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FRED KURTZ, Sr.
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He was a man of positive views and strong convictions. To him the principles of the Democracy was an abiding faith, and all his life he was found as an aggressive exponent of those doctrines. In this connection we quote from Hon. John B. Linn, in his "History of Centre and Clinton counties" to wit:

"He was elected to the Legislature in 1866 over Gen. James A. Beaver, and re-elected in 1867, by a largely increased majority, and the highest vote upon the Democratic ticket. His record as a legislator was unspotted, and rendered him still more popular among his constituents.

"Among other indications of this is the fact that at a public meeting of the citizens of the county, irrespective of party, held at Bellefonte in the winter of 1867, his course in opposition to the railroad monopoly was heartily indorsed by Hon. H. N. McAllister and other leading citizens.

"It is to the credit, too, of Mr. Kurtz that he was one of the hardest and most earnest workers for railroad facilities for Penna's valley, devoting days and weeks canvassing for subscriptions, and giving the enterprise continued editorial support, and he was also one of the most liberal subscribers for the stock.

"Mr. Kurtz always has taken high ground in support of educational interests, especially advocating the establishment of teachers' institutes, and pointing on the behalf at various points in the valley."

From Hingsworth's "Passing Glance of Pennsylvania," 1895, the following is taken, to wit:

"Centre Hall owes . . . to the enterprising spirit of Mr. Kurtz, namely, its admirable water works, its excellent roller flouring mills, the grading of its schools, and the town's first creditable school building, besides several houses. The completion of the railroad was brought about by the activity of Mr. Kurtz, added to which were his liberal contributions. The reputation of the town abroad was mainly owing to the vim and spirit of the Reporter. Mr. Kurtz has been chosen to a number of honorable positions. He was twice elected to represent Centre county in the State legislature—the second time receiving the largest vote in the county. He feels proud of the fact that the journals of the House do not show a vote that he need be ashamed of. For a dozen or more years he had been president of the joint council of the Lutheran charge; has been elected president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre county for about ten years; has been president of the Centre Hall Water Company for about twenty-six years; was chairman of the building committee in the erection of the fine Lutheran church in Centre Hall, and for ten years was an elder in the church. These positions were served by Mr. Kurtz with great credit and to the entire satisfaction of the represented constituencies. He served some twelve years as a school director, and did much to advance the cause of education in Centre county."

In 1878 he was elected a director of the "Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County" and in 1883 was chosen as its president, which position he held continuously for a period of twenty-six years, until April 5, 1909. Upon his retirement the following resolution was adopted, which herewith is published, by request of members of the Board:

"Whereas, Hon. Frederick C. Kurtz, President of the Board of Directors of 'The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County' for more than a quarter of a century, who by honesty and integrity, his faithful performance of duty, and zealous working for the best interests of the company, has endeared himself to all the members of this board, and to the patrons of the company generally; and who now in the declining years of his life, at a meeting of the board convened this 5th day of April, 1909, respectfully tendered his resignation as President of said Company; Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of said board, do sincerely regret to lose so valuable an officer, and that we highly appreciate the services he rendered in his official capacity, and that we reluctantly receive and accept his resignation.

H. E. DUCK,
G. B. HAINES,
J. B. STROHM, Com.

In the later years of his life the deceased manifested much interest in the early history of Centre county. He acquired a vast fund of information along this line from observation and research. Hon. John B. Linn, in his history of Centre county, makes acknowledgments of valuable assistance rendered him in his work by Mr. Kurtz. During the past twenty years the historical sketches in "The Centre Democrat" were from his versatile pen and was one of the most valued features in this publication. He was greatly interested in organizing the "Historical Society of Centre County" and was chosen as its first President.

Bad Business.—Jacob (to his partner)—Isaac, you was out late last night, I see. Dot must stop, Isaac. No more trinkin' dis mont, you hear me, Isaac? Isaac—I don't think in peeziness hours. Jacob—Dot make no differ. You trink at night and every mornings your hand tremble so you can't show a customer any of dose sheep pants mitout shakin' all de puttons off.

Artist and Courtier Too.
The painter is likely to be brusque. Even when he possesses a bit of tact he is not wont to waste it on "Phillis tines," even if they are customers and persons of distinction. No such charge, however, can be brought against an eighteenth century painter named Chandler. He was commissioned by William IV. to paint the attack commanded by the sovereign when Duke of Clarence on a fortress on the Spanish coast. The attack took place at night, and with the view of relieving the somber veil of midnight the artist took the liberty of introducing sea gulls skimming the clouds.

