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IS CONGRESSMAN KURTZ POACHING?

Fun is brewing in our new Congressional District. Under the recent re-apportionment Blair, Centre and Clearfield constitute the Twenty-third and Blair and Clearfield each have sitting members of Congress and the District has only one sitting place it is not improbable that we shall soon witness frantic efforts on the part of these two worthies to say to each other: "Here's your hat, what's your hurry?"

The Hon. J. Banks Kurtz is in Congress representing the broken up Blair-Bedford District. The Hon. J. Mitchell Chase is the Representative of the former Cameron-Centre-Clearfield-McKean District. Naturally, both of the gentlemen, like Barkus, are still willing, but there is only one hole and two pegs.

Up to last week it seemed that Centre county would be the no-man's land of the new District. That is not to be the case, however, for Maj. Eugene H. Lederer, Burgess of State College, has ambitions that just can't be confined within the corporate limits of a mere borough and he is out on a platform all his own. Incidentally, it appears under "Talks With the Editor" on page 7 of this edition.

The Hon. Kurtz, is a suave gentleman, who has had the habit of getting himself elected notwithstanding the disfavor of many of the leaders of his party in his old District. The Hon. Chase is of the Chase family of Clearfield and if they don't own the Republican party over there, who does?

The fun is likely to come in consequence of an announcement that has just been made to the effect that the Hon. Kurtz is interesting himself in the matter of who shall have work on a new public building that is to be built in the home town of the Hon. Chase.

A hen with one chicken is bad enough, but pity the poor chicken when two hens try to brood it.

Chase and Kurtz are politicians of different schools. They have been in the game a long time, but when they come to find out that Lederer got himself elected Burgess of State College while he was an actual resident of the township surrounding it they will probably come to the conclusion that their own counties might be considered as no man's land when such a competitor throws his hat in to their ring.

Fun! We are likely to see a lot of it. And all the while we Democrats are planning for a visitation to the gentleman who will be the next Congressman from the Twenty-third Pennsylvania District if he will become the party's candidate.

THEY SHOULD DIVVY UP.

If we were writing the platform on which the next candidate of our party for President will stand we would put a plank in it that would commit him to forcing the great banking institutions of the country to pro rate the millions and millions of profits they made out of selling defaulted foreign bonds to country banks to which they peddled them.

Officials of inland banking institutions have nowhere to look for guidance in the choice of investments they have to make in liquid securities other than the great central banks that underwrite them. Revelations in Washington last week were such as to give ground for the conclusion that even the government was party to the plan that flooded our country with Central European and South American bonds that have defaulted and fallen in price to the point where charging off such depreciation has seriously affected the resources of the banks that bought them.

Furthermore, in some instances, the country banks sold these bonds to their customers who, finding themselves heavy losers, naturally have had their faith in the wisdom of their local bankers shaken.

Charges have been made that the State Department did not refute the statements to the effect that they gave their guarantee to the safety of the bonds for investment purposes. Such statements were freely made when the big banks that made millions in commissions out of the sales were unloading them on their correspondents.

The transaction would not have been so bad if American bankers had not been advised that in the case of the South American issues, especially, those countries were indulging in an orgy of bond flotations, many of them for projects that hold no possibility of returns for years to come.

Billions of American dollars were locked up in South America with the hope of stimulating trade with the countries that were in the market for money. The only effect was to make millions of dollars for the great American banking syndicates that sold the bonds. Trade with those countries has fallen off, many of them are on the verge of bankruptcy and the money that might have helped start the wheels of industry in our own land is locked up where it can't be recovered for years. If, indeed, it can ever be recovered.

—Mr. Leopold Stokowski suggests the idea that some day the micrometer will gauge the music we are to hear. Of course Leo knows a lot more about the technique of music than most of those who listen to it. About a year ago he put his micrometer on the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and emitted some pseudo-music from the Academy there that was simply awful. Some years ago the wise boys started to refining salt. A few years later the country became alarmed because of increasing cases of goitre. An investigation revealed that the salt refiners, in order to make it white, had taken all of the iodine out of nature's product. Nature had put the yellow substance there for food for the thyroid glands. Now we have iodized salt again and goitre is on the wane. Mr. Stokowski is a great musical technician, but he will never understand what music is until he puts his micrometer away and takes human heart strings for the harp on which he plays.

—Since all the big politicians, the big bankers and the big business men have been unable to concoct a cure for the depression let's try laughing it off. Laughing at the beggars who have been a horse-back for the last ten years.

