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## HASTINGS AND HARMONY

### Thrown Around Recklessly on Last Tuesday

### GOV. STONE WAS SNUBBED

#### General Hastings Boss of the Whole Show and his Enemies Allowed to Crawl in Under the Canvass—Harmony in Big Chunks

One of the most amusing political conventions held here for many years was the republican assemblage on Tuesday. There was harmony, as the Phillipsburg people say, with a big H (Hastings). It was a Love-feast, in which Hastings eat up the other fellows, and the small fry are now scrambling to get in out of the wet. Some have made their humble apologies for following the false idols; others are trying to crawl in unnoticed, but such a general scramble can only be witnessed where there has been a complete defeat; and Dan. is diplomatic enough to make the terms of reconciliation as easy as possible, just so that they fall in line and "be good."

To call Tuesday's gathering a republican convention would be a misnomer, it was Hastings ratification meeting; and here and there the other fellows were given some latitude to soothe their feelings, so that the affair might assume some dignity in the public eye. It was an amusing gathering, and all who were in attendance had to laugh as the proceedings progressed, and even the principals had to turn aside occasionally and grin at the ridiculous events that transpired.

The primaries on Saturday were barely attended, the smallest vote was recorded in many years. At some points there were only enough to make out the papers to send a delegate to the convention. That showed there was general apathy at the way the roosters have been using the party the past few years to advance their own interests. They well knew that there was no use to come to Bellefonte to have anything done which did not suit these manipulators. The old-line voters simply were disgusted and stayed away from the primaries.

Over in Phillipsburg "Little Phil." Womelsdorf displayed his usual courage and bucked up against the combination and helped to carry a lot of delegates away from Allison, as a special display of his feelings for Hastings, and it was done right under Thompson's nose, and, it is said, tacitly, with his assent. In other places Sam. Diehl secured a few delegates, but not enough to amount to any considerable number. Sam. now knows that it is a mistake to buck up against the tiger, and is learning the same lesson that has been so forcibly impressed upon the larger fry. He, too will try and "be good" in the future.

The attendance was not very large when the convention was organized at 11 a. m. After all the preliminaries were completed the first joke of the season occurred when Gen. D. H. Hastings arose and in his usual stentorian tones made the announcement that "in the interests of harmony"—and then he swallowed suppressed smile—he would nominate Geo. M. Dale, Esq., as chairman of the convention. The joke passed through the room and everybody smiled, too, even "Jack" himself, not forgetting the time that he and Ed. Chambers soaked it to the "old man" at the convention held a few years prior in the opera house, on which occasion he also presided and Dan. and Reeder had to take back seats and gave them a dose of worm-wood and gall. "Jack" very modestly accepted the honor conferred and upon taking the chair was confronted with an appeal for "speech," but he has been under the Quay tutelage so long that he has learned that upon certain occasions it is well to leave the other fellows do the most of the talking, and announced that they were there for business and not speechmaking. G. W. Reese and W. E. Gray as secretaries, and H. C. Quigley reading clerk, were appointed. The next event of interest was the nomination of candidates for legislature which resulted in the following on the first ballot: J. W. Allison, of Spring Mills, 82; J. K. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, 87; Sam. Diehl, of Bellefonte, 8. The two first were declared the nominees.

For Jury Commissioner there were five nominees and there seemed to be a fair, open fight for the honors. It took five ballots to declare the result and it was close enough to make it real interesting throughout. At the conclusion the Robb men became enthusiastic over their close victory, and broke loose in a warwhoop, the first applause, heard during the proceedings of the convention. The following were in nomination: Wm. Robb, merchant, of Liberty township, who is a brother of the democratic nominee for the same office; John W. Decker,

ex county commissioner, of Potter; Mesh Williams, of Huston; Al. Bechdel of Liberty and And. Bowers, of Liberty. The following is the vote:

	1	2	3	4	5
Robb	35	36	41	45	46
Decker	27	25	32	45	45
Williams	16	16	18		
Bechdel	12	13			
Bowers	1				

The second joke of the season occurred when Gen. Hastings arose and nominated his old friend (?) Clem. Dale for congress, with power to select his own conferees, and everybody smiled again, and all the Dales in the court room smiled too, at the generosity of the "old man" at a time when there was nothing in sight. It went through on schedule time.

The third joke of the season was when poor Billy Gray, who had been told to re-nominate his friend (?) Wilbur F. Reeder, for chairman of the County Committee for the ensuing year, got up at the appointed time and said his little speech and as he sat down reminded one of a fighting cock with his spurs copped off close to the hilt.

