



SECRETARY HOOVER USURPING POWER.

Seeks to Transfer Bureaus and Authority from Other Departments to That of Commerce.

Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover is having trouble to accomplish his ends set out for at the beginning of his accepting a place in the Harding Cabinet. Mr. Hoover may, or rather already has, stirred up a lot of trouble at the Cabinet table. He aims to transfer bureaus and authority from other departments to his own.

The latest friction is said to have developed over the expenditure of \$75,000,000 appropriated by Congress just prior to adjournment, for the construction of good roads throughout the country. Hoover is understood to feel that the building of a good roads system is properly a function that belongs to the Commerce Department, rather than the Agricultural Department, and the President is understood to share in this view. The Bureau of Public Roads, through which this money is distributed to the states, is now under the Department of Agriculture. Just how the good roads work can be placed under the Commerce Department is not clear, in view of the wording of the law, but it is understood an effort to put it there is now being made. One report is that the President may exercise the authority conferred by the Overman law, passed during the war, and never repealed, by which bureaus may be transferred from one department to the other by the Executive, without further authority of Congress.

At any rate, a lively row is said to be on, involving the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture and Interior. The Interior Department is affected, because of the provision of the Good Roads law, which makes \$5,000,000 of the current appropriation available for construction of roads in forest reservations.

"Dancing Way to the Devil."

J. Arthur Schlichter, who lectured in the U. E. church, Centre Hall, about two months ago, spoke on the evils of the present-day dance, in Lewistown, Sunday afternoon of last week. Here is the way Schlichter put it, according to the Lewistown Gazette:

"The young people of today are dancing their way straight to hell." So declared J. Arthur Schlichter of Coatesville in his address before the men's mass meeting in the Lewistown Y. M. C. A. auditorium Sunday afternoon. The speaker held the undivided attention of his hearers throughout his masterly address. He stated that immodest clothes, the roll-down stocking, paint and powder, dancing and the moving picture shows and other forms of entertainment are causing great havoc among the morals of the young people of America today. He told of a graduating class from a down east high school that made a pleasure trip to Washington, D. C., and the first night they spent in the national capital nineteen of the students were picked up from the gutters of the street in an intoxicated condition. This, the speaker said, comes from dancing and other forms of levity permitted in our high schools.

"The men of today are money-mad and the women are style-mad. Some women wear the carpet out in front of their mirror in their bed rooms, but they never wear out the carpet in front of their bed by kneeling in prayer. These people are jesting with God and sending their soul to hell," declared the speaker.

W. B. Wilson for Governor.

William B. Wilson, for eight years Secretary of Labor under the administration of President Wilson, may be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Because of the post he held under the recent national administration, Mr. Wilson's candidacy probably would appeal to the laboring element. As Secretary of Labor, Mr. Wilson gained a knowledge of industrial conditions throughout the country, and especially in Pennsylvania, that his friends believe would make him invaluable as a candidate. The former Secretary resides in Blossburg, Tioga county.

Judge Shull, of Stroudsburg, is also said to be a candidate for Governor—Democrat in politics.

On the Republican side of the political fence, Lieutenant Governor Beldeman continues to head the march, and especially so since he received a nod of approval from Governor Sprout. According to reports going the rounds last week an effort is about to be made to blast out Senator Penrose on the gubernatorial situation.

Meanwhile, Receiver of Taxes Kendrick, Philadelphia, is reported as being in receptive mood. He has the apparent backing of Senator Vare for the gubernatorial job. Some political

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Recalls Old Memories.

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For The Centre Reporter.

It is to be supposed that the Reporter goes to many subscribers who were brought up in or near the place of its publication, but whom the exigencies of life have called to seek homes and fields of usefulness in places remote from the scenes of their early life. These people learned to know and esteem each other because they were once members of the same neighborhood, the same church, the same school and partakers of the same community interests. If they are at all like the writer they look for their home paper's regular visits and scan its pages with more than ordinary concern.