—Chancellor Bruening declares that Germany can't pay. Such an admission would reflect on our friends, the late enemy, if it were not the fact that nobody else shows any disposition to pay.

—And Governor Pinchot is said to be thinking of calling another extra session of the Legislature. He must have discovered that Pennsylvania has \$366,000 more that might as well be wasted.

—The tragedy at Rockview, on Wednesday, was just another case of science having created a Frankenstein.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of January 20, 1882.

—Last year the Pennsylvania State College received \$40,000.00 from the State. The next largest beneficiary was John H. Orvis, additional law Judge, who received \$4,448.60. The highest amount paid the State by the county was \$2,255.58 for tax on loans of the Bald Eagle Valley R. R. Co.

—Moses Romick has been appointed post master at Hublersburg. —The opposing parties in a lawsuit rode over from Centre Hall in Rush Larimer's coach the other day and got to fighting on the way. Rush finally landed them in town, but they had black eyes and bloody noses and the interior of his coach was badly torn up.

—William Rankin's faithful and very tractable horse died on Tuesday. —William Kerstetter, collector of taxes in Millheim borough, attended a concert last Saturday night and returned home to find that it had been entered and robbed of \$290.00 in cash.

—There were forty-five seekers after religion at the mourner's bench in the Bellefonte Methodist church on Wednesday evening. Bellefonte would be a pretty good town if the others would go and do likewise.

—A good story comes up from Milesburg. They have four preachers down there who have joined in a union campaign for temperance. The reverend gentlemen have been working themselves into frenzies during the weeks they have been exhorting their hearers to temperance, moderation in their use of liquors.

—Our good friend Kohlbecker runs a hotel down there at which "the ardent" is dispensed. The day before Christmas a 20lb gobbler, all dressed and ready for the roaster, was presented at the homes of each of the four clergymen, with "Kohley's" compliments. The night after Christmas the climax of the temperance meetings was scheduled to be held. A great congregation had gathered for it and not a single Dominie appeared. They had all been so intemperate on "Kohley's" turkey that they were in no condition to preach temperance to any one.

—William A. Schreyer, late of this place, died in Williamsport last Saturday morning. He was a son of the late Allen Schreyer and a brother of Mrs. Daniel Garman, Mrs. Jonathan Harper and Mrs. A. Hoffman, of Bellefonte and a half brother of Charles, Benjamin, Hayes and Harry Schreyer, all of Bellefonte.

—The Mill Hall furnace lately operated by Capt. Austin Curtin is now the property of Beaver, Emery and Auchenbach, owners of the nail works here. The furnace is being repaired and will be put in blast soon.

—Report has it that ex-Couffly Superintendent of Schools Henry Meyer, of Rebersburg, and brother Deininger, the portly editor of the Millheim Journal, are dreaming of forensic fame in the legislative halls of Pennsylvania. Here's hoping their dreams come true.

George Grimm to the Front in a New York City.

From the Evening News of Tonawanda, N. Y., under date of Jan. 6, 1931, we clip the following editorial comment laudatory of a former Bellefonte resident. For some years George S. Grimm was superintendent of the Nittany Iron Co., in this place. From here he went to Punxsutawney to take charge of the furnaces there. Then he moved on to Tonawanda, N. Y., where larger stacks called for the supervision of a master hand. He has been in Tonawanda ever since, but it appears that he has found time to sandwich in some welfare work with his hobby of iron making. We congratulate Mr. Grimm. Most anybody can break into the news columns of a newspaper, but it takes some notable service to cause editorial comment like the following:

"North Tonawanda provides the 1932 chairman of the Niagara county supervisors and Tonawanda just missed filling the same office in Erie county."

George S. Grimm, veteran fifth ward representative at Lockport, defeated the Niagara Falls candidate by more than two to one. It was a victory apparently of Lockport and North Tonawanda over Niagara Falls, which means more than just electing a chairman. Two candidates from the towns were poor also rans.

Arthur G. Fries, lone supervisor from Tonawanda, again proved himself a political strategist of high order by maneuvering promise of the important highways committee chairmanship in return for dropping out of the race for the board chairmanship, for which he had the votes.

Chairman Grimm will get no more salary but he will pick Niagara board committees and wield other influence that cannot fall of advantage to North Tonawanda. We believe it is the second time this honor has come to a local supervisor. Congratulations, Mr. Grimm."

MRS. HARRY GREENBERG TO CONTINUE BUSINESS.

