



DANIEL HARTMAN HASTINGS,
Ex-Governor of Pennsylvania, Died January 9, 1903.

Sudden Death of An Eminent Citizen

DANIEL H. HASTINGS

Succumbed to an Attack of Pleuro-Pneumonia, Last Friday Morning. The Community Mourns a Great Loss—Large Funeral on Tuesday, Attended by State Officials and Men of Distinction.

Last Thursday morning, at the hour of going to press, inquiry at the home of General D. H. Hastings, in regard to his condition, brought the assurance of a decided improvement and all were hopeful of his recovery. Twenty-four hours later he was in the embrace of death.

Gen. Hastings came home Sunday morning, 4th, from Philadelphia. He had a slight cold that gave him no concern. Sunday evening he had a chill; against his protest a physician was summoned and his symptoms were found to be serious, though not alarming. He grew worse on Monday, and Dr. Harris, the attending physician, Drs. Klump and Hays, were in frequent consultation. They felt that he could survive the attack of pleuro-pneumonia, as long as no other complications arose. Knowing that in the past year Gen. Hastings had suffered from kidney affection and a disordered stomach, and that the heart action was not steady, they had reason to give his case close attention. Dr. Roland Curtin, pulmonary specialist of Philadelphia, was called into consultation last Wednesday. During Thursday he showed decided improvement and all were hopeful. At midnight there was a drop in temperature and the heart action became weak. Oxygen and all other effective means were employed but gradually he grew weaker. Friday morning his condition was considered hopeless and at 10 o'clock he breathed his last.

He was conscious up to a few hours of his death and at times inquired about numerous friends or matters in which he was interested. Courageous and strong, he could not realize that his ailment was as serious as represented.

In his last hours about his bedside were gathered his faithful wife, his two daughters, Helen married to Ross Hickock, of Harrisburg, and little Sarah, about eight years of age; also his sister, Mrs. Saltzman, of Lock Haven.

The announcement of the death of Gen. Hastings cast a gloom over our com-

munity. While his serious illness was known and the result feared, yet the tidings of death fell on unwelcome ears. Men of professions, tradesmen, women in the household, children on the street, stooped in mute suspense; all seemed to pause in mournful silence over the loss of an eminent citizen, a statesman, a good neighbor and friend whom they loved more for his kindly, generous nature than remarkable attainments and achievements. He was an honor to the community and his usefulness was manifested in many spheres of life. His successful business enterprises would have enabled him to, at some time, make a substantial benefaction to this community, and of which he often spoke. He hoped to live to a mellow old age, spend the eventide of life here in Bellefonte among friends and neighbors, amid familiar scenes where in earlier years he began life's struggle, toiled and shaped and forged out a most illustrious career. These are reasons why the announcement of such an untimely death fell like a dark pall over our community and seemed to sicken men, as they suddenly and so forcefully were again reminded of the uncertainties of life and the common fate of all.

From all parts of the state came tender messages of comfort and sympathy for the bereaved family. Governors, U. S. Senators, men of eminence and distinction, as well as humble citizens, in this manner endeavored to pay a fitting tribute to the dead and if possible assuage the grief of those who mourn.

Gov. Stone issued a proclamation announcing the death of his predecessor in which he paid the deceased a high tribute. Adjutant General Stewart issued a general order Saturday, notifying the National Guard of Pa. of the death of General Hastings. On Saturday the city press contained extended reviews of Gen. Hastings' career, accompanied by editorial tribute that was of unusual merit. From all parts of the state were expressions of deepest sorrow over the sad news.

On Sunday memorial exercises were held in the Methodist church, of which the family were members. The pulpit was appropriately draped, the music by the choir was specially selected, and the sermon of Dr. Shriner was a deserving tribute to the deceased.

Monday the casket containing the body was opened for the public to take a last view. It stood in the centre of his spacious library, where in life he spent many busy hours or found recreation in entertaining many friends. During the day hundreds of people came and went including the pupils of all the schools of our town, of which he at one time was superintendent.

