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What Has Transpired Among Local Republican Leaders

CONTEST OF THE FACTIONS.

The Gauntlet has been defiantly thrown at Hastings' Feet—Will He Submit to the Quay-Love Element?—Why He Has Incurred Opposition.

During the past week an anonymous communication was received at this office by mail, signed "North Ward Democrat," which gives no light whatever as to the author. The custom in newspaper offices is not to recognize such communications, but in this case an exception is made as the same is of much merit, and gives a careful summary of existing conditions among the republican leaders in Centre county. Some opposition has recently arisen to Gen. Hastings, and has resulted in numerous conflicts in which the Quay-Love people have scored victories. The following communication throws much light on the situation and no doubt will be relished by many of our readers throughout the county:

EDITOR CENTRE DEMOCRAT:—As you are well aware, I have been a life-long democrat and have never aspired to office in Centre county, but if the ambition had ever taken possession of me, I know of no time in the history of Centre county when democratic prospects were so propitious as at present.

The senatorial fight at Harrisburg has split the republican party hopelessly in twain all over the state, but perhaps no where has the cleavage been so pronounced as in this county.

Judge Love, the Quay leader, has shown real ability in controlling the appointment of Postmaster Montgomery at Bellefonte, and Bolger in Philipsburg. His friends are justified in boasting of this victory because he and the embalmied beef judge of the Superior Court completely outwitted Governor Hastings and Secretary Martin. It is true that he had Quay and Penrose with him and their influence as Senators was controlling. Hastings had won the ill-will of the two senators because he refused to approve any of the jobs and vicious legislation of Quay's legislatures during the last four years. Hastings' use of the veto axe was bold, defiant and vigorous, and really laid the foundation for the exposures which have resulted in the present powerful opposition to Quay at Harrisburg.

It is said that Hastings aspired to be United States Senator, and we think there is no doubt about the fact. He was willing to join in the effort to unite the party in the last presidential conflict, and to go at the head of the state delegation and make the speech placing Quay before the National Convention as a presidential candidate. It is an open secret that Quay promised him his then powerful support for United States Senator, but Hastings continued to wield his veto axe on the side of the people which incurred Quay's anger, and he lost the senatorship, but re-established himself in the confidence of the people.

As soon as the break occurred, Judge Love found time to divide his energies between holding the courts and organizing a Quay machine. His best friends regret that he is trailing the judicial ermine in the dirt of petty township and borough fights, and distributing the court patronage to build up a machine of which he has become the head. To be sure it builds up a machine. The control of the liquor licenses and the occasional appointment of constable and other bestowals of court patronage makes friends and partisans, but it also builds up opposition and enemies, and is looked upon as injurious and dangerous to the proper administration of justice.

Hastings was for many years the recognized leader of the party in this county, and it is true that during his leadership the county almost became republican. Hastings led the fight for Beaver, Furst and Love when they were candidates, and was successful. When he was a candidate for Governor he carried the county by the highest vote ever given a republican since the foundation of the party. He had his full share of honors in county and state, and when he returned to Bellefonte at the expiration of his gubernatorial term, he announced at the great reception accorded to him in the court house that his ambition had been satisfied and that his only desire was to retire to private life and take his place as such a private citizen. But so fearful was Judge Love that Hastings might change his mind, that he and his friends are openly accused of endeavoring to prevent the Hastings reception from being such a marked success as it was. It is common rumor that the Judge requested his lieutenants to advise their friends to absent themselves from the reception and, fearing that it would be looked upon as a popular movement against Quay, he left town himself to avoid the reception. This petty conduct has been resented by Governor Hastings' friends and he has been urged to pick up the gauntlet.

In the coming contest Love, the Quay leader, has some advantage. He has his postmasters at Bellefonte and Philipsburg to help him. But Hastings will have Captain Williams and John Gowland and all the other veteran soldiers of the county at his back. Williams and Gowland were at the front fighting with Grant and Miles, while Montgomery was drawing his salary once before as postmaster at Bellefonte during the war, and Bolger was learning his A B C's in the township school. Love got his nephew a fat position in the postoffice under Montgomery, and Hastings got left, but he won the sympathy of the veteran soldiers of Centre county.

If Hastings really intended to retire from politics, he cannot now do it very

well while he is under the judicial fire. He has many of his old elements of strength yet. He is out of office and a private citizen. He has always been kindly disposed toward his friends and neighbors. While he has been a bitter partisan he has never inquired about the politics of those who asked his personal assistance. It is the boast of his friends that he has done many favors and gone out of his way to help people in Centre county individually and collectively. The hundreds of people whom he has helped in one way and another are not all ungrateful. It is true he did not have enough Superior Court Judgeships and Building Association Receiverships and Common Pleas Judgeships to go around, but he has done innumerable personal kindnesses for those who have been and are still grateful. He had, however, the bad luck to pick out for his best favors the men who have repaid him in the most despicable way.