The writer recalls the names of a number of such people, some of whom he has not personally met for many years, but of whom he learned occasionally through the pages of the ever-welcome home paper. The writer has been a regular recipient of the Reporter for more than fifty years. He remembers well the time when the Hon. Fred. Kurtz moved from Aaronsburg, his native town, to Centre Hall and took the "Reporter" with him. Yes, he calls to mind the fact that Mr. Kurtz's father published the "Berichter" and Fred. was the boy who set the type and swung the lever of the old-fashioned hand press. Then the type stand, the hand press and the U. S. post office at Aaronsburg all occupied the same little room. How we youngsters who having called for our mail, tarried to behold the wonders of setting type and printing a newspaper!

All this reminds me also of people who were boys and some of them girls when the writer was a teacher in Centre Hall and its surrounding schools. Many of them were members of his school. Many of them are now scattered over a large part of the United States. It would be an interesting bit of real enjoyment on perhaps the part of all, if the Reporter family, too far apart to meet personally, could form some kind of a "Home Paper Club" whereby might be fostered a spirit of friendly communication among those who were once intimately associated but are now struggling with the ever multiplying problems of life in more or less widely different parts of the world. Let the home paper at Centre Hall be the medium of communication. The editors, who are now prepared to dress their paper in improved modern style, has suggested as much. Who will call the roll?

More anon.
T. J. FREDERICK.

(Brother Frederick's suggestion is heartily approved by the Reporter, and we trust that the "Home Paper Club" may come into being.—Editors.)

Planing Mill Sold.

A transaction of more importance than the sale price indicates was consummated when the Centre Hall planing mill was purchased by Wilbur A. Henney and Clement F. Deininger, who will at once begin to put the mill in operation. The planing mill feature of the plant has been idle for the greater part of the time since the Zettle Brothers closed out business, and this was a great inconvenience to the community. It is the intention to man the mill and do a general planing mill business, the machinery being first class this is possible. The saw will also be operated by the owners.

The former owners—the Centre Hall Evaporating company—composed of Messrs. B. D. Brislin, D. A. Booser and W. F. Bradford, purchased the plant from Zettle Brothers. The planing mill was originally started by A. P. Luse & Sons, who sold to the Zettles.

The sale includes all the real estate as well as the fixtures.

Mr. Henney will move his blacksmith shop into one of the mill buildings immediately and transfer the Church street shop into a dwelling, much needed.

Boys Receive Odd Sentence.

The small store of John Hishel, at Centre Furnace and Lemont, was broken into recently by several boys who took therefrom some candies, chewing gum, etc., in small amounts. The lads were finally discovered, brought before a justice where they made acknowledgment of their guilt. The sentence meted out to them was to attend both Sunday school and day school for a year. The sentence is approved by the community.

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ians believe that the Kendrick boom was launched for the purpose of smoking out Penrose. It is universally known that the Senator has a profound aversion for Kendrick. Accordingly it is the hope of some political leaders to force Penrose to endorse Beldeman as one means of showing his displeasure at the Kendrick candidacy.

LETTER FROM ARMENIA.

An Issue of Old Clothes Like Presenting One in America With a Thousand Dollars, Says W. Ned Keller.

(Continued from last week.)

At the foot of Mt. Ararat,
Erivan, Armenia,
October 7, 1921.

Dearest Mother:

Last Thursday Mr. Brown, who was District Commander, left for Paris on official business and that leaves Mr. Lewis and myself the only men here to carry on the work. I am handling all the finance and supplies and with the aid of three noble American women we are trying to shoulder the burden. The finance question here is most difficult to handle, for the exchange varies every day. For instance, we handle our affairs with six different kinds of money. First, we have the Turkish gold, worth about \$4.30; Russian Soviet rubles, worth about 95,000 to the dollar; Georgian Soviet, worth 195,000; Armenian Soviet, worth 350,000 rubles to the dollar; Armenian check, worth 1,750,000 rubles, and Azerbaidjan rubles, worth 220,000 to the dollar. All our daily transactions must be figured out in these different rates and every day they vary. Then, too, the prices of commodities are going up each day and one never knows just what to pay for our daily needs. Aside from the expenses of caring for the four thousand orphans in our thirteen orphanages and hospitals, we spend about seventeen billion, 500 million rubles in doing relief work among the refugees each month. That is our present budget and during the winter months it will be increased almost double. I would not dare to tell you what our total expenses amount to each month for the figures would be more than one could fathom.

