

# Former Governor Daniel H. Hastings is Dead.

## One of the County's Most Eminent Citizens Passed Away at His Home Here Last Friday Morning. A Short Illness of Pneumonia Terminated in Death Almost Before the Public Realized that He Was Ill. The Story of a Successful Life and Incidents of a Reminiscent Nature.

Former Governor Daniel Hartman Hastings is dead. The story of his illness need hardly be told to the people of Centre county, since he was at all times so prominent in their eyes and affections as to be an object of constant interest. An interest that discovered two years ago that the man who had brought so much prominence to the county was failing. No cause was ascribed, but the steady decline of the vigor that made him a giant among men was so apparent as to excite the deepest concern. While the Governor, himself, never posed as an invalid his manner seemed changed, there was an absence of that bonhomie that had made him the attractive companion of all classes of men. Last summer he went abroad, visiting the famous springs at Carlsbad for the purpose of wooing back the health that had left him in the very prime of years. Upon his return it was announced that he was better, but his appearance failed to reassure those who were most intimately acquainted with him.

Whatever it was, it was indisputable that the Governor was not a well man, consequently when he contracted a slight cold on the 3rd inst he was not in a condition to resist its advancement. On Sunday morning, January 4th, he came home from Philadelphia where he had been on a business trip. It was observed that he walked down the station platform rather languidly and there was an absence of that cheery salutation with which he invariably greeted the familiar characters gathered there. After walking to his home his appearance at once alarmed Mrs. Hastings, who wanted to call the family physician. But the Governor deprecated the idea of it; insisting that his cold was only a trifling matter and laughingly suggesting that the physician would put him to bed and he would be unable to keep an engagement at Ebensburg on the following Wednesday. The cold did not get better, however, and on Monday evening Dr. Geo. F. Harris was called in. In an instant he realized that the patient was in a very grave condition and called two trained nurses to his bedside at once.

Tuesday, pleurisy developed and the symptoms became so alarming that Dr. Geo. B. Klump was called in consultation. Notwithstanding the most assiduous attention of the two physicians the symptoms grew more alarming every hour and Wednesday brought a development of broncho-pneumonia. Then when the temperature began falling and there was an acceleration of the heart without an abatement of the symptoms of the disease Dr. Harris told Mrs. Hastings of his worst fears and asked if she would have a specialist called on the case. They agreed on Dr. Roland Curtin, of Philadelphia, whose skill in pulmonary diseases has given him eminence among the great physicians of the country. He arrived Thursday morning and was in consultation all day with Drs. Harris and Klump; agreeing with their diagnosis of the case and their treatment of it. Shortly before he left for the city that night the cheering bulletin was issued that the Governor's condition was somewhat improved. Later in the evening there was a turn for the worse, however, and oxygen treatment had to be resorted to. It was administered to the very last, but all without avail, for at 10 o'clock Friday morning the life of our eminent citizen ebbed away, leaving a useful place unfilled and a man gone, the true measure of whose worth to this community only futurity needs to discover.

Throughout his illness the Governor was cheerful and encouraging to the anxious watchers at his bedside. Frequently he would sit up in bed, unassisted, and directed some of his minor business affairs. In fact he was sitting up talking to those about him an hour before the end came. Beside him when he breathed his last were Mrs. Hastings, their daughter, Helen, now Mrs. Ross Hickok, and her husband, Mrs. Ella Saltzman, his sister, and Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Hastings's mother. The end was calm and peaceful. Nothing but a slight dilatation of the right heart indicated the transition whereby his soul was swept out into the great mysterious realm of eternity.

### EX-GOVERNOR'S CAREER.

Daniel Hartman Hastings was born at Salona, Clinton county, February 26th, 1849, being the youngest of William and Sarah Fullerton Hastings's nine children. His father was a native of Ireland who located in Clinton county after working on the railroad there for some years. His mother, Sarah Fullerton Hastings, was a native of Scotland, and though they were a most worthy, upright couple they were far from being in comfortable circumstances. The farm on which they lived was a very poor one and consequently the early educational opportunities of the future Governor, as might be imagined, were very limited. But he made the very best of his opportunities and at no time in his subsequent career was he ever less than proud of his early life and struggles.

