



FRED KURTZ, Sr.

Senior Editor of "The Centre Democrat"—Died June 10th, 1912. After a Brief Illness.

Frederic Kurtz was born at York, Pa., December 28th, 1833; died at his home in Bellefonte, Pa., Monday morning at 5 o'clock, June 10th, 1912, after being confined to his bed for ten days with kidney ailment and other complications. Age 78 years, 5 months and 12 days. Interment in the family plot, in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte, Pa., on Wednesday forenoon.

Services were conducted at the family residence on High street, at 10 o'clock, and was attended by relatives and a few friends. Owing to the vacancy in the Lutheran church at this time, and Rev. Barry, the former pastor, being called to Selinsgrove to the bedside of his father, Rev. Yocum, of the Methodist church officiated, and paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the deceased.

The deceased was a son of Ludwig and Johanne S. Kurtz, Ludwig Kurtz, the father, was born at Aronsburg, Grand Duchy of Prussia, Germany, where he received a classical education, and was a man of literary culture.

On January 26, 1861, Frederic Kurtz and Anna Harter were married at Aronsburg. Mrs. Kurtz survives him with two sons: Charles R. Kurtz, the present publisher of "The Centre Democrat"; and J. Fred Kurtz, publisher of the "Lewisburg Journal."

After conducting the "Centre Reporter" for upwards of ten years Frederic Kurtz moved from Aronsburg to Centre Hall, Pa., in April, 1868, where he established the present "Centre Reporter" as a purely English publication. It soon drew in popular favor, and influence as a Democratic newspaper.

Mr. Kurtz was a born printer and publisher; at a tender age he began the "Art Preservative" by learning his alphabet in his father's office, and for a period of over seventy years was continuously and actively connected with the business.

Mr. Kurtz's activities were not confined to the journalistic field alone.

TO BEGIN EXTENSIVE R. R. OPERATIONS

PENNSYLVANIA CO. TO EXPEND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

ON BALD EAGLE VALLEY ROAD

To Straighten Tracks and Eliminate the Steep Grades Between Lock Haven and Tyrone—Bids Opened at Tyrone This Week.

That active building operations will soon commence on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad from Lock Haven and Tyrone, as predicted last year, is verified by the following news item which appeared in the Pennsylvania Grit on Sunday:

Tomorrow morning, at Tyrone, bids will be opened on a Pennsylvania railroad job that will involve the expenditure of about \$500,000, the excavation of 300,000 cubic yards of earth, the straightening of six miles of track and lowering of the average grade and the elimination of a number of steep grades between Lock Haven and Tyrone.

It is planned that work shall be begun by once, and that three steam shovels shall be kept busy until the entire job is completed. It is hoped to do the work in about four months.

Upon inquiry it was learned that no one in the party regretted having made the trip and many of them personally thanked Mr. Darnell for the courtesies extended to them.

VALUABLE DOCUMENTS.

Shipped to the Congressional Library at Washington from Bellefonte.

Very few people in Bellefonte have a distinct recollection of the Hon. W. W. Potter, an eminent citizen of this community, who many years ago represented this district in the halls of congress at the National capitol.

Modern Dairy Farm.

The officers of the Continental Condensed Milk company of Mill Hall, have closed a deal for the Cluston, better known as the Gross, farm between Flemington and Mill Hall.

Found an Island.

It seems a trifle odd at this late day there could be found an island in the Juniata river that didn't belong to anybody, especially when the island is about four acres in extent; but George B. Black, of Harrisburg, made the discovery, and in course of time will own the island.

To Get Bride in England.

The Philadelphia Journal says: William Henry Phillips, Jr., having resigned his position at Windber, returned to Philadelphia Friday evening and left again on Monday for England, where, it is announced, he will take to himself a bride.

Hospital Notes.

Operations: Mrs. Ella Houser, of Linden Hall; Mrs. Jennie Monsell, of Bellefonte.

EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON.

List of Teachers Who Visited the Nation's Capital.

Mr. David Todd, division ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Williamsport, appeared before the Centre county teachers' annual institute last week to issue in a special sentiment of the teachers relative to an educational and pleasure tour to Washington, D. C.

BIG LOG JOB.

Taking Water Soaked Logs From Mohannon Creek.