Love, in his political capacity, represents the Quay machine and the Quay methods of distributing patronage. Hastings' greatest crime in the eyes of those who oppose him is, that he would not be the tool of the Quay machine. Love's leadership in the county last fall increased our democratic majorities quite satisfactorily. We believe Hastings will stand up for his rights; will resent the insults gratuitously offered him by the new Carars; will sound his bugle call and cry out before the people of his party, and ascertain whether they are willing that a faithful public servant should be insulted and slaughtered in what should be the house of his friends. If he gets at it, the far will fly. Hastings is a fighter; he never gives up. His success in political and business life is owing to his unconquerable determination. Look out for Hastings when the fight begins.

NORTH-WARD DEMOCRAT.

DEMOCRACY FOR KILLING.

Unanimously Selected Chairman of the State Committee—Convention June 14.

John S. Rilling, of Erie, was unanimously elected chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the reorganization of that body having been easily controlled by the friends of the National Committeeman James M. Guffey. The anti-Guffey movement collapsed entirely when Joseph Howley, the ambitious young Pittsburger, discovered that he could count on less than a dozen of the delegates and withdrew from the contest.

The committee decided on an early convention to nominate a state treasurer candidate, and a man who must be elected to a seat on the Supreme Court bench. June 14th was the date selected and Harrisburg will have the convention.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The nine division chairmen elected to-day by the State were: Donnelly, of Philadelphia; Brennan, of Pittsburg; Brown, of Titusville; Henderson, of Huntingdon; Berg, of Carlisle; Spangler, of Bellefonte; Reilly, of Williamsport; Garman, of Nanticoke, and Mulhearn, of Mauch Chunk. These men constitute the Executive Committee of the State organization, and are all friends of Colonel Guffey.

There was a very full attendance of State Committeemen, and more interest was displayed than has been visible for a number of years. John M. Gorman, of Luzerne, chairman for several years has called the meeting to order in a brief speech, returning thanks for the courtesy and assistance extended him by his associates.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC.

Smallpox is assuming the nature of an epidemic in the new mining town of Windber, Somerset county, and Scalp Level, Cambria county. Twenty-seven cases are under treatment in the two villages. There are also several cases in Altoona.

A case of smallpox has broken out in Hastings, Cambria county. The victim is a jeweler who worked at Windber, contracted the disease and then went home. The Hastings authorities erected a pest house, but the location was unsatisfactory to many persons, so the structure was burned down Monday night.

The Johnstown board of health has been notified that there are twenty-five cases in New Paris, Bedford county.

REED OUT OF CONGRESS.

Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, after 22 years of service in Congress, and being twice elected Speaker, and with another term of service as Speaker, has put behind him all the glamor and glory and pride and possibilities of public place and decided to turn again to the practice of his chosen profession.

It is definitely announced that Mr. Reed has become a member of the law firm of Simpson, Thacker & Baroum, No. 10 Wall street—under a guarantee of \$50,000 per annum for his services.

Business Good.

In order that the Mill Hill Brick works are enabled to fill their constantly increasing orders promptly, they are erecting another large kiln. Orders are coming in almost constantly, some of the largest of which are standing orders.

ODD FELLOWS' CONVENTION

Large Assemblage of the Three-Link Fraternity

BELLEVILLE WEDNESDAY 26th

A Monster Parade in the Afternoon—Prominent Members of the Order to Be Present—Program of Exercises for the Day—Special Trains.

The 80th anniversary of American Odd Fellowship will be celebrated by a tremendous out-pouring of the three-link fraternity, at Bellefonte, Wednesday, April 26th, 1899. There will be a grand parade in which all the oddfellows, in full regalia, will participate. There will be beautifully caparisoned horses and thousands of men in the splendid regalia of lodges and encampments, and the magnificent display of the entire fourth regiment Patriarchs Militant. The pageant will have a military escort, in Co. M. 21st Reg. N. G. P. All the Grand Officers will be present, and addresses will be made by them. Hon. John G. Love will make the address of welcome. All lines of railroads running into Bellefonte have granted a one-way fare for the round trip, and arrangements are being made for special trains at night, to carry people back to their homes in all parts of the county, after all the events of the day are over. These trains will be for the benefit of the public, as well as for members of the lodge. Come one and all to see this grand parade of Odd Fellowship.

