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Mr. M. Friedman,

Supt. Carlisle School.

Sir:

In response to your letter of July 25, inclosing a communication from Mr. Charles H. Kutz, concerning the proposed convention of the Sons of America at Carlisle during the month of August, in 1913 or 1914, you are advised that the Office knows of no objection to the school cooperating to the extent of providing for as many of the delegates as it can accommodate, possibly two hundred.

You are at liberty to say to Mr. Kutz that this is all right. The school can charge reasonable rates for accommodations and the receipts can be taken up in the usual manner.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. G. Valentine.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

July 25, 1912.



The Honorable
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

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I transmit herewith the communication together with some clippings from Mr. Charles H. Kutz, relative to the Convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

I recommend that the Office take favorable action with reference thereto, as the request is in the interests of a patriotic order, and the use of several of the dormitory buildings is asked for during a month when there are practically no students here.

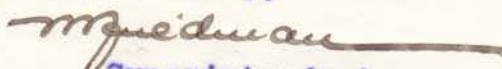
Every precaution would be taken to safeguard the property of the Government, and as a school of this nature is aided by the good will of the community, such favorable action by the Office would be thoroughly appreciated by the citizens of Carlisle. Whatever funds were obtained, if the Office decided to permit a charge, for the use of the dormitories, would be taken up on Miscellaneous Receipts of the school, and could be used for one of the literary societies or in some other way in the interests of the student body. As these people are desirous of immediate

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action, I urgently request that I be informed at the earliest date possible of the decision of the Office.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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CARLISLE MAY GET STATE
P. O. S. OF A. CONVENTION

OVER 1000 DELEGATES AND 4000
MEN IN GREAT PARADE

Question of Accommodation Engaging
Attention of Local Order

Carlisle's progressive Sons of America Camp is considering the advisability of inviting to Carlisle the State Convention for 1913 or 1914 and at the meeting held Monday night, President Harry G. Brown appointed a committee to inquire into the matter of the town's ability to handle a large convention such as the Sons hold in Pennsylvania. It would mean a most stupendous undertaking for Carlisle, the local camp, and the county camps, for every county camp would be called upon to do its share of the work in bringing the convention to the county seat. It would mean the gathering here of over 1000 delegates, and a parade of about 4000 uniformed men. Last year Pottsville entertained the convention. Carlisle's eleven hotels could possibly accommodate half the delegates, and unless the Indian school and College authorities would assist in sleeping the delegates, the project would probably not be pressed. But Carlisle is capable of doing big things. She entertained the great State Firemen's Convention in 1889 when she was but a small place. Carlisle held a sesqui-centennial celebration and an old home week that made the state "sit up and take notice". She can entertain the State Convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America if she will, but it will mean a vast amount of work, an outlay of money, and above all the co-operation of every good, loyal, patriotic citizen. The biggest question will be the one of accommodation and if this can be coped with successfully it is believed the rest will be comparatively easy. Many private homes would have to be hospitably opened to the delegates, every boarding house and every hotel. The Indian school gymnasium, the Conway Hall and the College buildings are usually not occupied in convention month, July, and if, as above stated, these can be secured, it will go a long way towards securing a big thing for Carlisle and the Cumberland Valley. The Sons of America is the second strongest order in the State and its principal strength is in the east.

The committee will hold its first meeting and will report at a meeting of the Sons in time to take action instructing the local delegates to put in a bid for Carlisle for the convention, if the Camp should so decide.

GETTYSBURG AND ALTOONA AL-
SO AFTER STATE P. O. S. OF
A CONVENTION

BATTLEFIELD TOWN WILL PRESS
CLAIM HARD

Carlisle Has No Fears If Question of
Accommodation Can Be Solved

Scranton gets the State Patriotic Order Sons of America Convention this year and it will be held in the second week in August. For 1913 Altoona and Gettysburg, are in the field, and Carlisle will likely make a bid for it, and should she do so this old town is more than likely to win out over the famous battlefield town or even big and dirty Altoona.

The Gettysburg Star & Sentinel says:

Carlisle is starting a boom to get the P. O. S. of A. State Convention for 1913—or 1914. We are willing to concede them 1914, but Gettysburg will put up a good argument for the former date. The representative of our local camp was virtually promised the convention for next year if the town could show a convention hall of capacity for 1200. That sentiment was repeated by a prominent State officer who was here last month. We will have the hall and are going to make a good try for the convention.

Carlisle Beats This

So far as the big hall Gettysburg boasts of—that is nothing on Carlisle. Our opera house would be far better than a hall and there could be more than 1200 accommodated in it, if necessary. Besides, we doubt whether Gettysburg with all her hotels could accommodate from 1000 to 1200 delegates. That is the proposition that worries Carlisle most and that is the problem the Committee of Camp 171 is now wrestling with.

Committee Encouraged

Thus far in their investigations the local committee have met with encouragement and of the College and Indian school authorities co-operate Carlisle can easily accommodate the delegates, besides a large number of the "surplus" visitors. The hotels of Holly are willing to share in the accommodation of the hosts and this is admirable, for the hotels are so easily accessible by trolley lines. It is expected that the National Hotel property would be open for the accommodation of delegates whether it is rented at that time or not. As has been stated, accommodation is the principal thing to solve. Of course to get a convention like the Sons of America would mean an outlay of money and the hardest kind of work along many other lines, but if Carlisle wills, she can get this convention if not for 1913, for 1914, and it will be by all odds the biggest thing the town has ever had in all its history for on parade will be from four to five thousand uniformed men with a half hundred bands. The convention would mean a most desirable advertisement for Carlisle and mean the spending of thousands

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The local committee held another meeting Tuesday night and will meet again next week. After it has carefully examined in the probabilities and the possibilities of the question of accommodation it will report to the Camp and the instruction of the Camp's delegates to the Convention at Scranton as to whether or not Carlisle shall invite the State Convention to be its guests, depends on the character of the report of the committee. Whether or not Camp 171 invites the State Sons, or is defeated should an invitation be extended, the fact that an effort was made to get the convention will in itself be a good advertisement for Carlisle Sons of America and for the town, and can but result in future good.

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Carlisle, Pa., July 24, 1912

Mr. M. Friedman,

Superintendent Indian School

Carlisle, Pa.

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My Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am chairman of a committee appointed from Camp 171 patriotic Order Sons of America of Carlisle to ascertain whether or not Carlisle can accommodate the State convention either in 1913 or 1914. We have learned that in order to do so the Indian school and Dickinson college must co-operate. We have the assurance of Dr. Noble, President of the College, that the college will be glad to co-operate and he informs us that Conway Hall will accommodate at least 200 men in its dormitories. If the Indian school will do as much the U. S. Government will confer a great favor, a favor that will be appreciated by not only the local Sons but by those of the state at large. It would mean quite a nice sum for one of the school literary societies or other organizations, as the delegates will expect to pay hotel rates. There will be from 1000 to 1200 delegates here. The convention is held in the month of August, at a time when a comparatively small number of students are at your school. The committee must report August 5th and hope for an early reply.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Kutz
Chairman