There are many thousands of feet of good lumber in the streams in Centre Pennsylvania, logs that have been soaked and which now lying at the bottom of the streams. It is now quite an industry getting out these logs which have been under water 15 or 20 years, and cutting them up and making the products.

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UNNECESSARY DELAY IN LIFTING OPTIONS

HAS CAUSED MANY FARMERS MUCH ANNOYANCE.

GOV. TENER TAKES ACTION

Gives Orders for Certain Tardy State Officials to "Get Busy"—Options on Some Lands to be Lifted this Week—No More Delays to be Tolerated.

It is a common query that the newspaper man has to meet frequently every day, "What news have you about the penitentiary?"

For several months the explanation was given out that the titles were not all perfected. That was true in a large measure, but this week we learn from reliable sources that the greater delay was due to the slowness with which some of the official departments at Harrisburg moved, and the manner they stumble about over mere trifles.

This information comes to us direct and is reliable. We also can say that a large number of the tracts will likely be paid for this week, and may have been paid by the time the paper reaches its readers.

COMING MUSICAL.

By Pupils of Parochial School Tomorrow Night.

The pupils of Saint John's parochial school will give a musical recital in the Knight's of Columbus Hall on Friday evening June 14th, beginning at 7:15.

RECENT DEATHS.

SNARELY.—Mrs. Laura M. Snarely, nee Smith, died at Spring Mills, on June 2nd, aged 30 years, 10 months and 17 days.

LINGLE.—Mary Elizabeth Lingle, the daughter of David S. and Lydia E. Lingle, of near Selinsgrove, Pa., died Tuesday, June 4th. She was a member of the Locust Grove class of the United Evangelical church, also a member of the K. L. C. E. and proved a faithful and loyal member of the church. Age 17 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Prominent Lawyer Dead.

T. C. Hipple, Esq., a prominent Clinton county lawyer, died suddenly at his home in Lock Haven early Wednesday morning. He was in his usual health and had been autographed during the evening with his son, Henry, returning to his home about 10 o'clock. He had complained of some discomfort from indigestion during the evening, but retired and went to sleep. The cause of his death was angina pectoris and before a physician could reach the house the end came. It was so sudden that only Mrs. Hipple was present.

Young Brakeman Killed.

Charles Fish, of Juniata, a former resident of Philadelphia, and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fish, deceased, a brakeman on the Pittsburgh division of the P. R. P., was killed Friday night near Derry.

Repairs to State Road.

The Clinton county commissioners have received notice from the State Highway department at Harrisburg, that the state will repair the state road between Flemington and Mill Hall boroughs immediately, providing the county commissioner will furnish the county's expense, a steam roller to be used on that piece of road. It is to be hoped that a roller can be gotten and the road put in better shape for it is completely worn out and the dust makes travel on it as well as travel in the street cars, which run parallel with it unbearable.

Flag Day June 14.

Tomorrow, Friday, June 14, will be the 125th anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the flag of the United States. The American flag association calls upon the president, the governor of each state and the mayors of all cities and the members of all American patriotic societies to celebrate the day by unfurling the stars and stripes.

The Mattern Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Mattern family, at which Centre county friends are usually well represented, will be held this year on Thursday, August 15th, at Stevens park, Tyrone.

"LITTLE EGYPT" SCANDAL.

Prominent Kittanning, Pa., Citizens Conduct Private Carnival.

Kittanning, Pa., has a scandal which thus far has resulted in the dismissal of a captain from the police department, and the resignation of four members of the fire company.

After the vaudeville performance of the Goting Carnival Company, "Little Egypt" was taken from her dressing room sans garments other than her fleshings and some flimsy garter lace. Wrapped in blankets she was taken in an auto and to an upper room of a hose company and there danced nude on a large table in the center of the room. The girl was kept in the building dancing until the early morning hours, when the tolling of the bell on the Catholic church across the street brought the gang to its senses.

The activity displayed by the council and borough president in rounding up the persons who were implicated in the night's revel is causing great uneasiness among some of the best-known business men in the city.

It is to the credit of Governor Tener that when his attention was called this week to the slow progress made in the state acquiring the lands selected for the new institution, the officials were notified to "get busy," and see that the whole matter was cleared up without any further delay.

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