Saturday morning the Bar Association assembled to prepare a memorial and hold a public meeting on Tuesday.

THE FUNERAL.

Last Tuesday was a memorable day in Bellefonte, it marked the consignment to the tomb of another famous citizen, an Ex-Governor of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Although the Frost King made the atmosphere piercing, almost unbearable, from early morning throngs came to Bellefonte to witness the final obsequies. Draped flags were everywhere manifest, store windows with the familiar face in sable gloom everywhere greeted the eye. A solemn hush seemed to pervade the busy thoroughfares as the delegations from all parts of the state arrived and were assigned. All business was suspended, public works closed for the funeral.

At 11 a. m. the Centre County Bar Association held a public meeting in the court house, which was effectively draped. Ex-Gov. James A. Beaver presided and in his opening remarks spoke of the characteristics and striking parallels in the lives of Andrew G. Curtin and Daniel H. Hastings. The "Bar Asso. Memorial" was then read by D. F. Fortney after which addresses were made by Senator S. R. Peale, of Lock Haven; Col. John I. Rogers, of Philadelphia; Captain W. C. Kress, of Lock Haven; Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield; and M. D. Kittell, Esq., of Ebensburg.

From early morning until the casket was removed, several thousand people passed in and out the library of the Hastings mansion where the body reposed in a massive black casket, with silver trimmings which was finally enclosed in a large cedar case with bronze handles. Surrounding the bier were mounds of floral tributes and evergreens, from friends at home and a distance—the largest ever witnessed here, and bespoke a wide acquaintance and strong friendships.

The services were conducted at the house. Rev. Wilford P. Shriner had charge of the services and read the opening Scripture passages, after which the choir rendered "Lead, Kindly Light."

Rev. George Israel Brown read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. W. A. Houck, of Hazleton, offered a prayer. The Rev. Mr. Shriner preached a brief sermon, and was followed by the Rev. William Laurie, Rev. H. C. Holloway and Dr. George Edward Reed, Presiding Elder J. Ellis Bell, of Altoona, made the closing prayer, and the services ended with the singing of "Abide With Me."

As the funeral cortege proceeded on its way the court house bell tolled at half-minute intervals, while at the same time in Harrisburg a salute of seventeen guns was fired.

In the procession to the cemetery, Company B, Fifth Regiment, of this place, marched in a hollow square around the hearse as a guard of honor. Governor Stone and staff and numerous public officials, the Bellefonte Lodge of Masons, and the Centre county bar, in addition the relatives and friends followed the body to the grave, where the Masons took charge. The Masonic services were conducted by Acting Worshipful Master Wilbur F. Reeder, assisted by Chaplain George Israel Brown.

LONG LIST OF FLOW-BEARERS.
The honorary pall-bearers were Chas. Emory Smith, J. Henry Cochran, David Martin, Alex-

ander E. Patton, Wm. P. Duncan, Lawrence L. Brown, S. S. Blair, A. G. Morris, Fred Kurtz, Robt. B. Baker, J. H. Sanderson, Jno. C. Delaney, Jas. H. Lambert, Jno. I. Rogers, Geo. Nox McCain, J. S. W. Holton, J. B. Reed, M. D. Kittell, Vance McCormick, Geo. W. Creighton, Wm. A. Patton, M. E. Olmsted, Lane S. Hart, Jno. H. Weiss, Geo. B. Oriady, James A. Beaver, Wilson C. Kress, E. A. Bigler, J. L. Mitchell, C. F. Warwick, Jas. P. Coburn, W. L. Malin, Wm. M. McCormick and E. T. Postelthwalte.

The carriers were John P. Harris, D. F. Fortney, J. L. Spangler, W. C. Heinle, F. W. Crider, Geo. F. Harris, Ellis L. Orvis, Jno. C. Miller, John Meese, J. H. Wetzel, Isaac Mitchell, Jas. A. McClain, L. T. Munson, Thomas A. Shoemaker, Wm. B. Mingle and Wilbur F. Reeder.

At the grave the floral tributes were banked high and hid the heap of yellow earth that had been taken out to make the grave. The sides of this silent home were lined with white and draped with smilax.