The next part of the proceedings was a bit more interesting as the report of the Committee on Resolutions was to be heard, and everybody was anxious to see how much Daniel was agoing to swallow "in the interests of harmony." He was made the chairman of the committee by prearrangement, and everybody wanted to see how far he would step backward to contenance the Quay-Stone gang at Harrisburg, whom he and his paper have been so bitterly denouncing the past year. Now watch closely and you will see. Look all through the resolutions for an endorsement of the State Administration, can you find any? Here they are, as read by the General:

**RESOLUTIONS.**  
The Republicans of Centre county, by their representatives in convention assembled, do hereby re-affirm their devotion to the principles and traditions of the Republican party.

We endorse and applaud the administration of President McKinley and the wise and patriotic domestic and foreign policy which he has pursued.

We have witnessed with gratification the patriotism and ability displayed in dealing with the new and complicated questions which have confronted the Nation during the past four years.

We have experienced the benefits which have come to all the people by that wise legislation, which has given to the country a system of currency unexcelled in any land or in any time.

During the past four years we have had renewed and abundant proof of the inestimable value of the Republican policy of American Protection which has now become as much a part of the genius of our national existence as the Constitution itself.

We believe that our wage-earning people, who have been blessed with a degree of prosperity absolutely unparalleled during the past four years, will not agree to plunge the country into financial or economic chaos. The wage-earner is more interested in the outcome of this campaign than any other citizen. Let him guard well the sources and causes of his prosperity.

The policy of President McKinley and his administration toward the inhabitants of Cuba and Porto Rico has been such, both during and since the war, as to command the respect and admiration of all liberty-loving people.

The Democratic candidate for President, William J. Bryan, proved to the people of the country his entire sympathy with President McKinley's dealings with the Philippine question, by donning the uniform of the United States soldier and tendering his service with other troops for the Philippine campaign. His remaining in the military service until the close of the war is proof of his sympathy with the policy of President McKinley, and it now becomes him to raise the issue that what this country demanded and what he was offering to fight for then, is now imperialistic and dangerous to American institutions.

This convention is the best evidence that the Republican party of this county, sinking all personal or factional differences, is now re-united and eager for the redemption of Centre county from the control of free traders, free silverites and spoilsmen.

We enthusiastically endorse the ticket which this convention has placed in the field and we pledge to each and every candidate our united, hearty and enthusiastic support to the end that they may all be triumphantly elected in November.

**D. H. HASTINGS,**  
**AUSTIN CURTIN,**  
**ISAAC ARMSTRONG,**  
**C. W. HUNTER,**  
**O. M. KLING.**

During the reading of these resolutions there was occasional applause from the convention at some of the passages the General read with good effect. Following this there were short speeches by Reeder, Hastings, Jno. M. and Clem Dale that had the effect of taking some of the chill out of the proceedings. All claimed to have been inoculated with the Hastings-harmony-lymph and had confidence in a permanent cure being effected, and at the same time reached down their past legs to make sure that they had not lost their dirk-knives.

Taken as a whole, the convention was an exceedingly humorous and, at times, truly ridiculous affair. The farcical play of the principal participants was so noticeable that they could not conceal the duplicity.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**  
It seems that the Phillipsburg insurance

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## RURAL FREE MAIL DELIVERY

### To Be Given a Trial in Potter Township.

### IN EFFECT OCTOBER 1ST, 1900

#### Promises to Be a Saving as Well as a Great Convenience to People residing in the Country—One Delivery and Collection Per Day.

Frank J. Taylor, special agent for the rural free mail delivery for the Postoffice Department, was in Centre Hall on Tuesday in consultation with postmaster Boal on the advisability of rural free mail delivery for Potter township. Obtaining a county atlas, the agent very easily made a draft of the territory and the route, which will likely be as follows: Leaving Centre Hall at 9 a. m., daily, reaching all points in the township over a circuitous route, a distance of 20 miles, ending at Centre Hall, the place of beginning—to be yet submitted to the post-office department. Mr. Taylor will recommend rural free delivery for Potter township, and the department is likely to grant it, the service to begin October 1st, next. The people in the township must provide themselves with boxes to receive their mail, which will be under lock and key, and must be along the road in which to deposit their mail, and from which the carriers will lift mail and all other mail matter to be sent—virtually a postoffice right by the premises—a convenience that the people in the rural districts will appreciate. This will be the first rural delivery in the county, and ere long its satisfactory workings will cause it to spread over the county generally.