J. G. DUBBS, J. M. KEICHLINE, Ch. in chief. W. HARRISON WALKER, W. G. RUNKLE, Com. on Invitation.

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY.

9:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M., reception of visiting lodges, cantons and encampments.

2 P. M., monster parade, over the principal streets of the town.

3 P. M., massing of lodges in diamond. Address of welcome by Hon. John G. Love, and addresses by Grand Lodge officers and others.

7 P. M., special session of Grand Lodge at hall of Centre Lodge No. 153.

8 P. M. school of instruction in lodge room.

Parade will form at 1 P. M. Right resting on West High street between Thomas and Water street; out Spring to Curtin; East on Curtin street to Armor street; South on Armor to Linn street; West on Linn to Allegheny; Allegheny to Bishop; East on Bishop to Ridge. Countermarch on Bishop to Spring; Spring to High street; up High street to the speakers stand.

New Bishop.

Rt. Rev. John Shanahan will be consecrated bishop of the Harrisburg diocese of the Catholic church on Tuesday, April 25th, to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Bishop Thomas McGovern. The consecratory ceremony will be conducted in Philadelphia by arch-bishop Ryan. The diocese of which Rt. Rev. Shanahan will be the third bishop, has 65 diocesan priests and 5 regular; 50 churches with resident pastors; 14 missions with churches; 15 stations, 25 chapels, 178 members of sisterhoods, 13 ecclesiastical students; 8 academies for young ladies with 232 pupils; 32 parochial schools, with 2,959 pupils, 2 orphan asylums, and a Catholic institute for the blind. The Catholic population estimated at 42,000. The diocese comprises the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Cumberland, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Centre, Clinton, Snyder, Northumberland, Union, Montour and Columbia.

New Spruce Creek Tunnel.

The contract for the construction of the large tunnel on the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, close by the present Spruce Creek tunnel, near Tyrone, has been awarded to a Pittsburg firm for a sum close to \$100,000. Work will begin at once, and it will be rushed through before the end of the present year. The tunnel will be over 1,150 feet long, and will be doubletracked. Two hundred men will be put to work on it at once. Several other contracts have been let for new work at this point, including a new line of road and two bridges.

Good Appropriation.

The Cottage hospital, Philipsburg, appropriation, amounting to \$14,000, was finally secured. There seemed to be a determination to cut the appropriation down this year to \$10,000, and but for the earnest work of Geo. W. Zeigler, Esq., this would have been the inevitable result.

Case Sent to Court.

The hearing of George C. Brungard, who is accused of setting fire to the barn on the Dornblazer estate, in Nittany valley, was held under bail for a trial at

FIRE IN BENNER TOWNSHIP.

Last Friday night, about 12 o'clock, the large barn of Steel Heverly, situated along Spring creek, caught fire and burned to the ground. James Mackey, tenant on the farm, lost twenty-four head of live stock, which included five horses, six milk cows, five small calves, and his hogs; also all his hay, fodder, oats, corn and all his farming implements, except two plows which were in the field. Mr. Mackey had \$600 insurance, which only covers about half his loss; while Mr. Heverly has \$1,000 insurance on the building which does not hardly cover his loss. The cause of the fire is unknown.

THE SENATORIAL BALLOT.

On Wednesday the vote for United States Senator at Harrisburg stood: Quay, 93; Jenks, 85; Jones, 69. Necessary for choice 127. Quay lacked 27.

Seven Months School Term.

The bill providing the minimum school term to be seven months will not affect the present school term, but will go into effect after the closing of the school year ending the first Monday in June, 1899. It provides, however, that the annual term may remain as at present in districts where the maximum amount of tax allowed by law to be levied for school purposes, together with the state appropriation to which such districts are entitled, shall be found insufficient to keep the schools open a greater length of time than six months.

Forced Open the Door.

Burglars, supposed to be tramps, effected an entrance into James Long's store at Flemington Friday night by forcing open the door with tools taken from the blacksmith shop in that place. They endeavored to open the safe, but were unsuccessful. They so tampered with the combination, however, that it could not be opened up to noon on Saturday. The thieves took some small change out of the drawer, stole four pairs of shoes, and four watches, a quantity of tobacco and other articles.

Wanted Him Quoted.

J. Frank Gray, a prominent Quay leader of Jersey Shore, yesterday filed a petition at Harrisburg, for a rule to issue in quo warranto on Sheriff J. A. Gamble, of Lycoming county, to show cause why he shall not be removed from office. The charges as filed are that Sheriff Gamble's election to his office was tainted with fraud. Attorney General Elkin has fixed Tuesday, April 25, as the day for hearing the argument.