During the winter months he attended the district school and worked on the farm in summer and fall, but the drudgery of it was always distasteful to him and he early resolved to engage in another career. The first experience to break the monotony of his farm life was when he ran away from home and tried to enlist in the Union army. He was only 13 then, and

by stealing and begging rides on freight trains and wagons he managed to reach Carlisle, then a great recruiting point. The youth of the young volunteer made the recruiting officer careful, and because the boy could not produce evidence that he had the consent of his parents to his enlistment he was turned back.

When but 14 years of age he learned of a school teacher's position which had become vacant in Wayne township, Clinton county. He secured it, but with the condition attached that he should pass an examination. He walked back to Lock Haven, passed the required examination, received his certificate, and footing it back, was in time to open the school next morning and began his new avocation of teaching. For the next four years he taught school in the winter and worked with his father on the farm in the summer.

### HIS HOME RELATIONS.

In 1877 Mr. Hastings was married to Miss Jane Armstrong Rankin, daughter of James H. Rankin, who at the time of his death was the oldest member of the Centre county bar, and his home relations were unusually happy. Even before he attained affluence and prominence his home was noted for its hospitality for he thoroughly enjoyed the social side of life and was never better pleased than when his home was full of guests. His beautiful place on the corner of Allegheny and Lamb streets was remodeled and built after the family's return from Harrisburg and it has since been the scene of some of the most brilliant social functions the town has ever had. Men of prominence in politics, art and science have been pleasantly entertained there and the most obscure visitor was always accorded a gracious welcome.

### HIS MILITARY RECORD.

In 1877 he became connected with the National Guard, and in July he was made paymaster of the Fifth regiment, with the rank of captain. He served on the staff of General Beaver, then a division commander, during the riots of July, 1877, accompanying the command to Altoona. In March, 1878, he was elected and commissioned lieutenant colonel of the Fifth regiment; in June, 1883, he was appointed assistant adjutant general of the Second Brigade and in March, 1884, he was elected colonel of the Fifth regiment, and at the annual inspection of 1886 his regiment achieved the highest standing in any in the State. In 1886, when General Beaver was elected Governor he made Colonel Hastings his Adjutant General and in January, 1887, Col. Hastings resigned his commission in the National Guard to take charge of the Department at Harrisburg.

### IN POLITICS.

From the time of his coming to Centre county until Pennypacker's election, last fall, he was actively and aggressively interested in politics. His entrance into state politics may be said to date to 1886 when he presented the name of General Beaver to the Republican convention which nominated him for Governor. In the following year he was elected to the chairmanship of the republican state convention. In 1888 he was chosen a delegate at large to the national convention at Chicago and was selected to nominate John Sherman, of Ohio, for the Presidency. His fame as an orator was assured by the speech he made on that occasion.

At the state convention of 1890 he was a candidate for Governor but was defeated for the nomination by George Wallace Delamater by only 11 votes. Delamater in turn was defeated by Robert E. Pattison at the election in the fall of that same year. Again in May, 1894, General Hastings name was presented to the republican State convention for Governor by General James A. Beaver and this time he was nominated. In November of that year he was elected Governor of Pennsylvania by a majority of 241,397 over William M. Singler.

### MADE PEACE WITH QUAY.

In 1896 Governor Hastings and Senator Quay became friends, and the former attended the national convention in St. Louis and nominated the Senator for President of the United States. After McKinley's election Governor Hastings was said to be a candidate for Secretary of War, and both Senators Quay and Penrose visited Canton, O., in his interest.