"Hello!" exclaimed his majesty when he first saw the painting. "It will never do to have the birds flying about at night. They were all roost." "So they were, your majesty," artfully agreed the artist, "but you gave such a rousing broadside with your guns that they all woke up and flew about."

"Ah, so I did!" assented the royal critic, with more than royal naïveté. "I forgot that. Very good! Very good!"—Youth's Companion.

Good Piano Playing.
In an article on piano playing in the Woman's Home Companion the author reports as follows the views of Leschetzki, the teacher:
"When I was studying with the great master he pointed out to me the importance of musical expression in the following way: He called my attention to the fact that one person, for instance, may tell you a tale in such a way that you find little in it that is interesting, whereas another person may tell you the same story in such a manner that you follow every word with the keenest attention. The secret of interest lies not only in the story, but very especially in the voice, the tone, the expression—in the manner of telling. All this is interpretation. A careless or dull piano student may play even some exquisite melody in such a way that it does not attract you at all, whereas an artist's playing of it may bring tears to your eyes."

In the Wrong Place.
The meek looking man walked up to the book counter. "I want something to keep me alone at night, show me my faults, tell me how to spend my—"
"Hold on, old man," said the clerk: "you're in the wrong department. Marriage bureau on the left, three aisles down."—Philadelphia Record.

Good Advice.
A Sewickley father recently gave his son some excellent advice.
"Now that you are married, my son," said he, "listen to me."
"What is it, dad?"
"Try to be a husband, not merely an ex-bachelor."—Pittsburgh Post.

Before the Breakaway.
Two heavyweights had gone on for a preliminary, both willing and eager, but hopelessly ignorant in the craft of the game.
One of the first grapples brought the pair to their knees, and neither knew how to make a move which should be both aggressive and defensive. They were head to head—literally at log-headers—and remained in this position for a minute.

The lull gave the comedian in the audience a full stage.
"Well," he shouted, "what is the secret?"—Chicago Post.

HEART CAN LIVE LONG AFTER DEATH

VITAL ORGANS TRANSFERRED TO VICTIMS NEEDING THEM.

ANOTHER NEW MEDICAL EPOCH

Rockefeller Institute Investigator Tells Doctors at Atlantic City Convention of Experiments—How Living Tissues Can Be Preserved.

The amazing report of Dr. Alexis Carrel, who is in charge of the research work at the Rockefeller Institute, of New York, surpasses anything that has ever been done in the line of surgery, and the possibilities of his discovery are such that one might almost be led to believe that science had solved the problem of restoring life to the dead.

Dr. Carrel told the surgical section of the American Medical Association assembled at Atlantic City that any time they had occasion to use parts of a human heart, nerves, blood vessels, spleen, skin, and even some of the smaller glands of the body, all they had to do was to order them from the institute and they would be accommodated forthwith. The corner of the eye, diseased portions of the various bones of the body, cartilages of the knee, which have given out and need replenishing, can be had from this wonderful research laboratory.

There was something almost uncanny as this scientific man told the surgeons and physicians that with the millions that John D. Rockefeller has endowed this institution, it has at last become possible to make these portions of the human anatomy live after they have been taken from the body. Dr. Carrel has worked along the lines laid down by Tuffet, Magillot and Lawenbaek, famous scientists of Europe, and he has discovered that he can make these tissues and parts of the body live and grow for as long as nine months after the life of the human body from which they have been taken has ceased to exist.

For six years these experiments have been long going on, and now that they have been completed and verified the scientific world of medicine receives the opportunity to avail itself of the discovery.

Dr. Carrel discovered that permanent active-life of the tissues of the body outside of that organism was not only possible, but that these tissues could be preserved after isolation and still continue to live. At first he began to experiment with animals. A piece of the heart of the chicken operated strongly and was alive for 104 days after it was taken from the animal, and microscopic examination revealed the fact that connective tissue was growing from it five months after removal.

From the chicken he turned to the guinea pig, and from that to the dog. The horse, later the rabbit, have been used, to be followed by the infant, and finally man. In each case there was no failure, and step by step he improved upon the media in which he placed these tissues, until he has nine methods of preserving life of structures which have been taken from the body. It is necessary to have as many of these as possible, Dr. Carrel explained, for some tissues will grow better in one medium than they will in another.

The fixed principle which this discovery has established is a new scientific and practically revolutionizes the old theories of animal life. Dr. Carrel has proved that it is possible to transplant after death the tissues and organs which compose the body that has ceased to live into other identical organisms. In this transfer, no death of the tissues occurs, and after they have been made a part of a new body they become a constituent part of it and its continued life if it had been there from birth.