The old clothes we receive from America are our biggest asset, and to these people they are worth a hundred times what they cost when new. Only a few days ago I received a shipment of 659 bales that we will distribute to the poor and needy. We make no charge for these, and for them to get an issue of old clothes is like presenting one in America with a thousand dollars. A certain portion of the clothes we keep for exchanging for eggs, matzoon, vegetables and other needs for the orphans. Since their money is worthless we find them using the old clothes as a medium of exchange and consequently it means more to them than money. A few nights ago I became suspicious of several employees as to their honesty, and it was necessary for me to inspect their homes, and to my surprise I found bags and bags of old clothing stored away that they had managed to smuggle out of our old clothes department. They were immediately discharged and what we hope to be honest people were put in their places. Another case I had to clear up a few days after I arrived here was to have the former supply officer arrested for sending a large quantity of wheat to the grist mill and taking barley flour in exchange. On investigating I found that he was sending our wheat to be ground and replacing it with his own barley flour. His first offense was criminal neglect of the children and the second his dishonesty. He too was discharged and all his colleagues. Such are our daily affairs and it leaves little time for us to go to ball games, movies and other forms of amusements that the folks at home are enjoying daily.

I was happy to get some home mail a few days ago, and also the magazines you sent. Hope more will arrive soon. Among the letters I received were the ones you had written while I was in Roumania. They were written in May and had been returned to the States and then forwarded back to Armenia again!

As I have little time for writing I trust these few lines will serve as a sort of "community letter" to the home folks.

Oodles of love to all.
Your boy,
NED.

Centre County Yielded Over 1,000,000 Bushels Corn in 1921.

According to figures just issued by the State Department of Agriculture, the yield of corn for 1921, in Centre county, was 1,120,204 bushels. This was from 26,173 acres, making the average 42.5 bushels.

It appears there are eighteen counties which have a yield of over a million bushels each. As usual Lancaster takes first place and has over 5,000,000 bushels; York second with over 4,000,000 bushels; Berks third, Chester fourth and Franklin fifth, Bucks sixth, Cumberland seventh and Adams eighth. These counties are all in the two million and over class.

Tanlac is appetizing and invigorating. Try it today.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

A Great Lecture.

Edward Amherst Ott delivered what was generally considered one of the best—if not the best—lecture ever delivered from the local lyceum platform, last Friday evening, in Grange hall. No speaker could have been accorded better attention. His subject was "Victory," and in his talk he made a strong plea for a finer and nobler Americanism. He graphically portrayed the difference in the democratic and autocratic forms of government, the pyramid resting on its broad base symbolizing the democratic form and the same pyramid, but resting on its apex, symbolizing the autocratic form. He clearly demonstrated the stability of the former as compared with the constantly threatening collapse of the latter, as is so clearly shown in the recent upheavals in European countries.

Dr. Ott said many fine things, and it is men of his type that are needed at the present day to instill the right spirit into the American life, and save it from the dangers which threaten.

We would all be pleased to hear Dr. Ott again.

Lose State Aid.

Forty-four hospitals and homes, including a number which have been receiving state appropriations for years, were declared by Auditor General S. S. Lewis to be sectarian institutions within the July decision of the state supreme court and orders against payment of appropriations to them which have been in effect since complaint was lodged against them by Luther S. Kauffman and others of Philadelphia that they were barred under the decision have been made permanent. Seventeen other institutions against which similar complaint had been made have been declared by Mr. Lewis to be non-sectarian and entitled to receive appropriations made by the legislature, which decision in nineteen other cases is reserved pending completion of investigation. Hearings in four have been arranged.

The United Evangelical Home, Lewistown, was among the institutions declared to be sectarian.

Some Pay Roll to School Men.

Since Doctor Finnegan has been in control in the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg, the number on the payroll has increased from 27 to 146, the Grange News says.

In the same time the total of salaries has jumped from \$53,000 to \$417,000.

Under Doctor Schaeffer, the average of salaries was less than \$2000; under Doctor Finnegan, approximately \$2,900, including stenographers.

Sixteen of the highest salaried people in the Department are from outside of Pennsylvania, and receive \$8,300 annually.