FRIENDS WHO WERE PRESENT.

Among them were Gov. W. A. Stone and his staff; ex-Gov. Beaver, Judge R. C. Archbald, of Scranton, and District Attorneys J. M. McCarroll, of the United States District Court; Judge Geo. B. Oriady, of the Superior Court; former Judge Dimmer Beeter, of Philadelphia; Fish Commissioner Jas. A. Dale, of York; ex-Mayor, Chas. F. Warwick, of Philadelphia; Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield; Dr. Sykes, of Philadelphia; Seth T. McCormick, Col. F. M. Patterson, Pittsburg; Gen. Supt. G. Creighton, of the Pennsylvania; Col. W. C. McConnell, Shamokin; Col. J. M. Reed, Connelisville; W. E. Wallace, Clearfield; Congressman-elect S. R. Dresser, Dubois; Gen. John A. Wylie, Lieut. Gov. J. P. S. Gobin, Gen. Schall, of the First Brigade; Postmaster C. W. Scott, of Williamsport; Wilbur F. Harris, Harrisburg; A. S. Grow, Philadelphia; Adj. Gen. Thomas T. Stewart, State Treas. Frank Harris, Auditor Gen. E. B. Hardenbergh and many others.

PERSONAL TRIBUTES.

The following are a few brief tributes to the memory of Daniel H. Hastings, dec'd, by some of his neighbors, who probably knew him best from contact in business or through personal relations:

Gen. Hastings was cast in a large mold. Of commanding personal presence, the distinguishing features of his character were equally impressive.

He was large mentally. Without the favoring development of the schools, his early preparation for the work of a teacher led to the development and maturity of his mind, so that, when compared with those who had greater earlier advantages, he did not suffer in the comparison.

His heart was large. Generous to a fault, he responded to every appeal with a readiness and largeness known and recognized not only in our community but wherever people came in close contact with him.

He was a born leader. He naturally dominated. The shaping influences of the preparation for his life work emphasized this natural tendency. As a result, he was a poor follower.

He was never startled by the magnitude of a proposition and was seldom stalled in carrying into execution any measure which appealed to his best judgment. His departure leaves a large void in the community which will not be filled.

JAMES A. BEAVER,
(Ex-Gov. of Pennsylvania and member of Superior Court.)

It affords me great pleasure, after an acquaintance of more than 35 years, to add a word in memory of our highly honored and universally esteemed fellow townsman, the late Ex-Gov. of Penn., Daniel Hartman Hastings, dec'd, a man of high ambitions and noble purposes, an excellent citizen, a good and pure Governor, a kind and indulgent husband, a true friend, and an honest man; "to know him was to love him." Long will his memory live in the hearts of those who have so often made glad by his kind words of encouragement and generous acts, both in public and private life, by the common name of "Our Dan." His sincere friend,

JAMES P. COBURN,
(President First National Bank.)

In the sudden and unexpected passing away of Gen'l Hastings I feel as if a large part of my life had gone with him. For over 30 years, since 1872, we have kept a close, unbroken and faithful friendship. In this friendship we did not intrude politics nor take up each other's private quarrels. Thus, for a generation, we went along in a confidential companionship, promoting business interests and enterprises for our mutual profit and advantage. Gen'l Hastings was an untiring worker in these matters. He was enthusiastically energetic, methodical and painstaking. He was always ready to assume the rough and outdoor work in our enterprises. In the organization of the Blunk Coal Co., The Sterling Coal Co., The Bakerton Coal Mining Co., The Hastings Improvement Co., The Spangler Improvement Co., The Spangler Water Co., The Bakerton Water Co., etc., Gen'l Hastings was the field man, ever willing to go to the front and push the railroad to the mines, open up the coal, build the tipples and equip the plants. In all this rough and tumble hustling, for so many years, Gen'l Hastings maintained a jovial, sunny disposition—mixing hard work with witticisms, anecdotes, fun and innocent diversions. May I modestly mention that in all these years of earnest work and business complications Gen'l Hastings and myself never had a single serious misunderstanding. To say that I miss this man is absurd—to me this world is lonelier without him. He has gone from this world, but his friends, who admired, enjoyed and loved him, will join him in that other world where the friendships of this can be renewed and kept forever.