This will simply be an experiment, but from calculations made by Mr. Taylor it will be a great saving to the department of at least \$200, as the carrier for the new route will take the place of the former carrier and a number of the small postoffices in the township will be abolished. The present mail carrier is James Horner and the contract for the new route will be given at a bid.

Free rural mail delivery has been in operation in numerous parts of the country and is proving a success.

Since the above was written we learn that the contract for the new route has been awarded to Ed. Nearhood, of Centre Hall, at \$500 per year, and will be permanent. He will go over to South Potter as far as Boals Gap, each day on his route.

## MRS. KELLER'S BODY FOUND.

### She Was Found in a Mine Three Hundred Feet From the Opening.

The following is from Monday's Tyron Herald: The dead body of Mrs. Annie Keller, wife of Richard Keller, of Tyrore, was found in what is known as Fire Clay mine No. 1, about one and one-half miles from Dougherty, Saturday afternoon. The remains were discovered by Benjamin Seguin and Cyrus Maurer who were prospecting with a view to have the mine reopened. Mrs. Keller, in her wandering, came to the residence of Mr. Houck, near Dougherty, July 6th, who did not know at that time who she was. She stayed at his home all that night and the next day, early in the morning, she strayed away. It is claimed by one or two men, beside Mr. Houck, that they saw her on the 7th. If so, she must have been seen while on her way to the mine where her dead body was found. Her remains were discovered about 300 feet in from the mine's opening. She had removed her clothing as if to go to bed. The body was not much decomposed. Mrs. Keller had been ailing for more than two years, and her troubles at times affected her mind.

## An Explosion.

While in the process of casting a large forge hammer for the Tyrore Iron company at the Tyrore Foundry and Machine company's works Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock the casting exploded, throwing molten metal in every direction. Fortunately no one was injured. The inside work of the roof of the building was set on fire in several places, which caused the alarm at the Tyrore electric light depot to be sounded, but the fire was soon extinguished by the men at the works before the fire department arrived. The damage was slight.

## Attempt to Blow up a Safe.

The Bald Eagle Valley railroad station at Mill Hill Thursday night of last week was visited by burglars, who made a desperate attempt to blow open the safe. The burglars were two in number, and were in the station about midnight. Four young men who were in a box car near the station were locked in the car by the burglars and by threats compelled to keep quiet. The young men remained imprisoned in the car until yesterday morning.

## STANDS BY BRYAN.

### This Action May Turn Ohio Over to the Democrats.

Mayor Sam Jones, who got more than 100,000 votes as a candidate for governor has come out for W. J. Bryan. He has declined a congressional nomination at the hands of the Republicans and will give his best efforts to elect Mr. Bryan. This means the State of Ohio is for the Democracy. Mr. Jones issued recently a long statement in which he says:

"When I enter the booth to administer the sacrament of my ballot I shall use my best endeavors to record my conscience in favor of equality and against war, in favor of love and reason rather than of war and revenge, and I shall vote for William J. Bryan as the best way that I know of giving expression to these sentiments, believing him to be the candidate who most nearly represents, not the high ideals of a few great souls who have a vision of the perfected social state, but who does stand for what is best in the public conscience of America to-day."

In the beginning of his statement Mr. Jones refers to the circulation of a petition asking him to run for Congress, and then says: "I believe the time has arrived when it is my duty to state my position with respect to the issues of the National campaign so clearly that none who cares to know may have any doubt as to where Jones stands."

"If I do this as a candidate, the purity and sincerity of my purpose may be questioned, therefore in order to remove all doubt as to my motives I must decline to serve as a candidate in this campaign, that by so doing the personal element may be removed and my efforts and influence be taken at their true value in behalf of a principle."

"I believe that imperialism is the logical sequence of militarism."

The announcement of Mayor Jones has created a decided sensation throughout the State, and the Republicans are perceptibly scared, as they fully realize the Toledo mayor's strength. It is believed that Mayor Jones will carry at least 50,000 Republican votes to the support of Bryan and Stevenson.

## NEGRO BISHOP.

### Says He Will Cast His Vote for Bryan.

Bishop H. M. Turner, of the African Methodist church, denies the report that he will take the stump in favor of the election of Mr. Bryan. In an interview he says:

"I am not a Democrat, never have been one, and never expect to be, and I have no intention of stamping the country for Bryan. I dislike Mr. McKinley and the attitude which he has assumed towards the negro, and I intend to vote for Mr. Bryan in the belief that any change is better than none. This is no new change of heart with me."