Ten of these are from New York, Doctor Finnegan's state, and receive \$4,000 annually.

Doctor Schaeffer's department had five stenographers and four assistant stenographers. Doctor Finnegan, in his bureau of stenographers alone, has sixty-three stenographers and a manager; this bureau receives \$96,200 in salaries each year.

The Scare of His Life.

From the Millheim following is reprinted: W. L. Campbell, the Coburn station agent, had an experience with an automatic revolver which no doubt he will never forget. The other evening, after his day's work was over, he thought that he had better clean his revolver and he took the clip out and was confident that there was nothing in the barrel. He cleaned it up fine and oiled it and was about to put the clip back when one of his daughters ran to his side and laid her hand on the table and asked how it worked and in order to show her he pulled the trigger and to his surprise it discharged, the bullet entering the table almost against the child's hand, going down through the top of the table leg. Mr. Campbell was speechless for some time and as the lamp which was standing on the table was extinguished by the explosion he did not know whether or not his daughter had been hit.

"The Church of To-day"

Hear this timely subject,
SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
2:30
In the
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Welcome to all.
Come and worship with us.

REV. M. C. DRUMM
Pastor.

"BEAR" NOT "BARE" MEADOWS.

The Meadows to Be Preserved to Posterity as a Nature Plant Preserve.

About six weeks ago the Pennsylvania State Forestry Commission appointed a committee of fourteen people to investigate the Bear Meadows tract in the Seven mountains and report upon the question of preserving it in its present condition as a State preserve. On Tuesday Dr. Edwin E. Sparks and Prof. Frank D. Kern, of State College; Col. J. L. Spangler, Miss Mary Gray Meek, Mrs. John Porter Lyon and James R. Hughes, of Bellefonte, all members of the committee, with Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, of West Chester, a member of the State Forestry Commission, and Forester Ray Morton, of Petersburg, met at the hotel in Bouldsburg to decide the future of the Bear Meadows. It had been the intention of the committee to go into the mountains and view this wonderful natural tract of land but an eight inch snow fall in the mountains on Monday night rendered the trip inadvisable if not impossible.

One of the questions up to the committee to decide was whether the tract in question was the "Bare" Meadows or "Bear" Meadows and Dr. Rothrock set all doubts at rest when he stated to his certain knowledge they were "Bear" and not "Bare." He gave as the derivation of the name the fact that the mountains in that section were a one time well populated with bear and the meadows composed a favorite feeding ground as well as a place where the bear gathered to wallow in the marshy pools of water. In fact he stated that he personally had seen bear wallowing in the pools. This settled the question and the committee decided that the six hundred acre tract should be henceforth called the "Bear" Meadows, but give it the additional name of "Nature Plant Preserve," by which it will henceforth be known. The committee decided to recommend that the tract be preserved as it now is to all posterity, and that it be placed under the joint supervision of the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry and the botanical department of The Pennsylvania State College.

The chief reason for the preservation of this tract of ground is because of its wonderful botanical display of flowers, plants, etc., the like of which cannot be found anywhere else in the State, and probably not in the United States. It is the only place known where huckleberries grow on trees, not bushes, but trees more than twenty feet in height.

The State Forestry Department is now constructing durable highways into the Meadows from Centre, Mifflin, and Huntingdon counties, the one from Centre county entering through Galbraith's Gap. Comparatively little small game is to be found in the tract, but there are some deer and occasionally bear seen there. The report and recommendation of the committee will be presented to the Forestry Commission at its next meeting when it is expected that definite action will be taken in regard to the preservation of the Bear Meadows.—Watchman.

A Real Rest Room for Shoppers.

The people in this vicinity have been doing considerable gossiping about the comforts of the Community Rest room in Altoona, established by the Altoona Booster Association and Christ Reformed church on 15th street near Twelfth avenue.

"Community Service," the slogan of the Booster association, is more fully exemplified in the establishment of this convenience for those who might be visiting in Altoona, and people have not been slow to take advantage of it. On an average of seventy-five people visit the rest rooms daily and up to this time over 5,000 have put their names on the register since its formal opening on August 10.