J. L. SPANGLER,
(Personal friend and associate in business.)

Hastings, the son of humble parentage, became a child of fate, because in

him were the elements of greatness. Taught in the stern school of experience he was a liberal, practical, broad-gauge man. Narrowness and bigotry found no lodgment in him. His capacity to organize, control and command men was unlimited. He would, if occasion afforded, have made a great soldier. He more than measured to every opportunity, from the little school house in Wayne township, to the office of Governor of our great Commonwealth. Johnstown demonstrates this. He went to see the destruction wrought. It was a tremendous occasion. A man was needed. He was there. In six weeks he was known and honored by the entire country for his great work. Under the same circumstances, he would have met and overcome the unequalled burdens of either Curtin or Lincoln.

D. F. FORTNEY,
(Member Centre county Bar Association.)

It is impossible to adequately portray so complex a character as that of Governor Hastings in a single paragraph. His life is typical of the causes of success. A poor boy, without patronage or aid, he achieved distinction at the bar, in politics, in finance and on the forum. In each field he worked hard for success and attained it. No doubt his splendid physical presence and his rare social qualities may have aided him. Nevertheless he owes most of his success to his ability to do hard work, to a judgment of unusual discrimination, and to his power to win and dominate men.

ELLIS L. ORVIS
(Member Centre county Bar Assn. and partner in coal enterprises.)

The life work of General Hastings having so recently ended, it is difficult at this moment to fully express ones estimate of his most distinguished characteristics.

From my intimate relations with him during twenty years and upwards, it seems to me that the most pronounced traits of the man were: sound judgment, keen perception, intense and untiring devotion to any cause espoused by him, an innate sense of justice and right; absolute fidelity to his engagements and lasting attachment to his friends.

Broad and comprehensive as he was, these traits brought to him that great measure of success which attended him and his efforts in every avenue of life. He stands out today as a most conspicuous example of the honor, dignity and success to which every American youth may attain, and his life and example will ever be a stimulus to the rising generation of the land.

The beautiful floral emblems which today cover his resting place are but symbols of those real palms of victory and those real crowns of glory which adorn a lifetime of good works done and good deeds ended.

WILBUR F. REEDER,
(Gov. Hastings' Deputy Attorney General, and law partner for many years.)

STRANGE COINCIDENCES.

On New Years day, at the Union League, in Philadelphia, the following, General A. L. Pearson and George M. Von Bonnhurst, of Pittsburg, and Ex-Governor D. H. Hastings, of Bellefonte, composed a little party who dined together. They were old time friends and the meal was the occasion for many pleasanties. They all went home with colds. General Pearson died last Monday 15, from pneumonia, Mr. Von Bonnhurst on Tuesday and General Hastings Friday, from the same disease. During his illness Gen. Hastings frequently inquired regarding the condition of the others who were first to become ill. He was much affected to learn of the death of Von Bonnhurst, and at the time had little thought that he would follow soon.

It was but a few weeks ago that General Hastings attended the funeral of Wm. E. Gray, Esq. Mr. Gray and Gen. Hastings always were personal friends, but politically were the leaders of the opposing warring republican factions in this county many times were in heated contests and were sagacious, courageous, yet generous in personal affairs. Their deaths will in a large measure change the future politics of Centre county.

Not many weeks ago the following men chanced to meet at the Bellefonte Steam Heat works: Henry Brockerhoff, a stockholder; Wm. Hogarth who was repairing the boilers and George Aston an employee. All were apparently in good health, and in a free and easy conversation they spoke of their respective ages, also as to length of life before them. Strange to say all three suddenly were summoned to answer death's call. Mr. Brockerhoff died on the morning of January 1st, in Philadelphia; a few hours later Geo. Aston died at his home near Milesburg and Wm. Hogarth died suddenly January 3rd. This is another striking coincidence.