"For sixteen years I have been cooling towards the Republican party ever since the decision of the supreme court, which practically held that a negro had no civil rights. From that date to this the decisions of the supreme court have been against the negro where a question of his political or civil rights was involved. I have heard of one instance where the supreme court held in the case of a negro from Texas that he was entitled to trial by a jury of his peers; that is, one composed of at least partly of negroes, but I have not verified this. The supreme court has practically decided against the negro and has nullified the amendments to the constitution."

"I don't know what Mr. Bryan's views are on the questions which affect the negro race, but I believe that he is a man of sufficient honesty to use his influence in behalf of right and justice."

"Mr. McKinley has done nothing for the negro except to appoint a few of them to office."

## Another Warning.

Tyron Herald says: Saturday at the shoe repairing shop of George W. Giffin, G. W. Curtin was examining a revolver that Mr. Giffin proposed to sell him, when a load was accidentally discharged from the weapon, the ball entering the second finger of Giffin's right hand at the knuckle and coming out at the second joint. Mr. Giffin's hand was resting against his breast at the time, which doubtless prevented the ball from entering his body. Fortunately it was a glancing shot or may have proved very serious anyhow. Mr. Giffin's hand is pretty sore but he is able to work.

## Milton Fair.

The Milton Fair will be held on October 2, 3, 4 and 5 and from present indications will be the best in its history. Greater and better exhibits in every line. The speed program has been carefully arranged so that trials for speed will be especially interesting—\$2,200 being offered for speed alone. All railroads will sell excursion tickets to Milton, Pa., on Oct. 2-5, at reduced rates.

## PATRON'S EXHIBITION

### In Full Blast at Centre Hall this Week

### WILL DISCUSS OLEO TODAY

#### The Attendance Not as Large as Former Years—Cool, Dry Weather—Crowds on Wednesday and Thursday—Events of the Week.

The Grangers' Picnic was quiet on Monday, exhibits not having been as many as formerly. The raw wind acted as a chill upon visitors. Sunday there were many visitors by vehicles, mostly from Bellefonte and that section.

The roads through town, as well as in the country, were unpleasantly dusty. The attendance is not likely to be as large as formerly.

A good sermon was preached to a large audience in the auditorium Sunday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Schuyler.

A drum corps discourses soul inspiring martial music near headquarters in a manner to make the 60-pounder naval gun quake with patriotism as it lies on guard in the main avenue.

Early Monday a set of Vermont fodder cutters were placed on exhibition, but the agent did not find the usual steam power on hand to run them and show their working merits. A set of cream separators were also put in place.

Thornton Barnes' Philadelphia store opened on Monday, likewise Benner's Centre Hall store. The merry-go-round got on its tracks Monday evening. D. C. Keller runs the boarding tent in first-class hotel style and Mike Condo runs a soup restaurant.

Col. James Weaver, the able grange lecturer, with his family and fitting, arrived at the post of duty on Saturday and began housekeeping in his tent. The stalwart farmer orator, Isaac Frain, who always talks sense right to the point, arrived Monday and soon was at home in his tent with all the needed comforts. Chairman Rhone had been busy for many weeks working up the encampment to the point of success, aided by his committee.

The auditorium, headquarters, State College building, the railroad officials' quarters and the Thornton Barnes store have been lit up by acetylene gas with fine effect. The plant was put up by Mr. Sober, of Lewisburg, and beats coal gas all hollow for brilliancy.

The opening exercises on Monday evening were of an imposing order.

The storm on Wednesday morning, the 12th, wrecked many tents on the picnic grounds, which required many repairs, when, after a few days all was in trim again for this week.

Wednesday sixty tents were occupied by individuals and different granges. The attendance yesterday was good, and it looked more like the Grange Picnic in years gone by. Quite a bit of additional machinery and other exhibits arrived.

The grounds are very dusty, owing to the prevailing dry weather.

Tuesday afternoon a meeting was held in the Auditorium which was presided over by Master George Dale of the County Pomona Grange. Addresses were made by Past Master Isaac Frain, of Abdera, and Col. James F. Weaver, lecturer, of Milesburg. In the evening there was an entertainment by the Aldramatic Company, of Williamsport.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock there was a meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange. In the afternoon the speakers were Hon. W. F. Hill, of Crawford county, worthy master of the State Grange and Hon. J. T. Allman, of Juniata county, secretary of the State Grange.

Thursday is Oleomargarine day and there will be some strong speeches against the business that Gov. Stone and John Hamilton have been protecting.

