then entered the store of his father, M. Ohlman, as a clerk and became a partner in 1885 in the now well known and prosperous firm of M. Ohlman & Son.

"He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Royal Arcanum, Lucile Lodge No. 138, Daughters of Rebecca, Taylor Hose Co., No. 1, and Knights of Pythias.

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"Mr. Ohlman was elected to Common Council from the Fourth ward, and in that capacity has served the city with fidelity and courage. For three years he was Chairman of the Finance Committee, and for the past year he has served as President of the Common Council. His service has been rendered in a conservative and conscientious manner, proving his worthiness as a public official, not a breath of suspicion having ever been breathed against his integrity.

"Mr. Ohlman has made his own platform, which he agrees to stand by. It was given at the convention at the time of his nomination, and is as follows: 'I want to go on record before you and every citizen of Meadville as declaring myself in

favor of an administration characterized by strict economy and honesty. I firmly believe that money can be saved our taxpayers by jealously watching every corner and nook without sacrificing needed public improvements.' The platform is a good one, and Mr. Ohlman can be safely trusted to carry it out."

Low Fares to Georgia via Pennsylvania Lines.

Excursion tickets to Atlanta, Ga., will be sold via Pennsylvania Lines February 20th and 21st, account Department of Superintendence National Educational Association. For fares, time of trains, etc., apply to J. K. Dillon, District Passenger Agent, Room 306 Park Building,