A Fatal Shot.

Last Thursday afternoon a fatal accident befel Ralph, a 19-year-old son of S. M. McCormick, of Lock Haven. The young man was out on the river in a row boat and had his gun with him. He attached his boat to a steam scow and in some way in handling his gun, in getting into the cabin of the scow, the load was discharged, entering his breast caused instant death. No one saw how the accident happened.

New Yorkers Buy a Railroad.

The Clarion River railway has been sold for \$1,800,000 to a syndicate of New York capitalists headed by John Byrne. Connections will be made with the Buffalo, St. Mary's and Southwestern railroad by extending the road from Croysland to near Centreville. The lines will also be extended from near its southern terminus to valuable coal lands south of Brookville.

Wealthy Lumberman Missing.

John Kohn, aged 80 years, a wealthy lumberman, operating a saw mill at Three Runs, Clearfield county, has been missing for over a week, and 60 men are searching for him. He went from the mill into the woods with considerable money and it is feared that he has been robbed and murdered.

Twins With Different Birthdays.

Mrs. James Wertman, of Danville, is the mother of twins, a seven pound boy born on Saturday morning, April 8th, and an eight pound girl on Sunday evening, April 9th—34½ hours apart. The novel feature is, while being twins their birthdays will come on different days.

Lock Haven Man Recognized.

Attorney Henry T. Harvey, recently appointed by Governor Stone one of the commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States. The other commissioners are: David T. Watson, of Pittsburg, and Ellis Ames Ballard, of Philadelphia.

Valuable Cows Killed.

A state veterinarian visited the farm of Rev. Samuel Creighton in Nittany valley Friday afternoon and made an examination of the herd of cows for tuberculosis. The registered guernseys and one grade cow were found to be affected and were killed.

"EXPANSION" BEARING FRUIT

100,000 Men Wanted to Subdue the Philippines

CONDITION GROWING SERIOUS

The Latest News are Not Encouraging—The End Not in Sight—Reaping Our Reward—McKinley's Folly is Being Recognized—No End to Expense and Bloodshed.

The promising expedition to the south of Manila, to the region about Laguna bay, does not seem to have met with success encouraging its prosecution, and General Lawton has been ordered back to Manila, evacuating the territory and the towns he occupied. This is a reverse, and shows the Filipinos capable of determined resistance at all points so far assailed. It is pretty clear we have not enough troops at the Philippines, and this weakness will be more apparent when the well-seasoned volunteers leave the scene of war for the United States. A dispatch from Manila of Sunday contains an authorized statement from General Lawton that it will take 100,000 soldiers to pacify the islands, because of guerrilla fighting in tropical country, a fact that should have been realized when President McKinley started the American army on the warpath and rejected all peace propositions from Aguinaldo. General Lawton states, in what appears to be an uncensored dispatch, that he had not sufficient troops to hold the places he occupied and found it necessary to evacuate the territory. This is a glimpse of truth. He says he could march across Luzon with a brigade, but he had not the troops to hold conquered territory. As soon as the Americans passed on, the Filipinos sprung into life in their rear. An uncensored Associated Press dispatch to San Francisco by steamer gives a gloomy picture of the war a month ago about Manila, with burning houses and towns, night attacks, the uncomplaining sick and wounded and the thin line 25 miles long of entrenched soldiers. The country is described as the best possible for defense and the worst for offensive operations. It is clear in every line of the Manila news that the gallant American army is overmatched, not alone in men, but by the climate and the jungles and swamps. It is the duty of the administration, having forced this war on the country, to support our brave soldiers in the field. Political considerations should not be allowed to stand in the way of massing an army of a hundred thousand men in the Philippines, demanded by General Lawton as necessary for the work in hand. It may not be popular in a political sense, but it has been made necessary in a military sense. Let there be a draft to a full realization of the white man's burden in this crazy enterprise.—Post.

Family Wiped Out.

When Samuel Wright who lived back in the mountains, about nine miles from Bodines, died on Friday of blood poisoning, the result of an accident in the woods, a family of four persons was wiped out of existence. While chopping a log a few days before, Wright accidentally cut his right leg below the knee with the ax. Blood poisoning set in a day or two after the accident. About six years ago Mr. Wright's father, T. S. Wright, was killed near the spot where the young man was injured, a tree falling on him during a thunder storm. Mrs. Wright, Samuel's mother, died about three months ago of cancer and pneumonia, after suffering intense agony for two weeks. About two weeks ago their 11-year-old daughter contracted a heavy cold, which rapidly developed into pneumonia, and the little one died, leaving her brother, Samuel, who followed to the great beyond on Friday.—Williamsport Sun.