Mrs. Harry Greenberg will continue in business in Bellefonte. The store of her late husband, at the corner of High and Spring streets, will be conducted under her management and she wishes to assure the public that the same careful attention will be given to remodeling fur coats, tailoring and cleaning by which the late Mr. Greenberg built the high reputation for satisfactory work.

A HODGE—PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

The Rev. John W. Claudy, the new superintendent at Rockview penitentiary, has made a decided hit with the entire staff of men who look after the business end of the institution and perform the clerical work in the main office. He is not one of the kind who holds himself exclusive in his own private office but invariably goes into the main office first and has a hearty, friendly "good morning" greeting for all. He also made it known that he appreciated the hearty co-operation of the entire force during the first week of his administration and complimented the men on the large amount of work they had handled.

Rev. Claudy's activities in church work and public affairs generally have no doubt served to broaden his views on life in general and convinced him of the fact that a man is a man regardless of his work or position, and that whole-hearted cooperation can be best obtained through friendly, cheerful association than through snobbish exclusiveness.

Many men when placed in a position of trust and power, as well as many employers of labor, consider it beneath them to mingle with the men working under or for them, and never think to compliment them on a job well done or the quantity of work performed. They fail to recognize the fact that every man is a human creature who likes to know that his efforts are appreciated and a word of approval now and then produces a most satisfying result.

When Jim Letzel circulated the story of the big gas strike near Howard, last week, he started a general stampede of half of Howard's residents out to the foot-hills of the Alleghenies to see the gas-spouting well, only to meet with disappointment when they found that there was no foundation for the report. But, while there has been no big strike as yet, that is no evidence that there never will be. Gas men and geologists claim that the big gas belt that has been tapped in Tioga county extends down into Centre county, so there is still hope.

When the first well was drilled in Tioga county it looked almost hopeless for the drillers had gone down three thousand feet without striking any indications of gas and the company putting down the well was undecided whether to abandon it or go deeper. The matter was considered for some days and finally they decided to go down to a depth of four thousand feet. A contract was made with the driller to go to that depth and if gas was not struck to stop.

Drilling was resumed and finally the day came when the four thousand foot mark was reached. The tools were drawn up and the well baled out and still no sign of gas. The driller had filled his contract and could have moved his machinery and the big gas field might not have been found for years. But the head driller was not entirely convinced that the field was barren so he said to the men of his crew: "Boys, the men back of this job have treated us pretty white. We have completed our contract and can quit now; but let's give it one more whirl on our own just for luck." The tools were again dropped into the well and inside of an hour the biggest flow of gas ever struck in Pennsylvania was reached. It was that "whirl" that turned the trick and today sixteen wells in that section are belching forth millions of feet of gas every day. So it may be at Howard if the men back of the drillers have the backbone to stick.

Almost one month of the winter season is gone, the days are growing appreciably longer, so far we have had comparatively little snow and no intense cold weather and before we realize it we'll have to hang up the coal shovel and get out the lawn mower.

The Associated Charities are still functioning but according to report the money in hand will not carry the work along more than a month or six weeks; and if some of the stories being told are true there are cases where the assistance rendered was "love's labor lost." One of the stories told is that of one of the officials of the organization going to a certain home to make a little investigation of his own. Nobody was at home but the children and when he asked for their parents he was told that they had taken some canned goods that had been given them up town to sell in order to get money to go to the movies.

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Emil Roth, of Bellefonte, celebrated the 52nd anniversary of their marriage, which took place at Newberry, Lycoming county, on January 8th, 1880. Mrs. Roth, prior to her marriage, was Miss Jane Rager. Following their marriage they lived at Stottsville, Columbia county, and it was while working in a woolen mill at that place that Mr. Roth got his left hand caught in a picking machine and so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate his arm. Mr. Roth celebrated his 76th birthday anniversary yesterday while Mrs. Roth will be 82 years old on February 1st.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Third Grade of Bishop Street Has Highest December Attendance.

Mid-year examinations will be held in the High school Jan. 20, 21, 22 prior to the close of the first semester. In many of the High school courses review work is already well under way. Both grade and High school teachers report interesting "X-mas vacations." Several traveled far with educational interests in the foreground. Mr. Stock, Mr. Dale and Mrs. Krader attended the educational convention at Pittsburgh. Mr. Beaver spent some time at the State Library in Harrisburg in the interest of the debating team.

A debating club is being formed in the High school in order to prepare for the coming debating season. The members of the club will choose from its number the debaters for the coming season. Mr. Dubbs, Miss Forbes, and Mr. Beaver are especially interested in the development of the team, and will assist in the proper preparation of the members of the team.