Only Two Ex-Governors Living.

The death of ex-Governor Hastings reduces the number to two, James A. Beaver and Robert H. Pattison, though within ten days Governor Stone's retirement will make three. Mr. Pattison has just entered upon his 54th year, ex-Governor Beaver, now one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, is in his 66th year, and Governor Stone 55. Of the six Governors who have served out terms under the present Constitution three, Harrison, Hoyt and Hastings, are dead

GEN. HASTINGS' NOTABLE CAREER

Was a Child of Poverty, but overcame Adversity

ACHIEVED FAME and FORTUNE

The Story of a Remarkable Youth—He Achieved Success Where Most Men Despair—An Example for Emulation by Young men.

Daniel Hartman Hastings was born on a farm in Lamar township, Clinton county, February 26, 1849. His father, William Hastings, was a native of Ireland, and his mother was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, a few miles from the home of Robert Burns.

William Hastings and his young wife came to America soon after their marriage, and settled on a farm in Clinton county. They were extremely poor. The future Governor was the ninth child born to them, and each of the nine was obliged in early youth to contribute every possible effort toward the family support.

The early opportunities of the future Governor, as might be imagined, were limited. He worked on the farm in summer and fall and attended the district school in the winter. The few books he possessed, some sermons of Wesley, a copy of Shakespeare and a Bible being the principal volumes, had been read through and through before he was out of school.

Daniel Hastings was of an inquiring and studious temperament, but while a mere stripling he was required to leave his rude desk in the country schoolhouse and take a place behind the plow or the harrow. It was in his 12th year that rumblings of war disturbed the country, and in his 13th that Abraham Lincoln asked for 75,000 volunteers.

EAGER TO BE A SOLDIER.

Three of the boy's elder brothers marched away from the country home, and as he gazed after them the stripling said that he, too, would be a soldier. A few weeks later he left home at night and ran all the way to Lock Haven, where he asked the recruiting officers to enroll him in the ranks of his country's defenders. The appeal was received with laughter, and the boy was sent home. A few weeks later he again stole away from home and reached Williamsport, where similar rebuffs met his boyish ambitions.

Months later, when the smoke of battle was black in the South, this country plowboy left his father's fields a third time, and made his way, barefooted and coatless, to Carlisle. This time even boys were needed at the front, and Daniel Hastings' name was enrolled with the volunteers. But before his squad could be organized and sent South his parents learned of his whereabouts and demanded his release from the service. The demand was of course complied with, and the boy of Irish vim and Scotch persistency was denied the privilege of fighting for the Union.

At 14 years of age he started out to make his career. In the early winter of 1863 he became a school teacher under the following circumstances:

He heard that a school in Wayne township was vacant, borrowed \$1, trudged twenty miles through the snow, and secured the appointment conditioned upon his passing an examination. He walked back to Lock Haven the same day, was examined and received his certificate, returning on foot in time to open the school the next morning. His money was gone, and he began life on his own account that day without anything to eat. In the next four years he alternately taught in district schools and helped his father work the farm. In the intervals he pursued a systematic course of study, and in 1867 was elected principal of the High School, in Bellefonte. By virtue of his office he was also superintendent of all schools in the borough.

He has been a trustee of the Methodist church of Bellefonte for many years, and served for some years as one of the trustees of Pennsylvania State College; and was serving in the same capacity of Dickinson college, Carlisle, Pa., as well as connected officially with a number of other educational institutions of the State.

In the course of his term of service, which continued for eight years, he studied under the direction of competent professors and mastered the sciences, Latin, Greek and higher mathematics. Moreover, he studied law and edited the Bellefonte Republican. In 1875 he was admitted to the bar and immediately became a member of the law firm of Bush & Yocum, which was changed to Bush, Yocum & Hastings. His ability as an attorney was immediately recognized, and his practice grew rapidly. The law firm of Hastings & Reeder was formed in 1880 and continued until recent years.

LEADER IN LOCAL POLITICS.

Hastings also took a place as leader (Continued on page 4—2nd column.)