Important Decision.

The right claimed by the Clearfield Republican to inspect the minutes and orders of the county commissioners, in order to transcribe the same and publish them in that paper, was argued before Judge Bailey, of Huntingdon county, April 5. The judge withheld his opinion in the case until last Friday. He based his opinion upon the fact that the petitioners had shown no special interest entitling them to the relief asked, to the fact that no statute authorized the privileges asked, and, finally, because there already existed a tribunal for passing upon the accounts of county commissioners. The Republican editors had announced some time since that they would take the matter to the supreme court before they would give up the contest, and we will now see whether this will be done. It is a case of peculiar interest to every newspaper as well as to every taxpayer.

The date on the label shows whether it is paid or not. Look at it.

FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

Manhood.

He stands the test where souls are tried,
And trust honor finds;
Who conquers, manfully, the pride
That rules in feeble minds;
Who seeks not rest in life's career,
Nor yet beyond the grave;
Whose heaven is duty's noblest sphere—
Not that which idlers crave.
He covets not the lordling's place,
Nor vainly strives to scan
The Master's mind, but asks for grace
To do the best he can.
His peace not torpor of the soul,
But harmony within—
Renouncing self to reach the goal
And triumph over sin.
Once on the plow his hand he lays
His eye ne'er backward turns;
Fortune he seeks in virtue's ways,
Ill-bought success he spurns,
Looking his fellow in the face
He sees God's image there;
Whatever may help to lift the race
His hand is quick to share.
Meekly he takes life's daily tasks
As part of Heaven's great plan;
This boon—ought else denied—he asks:
To be a manly man.
Angels attend on such an one,
And stars their courses move
To light his pathway to the throne
And garnish it with love.
—John Troland, in The Springfield Republican

When real spring fever gets a man,
What strange things come to pass;
He's strong enough to ride a wheel,
But not to mow the grass.

It's easier to make yourself tiresome than agreeable.

A white lie is one told by somebody whom we like.

The waiter who will not take a "tip" is not a typical waiter.

A lawyer will undertake any case that appears at all fee-ble.

Poverty keeps off more cases of gout than all the physicians cure.

The man who boasts of his small feet always has a head to match.

One grain of common sense weighs more than a pound of nonsense.

If the pessimist had his way sweet sixteen would be as sour as vinegar.

A small boy says coasting is all right in its way, but it has its drawbacks.

Still water may run deep, but some men who talk but little think still less.

Some people are so meek that they will look up to even the man in a hole.

It's impossible to derive any benefit from a new umbrella until it's used up.

If one cannot appear natural without striving to do so it is simply no use to try.

The telegraph operator and the mattress maker alike get their salaries on tick.

A man convinced against his will only shuts up until he can get another man to talk to.

"Does the catbird love the pussy-willow tree?" "Well, it likes it better than a dogwood."

The corn doctor should buy his land by the "foot," and the dentist by the "ache-re."

Everyone has a military title in Kentucky; even the ears of corn are made up of kernels.

"Do others, unless you want them to do you," is some people's version of the golden rule.

Lots of men who have traces of greatness in their make-up spoil everything by jacking over the traces.

When a man discovers that he has made a mistake he begins to look around for some one to blame it on.

The Orinoco river is entitled to be known as the Populist of waterways. It is 20 miles wide at its mouth.

A woman says her husband is so fond of an argument that he won't eat anything that will agree with him.

There is a beautiful statue in every block of marble, but only an expert sculptor can coax it to come out.

Human nature begins with a vulgar desire to attract attention and ends with a selfish determination to play hermit.

Clara—What shall I sing for you, Jack? Jack—Have you a song with a refrain? Clara—Yes Jack—Well, then, please refrain.

A woman's idea of making home attractive is to fill it full of crazy little tables which fall over when a man looks at them.

The man who marries the prize-winner of a cooking school must expect to supply enough raw material to keep up a great reputation.

In answer to the query, "What will the doctors do when they lose their 'grip'?" a New Hampshire miss answers, "Lose their patience."

The Philadelphia girl who claims to have had her hand squeezed \$5,000 worth will doubtless make it costly for the chap who takes a chance with her waist.

An Ohio genius has invented a chair that can be adjusted to one thousand different positions. It is designed for the small boy to sit in when he goes to church.

How She Managed Him.

A Kansas man said he would not eat again until his daughter was converted. The daughter would not be converted until the father consented to her marrying the man of her choice. The father enjoyed a fast of six days, the girl was married and then converted. All things come to those who have the courage of their convictions and wait.