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THE LATE DANIEL H. HASTINGS. From the photograph for which he always expressed a marked preference. Published through the courtesy of the Philadelphia Press.

his health was rapidly breaking down. He stoutly maintained that he was well as ever and it was only because of the urgent requests of his family that he decided to take a course of treatment at Carlisle. Accompanied by Mrs. Hastings he went to Europe last May and remained for several months, but even the benefit he derived there was only temporary. During the holidays an old friend, who had not seen him for several months, remarked in this office that he surely was in a critical condition to have changed in appearance as he had.

He was always most earnestly interested in the Methodist church. He was named for Rev. Daniel Hartman, a pious old Methodist minister, and several years ago he was instrumental in building a church in memory of his venerable old friend. He subscribed one hundred dollars in 1875 towards the erection of the present church edifice in town and that was a munificent subscription for a man of his means. He was superintendent of the Sabbath school for several years and always took a prominent part in the music of the church. He was most loyal to the clergy and generous in his giving. Indeed it is generally acknowledged that the town has lost its most liberal citizen and the Methodist church of Bellefonte its greatest benefactor. Two years ago at the time of the remodeling of the church edifice he gave two thousand dollars towards the improvements in addition to helping Mrs. Hastings secure the pipe organ. Just last year he voluntarily added one hundred dollars to his pastor's salary, and there is not a church in Bellefonte that has not been substantially aided by him. He has been a trustee of the M. E. church for years and years as well as of Dickinson college at Carlisle.

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Mr. Hastings, family consisted of his wife and two daughters, Helen, now Mrs. Ross Hickok, of Harrisburg, and Sarah aged nine years. Of his father's family two of his sisters, Mrs. Ella Saltzman, of Lock Haven, and Mrs. McKean of Akron, Ohio, and one brother are living.

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### What the Press Has to Say of Our Lamented Citizen.

From the Harrisburg Patriot, (Dem.) General Hastings, while neither a great nor brilliant man, was an excellent example of the sturdy, industrious, patriotic and enterprising citizenship which has made Pennsylvania great. That he has been struck down so suddenly in the very prime of life is cause for profound sorrow and his bereaved family will have the warmest sympathy of the people of the entire State.

From the Altoona Times, (Dem.) Energetic, aggressive, patriotic, courageous—these were the attributes that brought him success, and his life and record will live, an honored chapter in the story of the Commonwealth he devotedly loved and served to the best of his ability. The life of no man is perfect. Even the most exalted have their failings, the most brilliant their shortcomings. Daniel H. Hastings was no exception to the rule, but had he lived he would undoubtedly have added to his fame, lived down his errors and achieved a still higher place among the great names of Pennsylvania.

From the Clearfield Public Spirit. There was a time in the career of Daniel H. Hastings, Bellefonte's third Governor, when he was seriously considered as a formidable presidential possibility, and that was just following his popular canvass for the governorship and the unprecedented majority given him at the polls in 1894. It was destined to be otherwise, however, for Mr. Hastings returned to his home in Bellefonte, and his participation in politics since then has, with but one exception been confined to local and district lines. He was a good fighter but not always a winner. But best of all he was a big, good-hearted man who liked to mingle with his fellowmen, sharing their sorrows and joys as is natural with the man without artificiality. The state mourns his death.

From the Pittsburgh Post, (Dem.) Probably his most noted public service was in connection with the Johnstown flood and his distribution of the relief fund, for which, as happens with most men charged with such duties, there was both censure and praise. There was much criticism of his administration as Governor, and it gave rise to ugly feuds in his own party. His career in education, politics and high office was one of great activity and marked success.

From the Altoona Tribune, (Rep.) Governor Hastings was well known in Blair county. As colonel of the Fifth regiment, as Adjutant General, and as Governor, he was well known and pretty generally liked. He carried Blair county at the primaries in 1890, when Delamater was nominated for Governor, and the year he received the nomination, Blair county again sent delegates to the state convention who were friendly to his candidacy. During recent years he has devoted himself to his private business affairs, having had little to do with politics.