The media which are used to preserve these tissues are isotonic solutions of sodium chloride, chloride solution, Locke's solution, Ringer's solution, defibrinated blood, serum, confined humid acid and vaselin. The color and consistency of these tissues remain perfectly normal six, seven and in some cases ten months after removal.

Dr. Carrel made microscopic examinations in every stage of his experiments and proved conclusively that life was preserved in every instance. He then placed them in cold storage and there they continued to live and grow and were then used to replace diseased tissues in the human body to ascertain if they would grow after they had been transplanted. Clinical reports showed conclusively that they did, so that with the experiments completed and the control work having verified this there was nothing else to do but inform the profession that the Rockefeller institute was prepared to supply them at an instant's notice.

Shipped Across Country.
Several of the country's famous surgeons have been given these cold storage tissues for the last few months. Dr. John B. Murphy has occasion only recently to rush an order from Chicago to New York for cartilage was shipped by express in a tiny package and arrived in safety and was used and the patient has recovered the use of his limb and is walking about as if he had never had an affliction.

This advance in surgery is as wonderful as the discovery of anesthesia. It simplifies the old methods of transplants of skin and bone. Surgeons used to graft skin from one living human being to another. They used to scrape the leg to form the proper shape, the animal to the patient until it grew, but now science has given the surgeon, living skin, living bone and living glands that are most essential to make life and all he has to do is to break the seal on the refrigerator and place it in the position and it grows.

There have been many marvels of the twentieth century, but to Dr. Carrel gets the credit of making human tissues live after transfer from the body. It is preeminently the scientific discovery of the age.

PORT MATILDA.
G. R. Williams, who has been very low with a complication of diseases, has not improved any. He is in a critical condition; we hope for his speedy recovery.

There was a surprise party for H. P. Jones on Thursday, June 8th at the home of Mrs. Mary Young.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Woodring went to Lock Haven in their auto on Sunday and spent the day at Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rothrock's.

On Sunday June 9th, thirty relatives and friends of O. A. Williams and Mamie, his wife, joined with them in celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. A sumptuous dinner was served and all did service to themselves. There have been twelve children born to them, eleven of whom are living, namely: Merrill E. Williams, Tyron, Ruth Richards, Port Matilda; Mildred Williams, Duquesne; Hilda Williams, Homestead, Pa.; Mary Thelma, Evelyn, Elizabeth and Maud, all at home. There were four generations represented, and six persons who attended their first wedding, were present and all seemed as young as they did twenty five years ago. P. W. Young said he wanted to attend their fiftieth anniversary, and he would bring some of his grandchildren along. All enjoyed themselves and left wishing them many more happy years of married life.

TYLERSVILLE.
Don't forget the Children's Day services on Sunday evening, June 16, in the Reformed church.

Two Miss Embingers, of Carroll, visited at C. T. Greninger's.

A number of our people attended the Children's Day services at Rebersburg on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Anne Kerstetter, an aged lady who had not been away from home for some time, and Miss Lulu Kerstetter are visiting on the former's daughter, Mrs. Geo. Wolfe, at Cedar Springs.

Miss Hilda Shaffer, who had been



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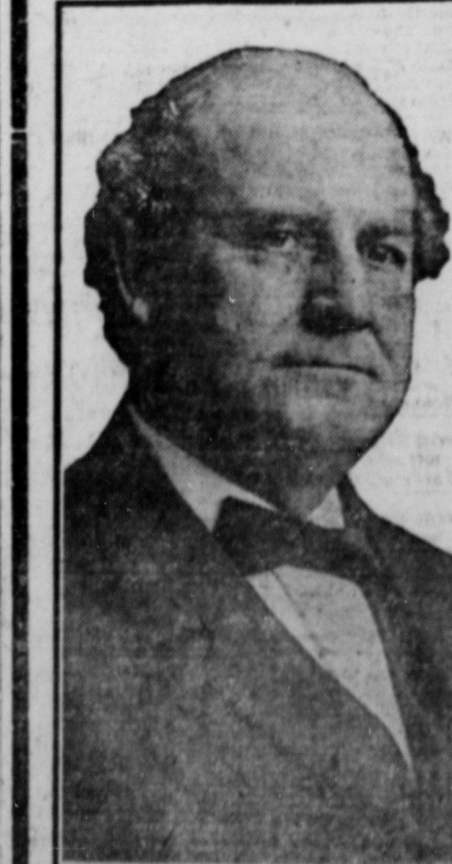
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