The assembly program Friday morning, Jan. 8, was especially attractive and educational. The art exhibit furnished by Kurtz Bros., Clearfield, Pa., was very interesting. This exhibit acquainted the students with many famous paintings. Annette Decker and Martha Brugger gave interesting descriptions concerning two of the paintings. The exhibit was composed of over 80 paintings, direct reproductions of the originals.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
The Christmas presents, which were made by the home economic students of the high school are finished, and the regular sewing lessons resumed. Princess slips, and also form fitting slips are being made.

In the furnishing of ideal homes, the kitchen, dining room, and living room are now being worked on. The rest of the house is to be furnished by the end of the first semester.

This week, (January 4-8) vegetables were studied. Reports were given by the students on the varieties of vegetables. Some vegetables were also prepared by buttering and scalloping them, cauliflower, cabbage, and spinach being three of the vegetables.

The studies have been progressing rapidly, and are interesting to the pupils.

ATTENDANCE
During the month of December the Third grade, taught by Miss Helen Harper, established the best record for attendance at the Bishop street building and for the entire school system. In the Allegheny buildings Fifth grade and the Seniors lead the grades and High school respectively.

It is interesting to note in the percentages that follow that the attendance in each grade at the Bishop street building was better than that of the corresponding grade in the Allegheny buildings.

The percentage of attendance for all grades for the month was 96.

Grades Bishop Allegheny H. School	1st.	96.7	92.6	Freshman	94.4
	2nd.	97.7	91.6	Sophomore	93.9
	3rd.	98.9	87.8	Junior	91.7
	4th.	97.8	82.9	Senior	94.5
	5th.	95.0	94.3		
	6th.	96.7	92.1		
	7th.	93.7	92.1		
	8th.	97.8	92.8		

ATHLETICS

The Bellefonte High school basketball team suffered two losses during the first week of the season. On Tuesday evening, January 5, the Bellefonte Hi-Y club defeated the High school with the final score being 26-16. The game was a good one and the teams were pretty evenly matched.

T. Caldwell, Haupt, Dry, McCafferty and Wilkinson played for Hi-Y and J. Caldwell, Rossman, Ulrich, Whippo and Gingery represented the High school.

On Friday evening Jan. 8, Lewis-ton High defeated Bellefonte 42 to 26. Our team was very much handicapped in size. Hassinger was outstanding for Lewiston with 26 points to his credit. Caldwell was high scorer for Bellefonte with 7 points. Our team was composed of Caldwell, Rossman, Ulrich, Whippo, Gingery, Knapp and Keeler.

Sheriff John M. Boob took in his first woman prisoner, Saturday night, in the person of Mrs. Jennie Phillips, of Philipsburg, who was committed to jail in default of \$1,500 bail on charges of manufacturing, possession and sale of intoxicating liquors. When her place was raided, on Saturday afternoon, by State police, they found a quantity of alleged beer, twelve pints of alleged whiskey, six pints of alleged gin, a bottle capper and various materials used in the bootlegging trade. Mrs. Phillips formerly pled her trade in Clearfield but was chased out of that county in November and promptly located in Philipsburg and established her illicit business there.

The favorable weather for building, so far this winter, has enabled the firm of George Rhoads Sons to make good progress on the big garage and stock room of the West Penn Power company, with the result that the walls for the building have been almost completed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Jesse Burd, of Lock Haven, and Louise Coble, of Houserville.

Archie A. Norris, of Pleasant Gap, and Ruth Hunter Campbell, of Petersburg, Va.

Frank Gulo, of Nanticoke, and Elizabeth Shinkarick, of Osceola Mills.

William Fye Holmes, of State College, and Helen Fye Nelson, of Bellefonte.



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Conv. Roadster, for 4 th	1690	1300
Conv. Sedan, for 5 th	1820	New
Sedan, for 7 th	1790	300
Limousine, for 7 th	1890	500

DICTATOR EIGHT	New Price	Studebaker Price
117' W. B.—85 H. P.		
Coupe, for 2 nd	\$ 980	\$115
Coupe, for 4 th	1030	120
St. Regis B'ham, for 5 th	1025	New
Sedan, for 5 th	1030	100
Conv. Roadster, for 4 th	1030	New
Convertible Sedan, for 5 th	1095	New

COMMANDER EIGHT	New Price	Studebaker Price
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Coupe, for 4 th	\$1350	\$235
St. Regis B'ham, for 5 th	1350	New
Sedan, for 5 th	1350	235
Conv. Roadster, for 4 th	1350	New
Convertible Sedan, for 5 th	1465	New

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