From the Johnstown Tribune, (Rep.) All who knew him, and especially those who enjoyed a close personal acquaintance, will be sorry to learn of the death of ex-Governor Hastings. Mr. Hastings was a self-made man from the ranks of the common people, and had rendered valuable services to his countrymen in various capacities; was a genial fellow in all the relations of life, and had a large and generous heart.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger, (Ind.) The death of ex-Governor Hastings will cause sincere regret. He was a man of attractive qualities, of fine capacity and good ambitions, who had done the State varied and useful service, and was still young enough to have served it usefully again. His misfortune was to have become one of the many victims of that malign influence which we recognize in Pennsylvania as Quaysism. Quay used him and abused him; beguiled him for his own purposes to Hastings' detriment; and when he was no longer serviceable, turned on him and thrust him out of public life, as he has done with so many others, over whose wrecked careers he has pursued his triumphant way. It is not ungracious to recall the warning example of this time, for the measure of independence which he showed in the office of Governor and which turned the ruling power of the State against him will be remembered to his honor.

In the town of Bellefonte, which has given three Governors to Pennsylvania, a sense of personal loss will be added to the general regret for his too early death, a loss that will be shared by many friends throughout the State, to whom his many qualities had endeared him.

From the DuBois Evening Express, (Ind.) The death of Daniel H. Hastings removes another familiar figure from Western Pennsylvania. He had attained to the highest position in the gift of the people of this Commonwealth, and will be missed and mourned by hundreds of Clearfield county people.

From the Philadelphia Press, (Rep.) In his career from boyhood on the farm to the governorship of his native State and marked success in business Gen. Hastings gave another and admirable illustration of the possibilities open to the American boy born to nothing but an honest name. His early life was a struggle with adverse fortune. It was the rugged discipline which many get and some make useful. Strong willed, earnest and conscientious, he was a born leader. Daniel H. Hastings fully and capably met every emergency of his life. He not only filled but he increased the importance of every position he held. No man in the State enjoyed greater popularity. He won friends at every turn and bound them to him with indissoluble ties. Politics was his diversion; his taste was for business, in which his success was magical. Throughout an unusually active career his integrity and high purposes have never been questioned. Well poised, finely cultured, faithful and steadfast in his friendships, a generous neighbor, a devoted and loving husband and father, his life exemplified the highest type of honest American manhood.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer, (Rep.) Whatever enemies Hastings made he made as the result of political affiliations. His business friends were numerous. He had a faculty for creating friendships, and his sudden death will come as a shock to a very wide circle.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent, (Dem.) Study integrity was the chief characteristic of Daniel H. Hastings. Because of this he was frequently out of favor with the leaders of his party and such compliments as were bestowed on him came not in the form of recompense for obedience to the machine, but as the just reward for faithful service to the public.

### Rich Man Weds Secretary.

W. H. Bradley Worth \$400,000, Marries While Stricken With Fatal Illness. While sitting in a chair last Tuesday with what is believed to be a fatal illness, William H. Bradley, the wealthiest man in Wisconsin, was married to his secretary, Miss Mary Hanuemyer. The former Mrs. Bradley died in Milwaukee on November 13th, last. Mr. Bradley is said to be worth \$400,000, and is associated with J. J. Hill in many railway deals in that part of the country. Judge Halsey went to Mr. Bradley's house, and in the presence of a few relatives united the lumberman and his bride. His friends refuse to discuss his illness, but it is said he cannot recover. He is 66 years old.

### Preparation for Death.

A Western Kansas editor published this notice the other day for the guidance of delinquent subscribers. "If you have frequent headaches, dizziness, fainting spells, accompanied by chill, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice it is a sign you are not well, but are liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription a year in advance, and thus you make yourself solid for a good obituary notice."

### Methodism's Achievement

The Methodists of the United States closed the old year with one of the greatest feats in the history of a religious denomination. They have obtained, as they set out to do a twentieth century thank offering of \$200,000,000. In fact, the exact amount exceeds this magnificent figure. And every penny of the offering has been subscribed within four years.