There is nothing for sale at the rest rooms, but everything for the visitor's comfort has been supplied. Soap, water and towels to remove the dust and grime of travel; a clean, inviting place to eat in the lunch room (bring it along, however), and upstairs comfortable chairs and couches have been provided.

Mrs. Isenberg, the matron, will not treat you as a stranger but will assist to make you comfortable, as well as to give you any information about the city which she possibly can.

Huntingdon county Republicans have several candidates for legislative honors who are already busy. The willings are: David M. Stewart, Capt. Paul Y. Heffner, W.W. Chisolm, Clifford McCartney, all of Huntingdon; and Clay Parks, of Three Springs. L. N. Crum is the present member and is a Republican, but is distasteful to the Governor on account of his attitude on the House floor where he aided in making exposures uncomplimentary to the Governor and his forces.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A really big hog was killed by S. W. Vonada, of near Spring Mills, the weight being 500 pounds.

Well, December 1st was an ideal day, following a lot of wet, dreary days the latter part of November.

Won't it be great if we can celebrate Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Disarmament Day all in one some day?

Pity the poor buck deer! How innocent and harmless he is in his own big home; how pretty and agile; how cunning!

There are more than five thousand justices of the peace in Pennsylvania, most of whom will be commissioned by the first of January.

Charles Frazier, of near Aaronsburg, has rented the O. F. Stover farm, formerly known as the Jonathan Spangler farm, situated three miles east of Rebersburg.

Rev. M. C. Drumm was to Sunbury for a few days last week to visit his mother, who had been seriously ill. We are glad to note that Rev. Drumm found his mother much improved.

Two teaspoonsful of Tanlac in a little water taken three times a day just before meals will make you eat better, feel better, sleep better and work better.—Centre Hall Pharmacy.

Eugene H. Baird, a Ridgway lawyer, may be appointed judge of the Clinton-Cameron-Elk district by Governor Sprout. Baird is a Democrat, as was Judge Robert B. McCormick, who died recently.

One of the porkers killed by Merchant C. F. Emery, last Thursday, came within 7 pounds of weighing 500 pounds—a quarter of a ton. Five others weighed considerable over 400 pounds each.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breen, of Altoona, at the Altoona hospital on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Breen will be remembered as Bertha Weiser, daughter of Mrs. Clara Weiser, of Millheim.

Thirteen applications for tavern licenses and one for brewer's license have been filed with the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of Centre county and will be presented to the court on Saturday, December 17.

Former Sheriff John C. Condo, of Millheim, and his brother-in-law, Rev. M. A. Kennelley, of Lewistown, are among the persons from Centre county who will take the Clark Mediterranean and Orient cruise. They will sail from New York, February 4, on the Empress, and will be gone three months.

J. Harold Long, of Flemington, has contracted with a Johnstown firm to furnish three car loads of Christmas trees and the first lot of evergreens were cut from lands in Nittany valley and hauled to the Pennsylvania railroad station at Mill Hall last week. The first car load will be shipped to Johnstown within a few days.

Among the 3100 students at Penn State this year, fourteen come from outside the United States. They include one from Japan, three from China, one from Africa, one from Canada, one from the Philippine Islands and seven from Porto Rico. Twenty States representing all sections of the country from Maine to California, are also represented in the student body.

The Rebersburg Reformed church is again without a pastor, Rev. Edwin Kutz, who came onto the field only a short time ago, having resigned to accept a call at Plymouth, Luzerne county. Rev. J. W. Shultz, recently elected pastor of the Rebersburg Lutheran charge, moved his household effects to that place from Snyderdort, where he formerly was pastor, so the town will have as many gentlemen of the cloth as heretofore.

Two checks, in the sums of \$45.46 and \$36.00 were given by the Western Maryland Dairy in Bellefonte to one of their drivers to be delivered to W. N. Fishburn and John Reish, respectively, both Benner township farmers, but were lost before accomplishment. The drawer of the checks stopped payment on them. Last week both checks were presented for payment at the Tyrone bank, the holder in both instances representing himself as the person in whose favor the check was drawn, and were paid. Later, of course, it was discovered that the person impersonated the true owners of the checks, and although much effort was put forth, no clue to the rascal's identity has been discovered.