## Gash Two Inches Long.

Last Friday evening while Mr. Thompson and Mr. Overdorf, two Jersey Shore butchers, were engaged in skinning a beef at Pine, the former's knife slipped, cutting a gash two inches long across the back of Mr. Overdorf's hand severing an artery. Dr. Corson, of Charlton, was sent for, who put six stitches in the wound. Mr. Overdorf was very weak from the loss of blood. The above is from L. H. Express. This we think refers to Amos Overdorf, who formerly resided near Nittany, Pa.

## School House Burned.

The Gem school house at Munson station on the Centre county side of the boundary, caught fire from a clearing Wednesday morning Sept. 13th at 4 o'clock and was burned to the ground. The building contained a \$35 Franklin library, which was also destroyed together with all the furnishings of the room. The loss is about \$700, with \$400 insurance on the building, and \$100 on the contents.

## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

### Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

#### McKINLEY.

BY LAM DAM SAM.

Who furnished beef, embalmed and tinned, Until the soldiers' ranks were thinned, While Uncle Sam was being skinned? McKINLEY.

Whose brother raked the boodle in And traded in pyroxylin And profited by Alger's sin? McKINLEY'S.

Who'd tear the great republic down And wear a king's imperial crown And place a guard in every town? McKINLEY.

Whose agents were the scalawags That sailed away with floating flags To steal away the Cuban money bags? McKINLEY'S.

Who stood for silver brave and bold And then reversed himself for gold And never has the reason told? McKINLEY.

Who fears and minds his burly boss And sends our armies far across The ocean? 'Tis the Canton joss— McKINLEY.

What namby pamby hypocrite Enthroned would willy-nilly sit— The Great Napoleon's counterfeit? McKINLEY.

Who let our soldiers die like flies In swamps beneath the tropic skies And heeded not the mothers' cries? McKINLEY.

Who sacrificed the boys in blue And saved the harem of Sulu? Oh shame! Oh shame! for what was you? McKINLEY.

And who declared our aim to be To trade with Porto Rico free With no obstructing tariff fee? McKINLEY.

And then who asked for tariff high And hoisted prices toward the sky And never told the people why? McKINLEY.

Who wages now unholy war— The devil only knows what for— And lets the Briton kill the Boer? McKINLEY.

With chart and compass overboard, Who sent the state ship drifting toward The maelstrom, saying, "Twas the Lord!" McKINLEY.

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What an old sea dog likes—a barque. An old English custom—paying duty. Facts, fowls and females are stubborn things.

"I can't bear you," said the camel to the last straw. Church choir singers ought to attend religiously to their duties.

The baker ought to know something about the crust of society. Nobody wants overflowing measure when it is a peck of trouble.

The bank teller is a man who counts in almost every community. The person who "knows it all" is generally altogether too "nosey."

The man who sells drinking water in bottles seems to have a clear case. It is indeed a discouraged judge who remarks, "What's the use of trying?"

When a gambler goes to the theatre he ought to know what's a good play. A Cincinnati policeman was recently injured by the accidental discharge of his duty.

It is to be feared that the bells which usually call young men to church are spelled differently.

More than one woman spends a lot of money on a best black silk which she saves up for grand occasions; then when the time comes around to wear it she spends a lot more money getting it altered up-to-date.

The crowing of a hen indicates disaster. One morning early in July Farmer Jones heard a hen crowing lustily and immediately reminded his wife that it betokened misfortune. She laughed at his foolish fears but that afternoon her cousin from the city arrived to spend the summer accompanied by four children, a nurse, a sore-eyed poodle and three big trunks.

Sing a song of penitence, a fellow full of rye, four and twenty serpents dancing in his eye; when his eye was opened he shouted for his life; wasn't he a pretty chump to go before his wife? His hat was in the parlor underneath a chair, his boots were in the hallway, his coat was on the stair, his trousers in the kitchen, his collar on the shelf, but he hasn't any notion where he was himself; when the morn' was breaking, some one heard him call, his head was in the ice box, which was the best of all.

A brother editor is responsible for this sublime outburst: Our heart is swelling with gratitude and our voice is choked with emotion like a muley cow, with a turnip in her throat. The world is, after all, a happy one, and as we gaze from the window of our editorial monastery at the sun-kissed landscape, 'tis sweet visions of milk and honey, humming birds and molasses dance before a circus procession. Last Saturday one of our subscribers came up and paid in cold cash and cold blood three years in arrearages and two years in advance.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. 25c