The movement to this great end originated in Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Springfield, Mass., in 1898. At the outset the size of the sum deemed necessary for the work of the church struck the country with something akin to amazement and there was no scarcity of people, inside as well as outside of the denomination who doubted the ability of the church to get it. Yet on the night before New Year's day the secretary of the fund, Dr. E. M. Mills, was able to announce, in the church in which the movement began, that more than \$20,000,000 had been pledged.

Of the whole amount \$9,000,000 is to pay church debts in all parts of the country; \$8,150,000 is for Methodist colleges, schools, philanthropies and charities; \$600,000 is to constitute a general fund for conference claimants, and \$200,000 is set aside for the building of churches in destitute communities.

### Elephant Killed by Electricity.

Topsy Put to Death in Two Minutes at Coney Island.

Topsy the big man-killing elephant at Luna Park, Coney Island, was put to death by means of a heavy electric current and 450 grains of cyanide of potassium recently. The execution was set down for 1:30 o'clock. Carl Goliath, of Hagen's, with "Skip" Duddy, of the park, and two employees, led her out of her house and to the scaffold.

Dr. Bretheridge, veterinary in charge, took two carrots—into which had been stuffed cyanide—100 grains in all—and offered them to Topsy. She ate them greedily. Then the electrodes were put in position, one on the right foot and the other on the left hind foot.

At 2:45 the signal was given, and D. P. Sharkey, of the Edison company, turned on the current. There was a bit of smoke for an instant. Topsy raised her trunk as if to protest, then shook, bent to her knees, fell and rolled over on her right side motionless. All this took a matter of ten seconds. There had been no sound, and hardly a conscious movement of the body, outside the raising of the trunk when the current was first felt.

In two minutes from the time of turning on the current Dr. Bretheridge pronounced "Topsy dead." The elephant was brought to America twenty-eight years ago by Adam Forepaugh.

### First Reunion of Veteran Reserves.

Survivors of the Pennsylvania Corps in the Civil War Will Gather in Harrisburg Next Summer. Regiments Have Heretofore Held Separate Reunions.

For the first time in its history the celebrated Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps of the union army will hold a reunion as a whole in Harrisburg next summer. All of the regiments of this famous organization have held separate reunions, but Captain W. H. Raouf, of Philadelphia, of the "Bucktails," conceived the idea of a reunion of the fifteen organizations as a whole, and a committee of survivors met in Harrisburg and took action.

Judge R. M. Henderson, of Carlisle, was elected president, and Captain Raouf, secretary, and they were empowered to appoint an executive committee of one from each regiment, from which all minor committees will be selected.

Major Levi G. McCauley, of West Chester, announced that a tablet to the reserves will be unveiled at the West Chester fair grounds next summer. It is proposed to secure Capitol Park as a camping ground during the reunion, the date of which will be announced later, and among the features will be a reunion of the "Bucktails," the shapshooters of the Army of the Potomac, who answered the call to war by coming down the Susquehanna on rafts, with their commander, Colonel Thomas L. Kane, as leader.

### World-Wide Smallpox Epidemic is Predicted.

There is grave danger of a world-wide epidemic of smallpox, according to Dr. C. O. Probst, secretary of the Ohio state board of health. Dr. Probst points to the fact that all over the earth, both in America and Europe, the disease is spreading rapidly.

He attributes the prevalence of the disease to a disregard of vaccination. Dr. Probst said: "Not alone in the United States, but in Europe are the physicians battling with the scourge. Great Britain is having a serious time with it, as are other European countries. Germany, were vaccination is general, is in the best condition of any of them."

The disease is not epidemic, but pandemic. It is in almost every country, and the type has been increasing in malignancy. In the past quarter or half century vaccination has been neglected, and the country is full of people who have never felt the scratch of a vaccine point. As these precautions have been neglected, so has the disease increased, until now we are in danger of a world-wide epidemic."

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