

## GOVERNORS OF PENNSYLVANIA

PERSONAL RECOLLECTION OF MANY OF THEM.

Their Personal Appearances and Distinguishing Characteristics Briefly Outlined by One of the Veteran Residents of the Capitol City.

Read Article in This Section in the Morning Star Independent.

The former governors of Pennsylvania I can recall several. I saw John Andrew Shunk, governor from January, 1855, to July, 1857, when he died, was a man of large build and frame, perhaps the tallest in stature of all the governors, and had a strong and benevolent face. He had practiced law in Harrisburg and was secretary of the commonwealth during the first administration of Governor Porter. He, like Governor Porter, was a native of Montgomery county, but resided in Pittsburgh when elected governor in 1851. He was a son-in-law of Governor William Fladley, governor of Pennsylvania from 1857 to 1859. I saw him once and he impressed me with his gigantic stature and winning manner. He was re-elected in 1857, and as before stated, died in July, 1858. William F. Johnston, of Armstrong county, by virtue of his office as speaker of the state senate, became his successor. The remains of Governor Shunk were escorted to the railroad station by the Pennsylvania soldiers who had just returned from the Mexican war. He is buried at the Trappe, his native place. A son, William F. Shunk, who resides on the river road above Harrisburg, is one of the most noted dry engineers in the country, if not in the world. He now lives in South America on a surveying expedition.

William Frazer Johnston, who became governor because of the death of Governor Shunk, was nominated by the Whig party in 1858, and re-elected at the October election for the full term of three years. His opponent was Morris Longstroth, then a canal commissioner of Quaker antecedents, and a very estimable gentleman. His nomination was not well received by many Democrats, who had desired either that William Black or Jeremiah H. Black should be the candidate and Johnston was elected by the small majority of 295. He was an extremely handsome man, large and well proportioned, had a strong, intellectual face, was an entertaining and convincing speaker, and one of the most genial of hosts and companions. He was the first to introduce stump speaking in the candidacy for governorship of this state.

### BIGLEE AND POLLACK.

In 1851 the Democratic state convention, which met at Reading in the month of June, nominated William Bigler, of Clearfield county, for governor. He was born in Perry county in 1832, and was then but 39 years of age. He had been a printer, editor and carpenter, had been a state senator and was speaker of the house in 1848. He was a large, portly man, with a strong face, was a very excellent speaker and drew immense crowds during the campaign. In private life he was somewhat reserved, but a warm friend and generous host. The same year his brother, John, a printer, and who, it is understood, was the founder of the Harrisburg Post, was elected governor of California on the Democratic ticket. William Bigler's record as governor was a sturdy specimen of Pennsylvania manhood. He was about five feet ten inches in height, had a splendid head of iron-gray hair, a florid complexion and sparkling gray eyes. He was rather stout in manner, but had strong conceptions, determined will, and a great ability strong in his friendships and忠厚 in his character. He was well known to the older people of Harrisburg, having resided here after his retirement from office, if his remains are interred in the Harrisburg cemetery. In racial resemblance his son, General Horace

### HARTRANFT AND HOYT.

Governor Hartman, who succeeded Governor Bigler, was a man of distinguished presence, and was of a noted family. His father, Andrew Porter, had been an officer in the Revolutionary war, and was appointed surveyor general of Pennsylvania by Governor Simon Snyder, which position he held until his death in 1813. A brother, George C. Porter, of Lancaster, was a governor of McLanahan Territory during a portion of General Jackson's term as president, and another brother, James M. Porter, of Easton, was secretary of war during a portion of President Tyler's administration. Governor Porter was a sturdy specimen of Pennsylvania manhood. He was about five feet ten inches in height, had a splendid head of iron-gray hair, a florid complexion and sparkling gray eyes. He was rather stout in manner, but had strong conceptions, determined will, and a great ability strong in his friendships and忠厚 in his character. He was well known to the older people of Harrisburg, having resided here after his retirement from office, if his remains are interred in the Harrisburg cemetery. In racial resemblance his son, General Horace

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He is still a young, brawny man, very few, if any, gray hairs having made themselves perceptible. He has developed wonderfully since his first election, being now one of the most enterprising and eloquent speakers in the state, and is always in demand, especially in religious assemblies. His fine presence, tall and erect person, and graceful manner make him a conspicuous personage at all times and under all circumstances. He is gentle and attractive in the social circle, and his presence is always sought. He is extremely popular with the people of Harrisburg, who look upon him as one of their own, having been elected when the town began to develop and always manifesting interest in its growth and prosperity. No more popular executive has ever occupied the executive mansion, and the reception of himself and wife were invariably crowded by the people of all classes in the community.

Governor Patterson is tall and spare in his movements, although lacking on strength, the result of the hard life he led in the civil war, is very active in his movements. He has a strong, intense and fair, brown hair, mustache and whiskers not being gray, has a sonorous voice, a ready command of language, and is always an interesting speaker. He is particularly sought for in church and Sunday school gatherings. He is of Scotch-Irish descent and is a prominent member of the Presbyterian church. While governor he was affable and easy of approach. When the superior court was organized, his old townsmen, adjutant general and successor as governor, appointed him one of the judges to which position he was subsequently elected, and is now serving. In his intercourse with the people of Harrisburg he was pleasant and generally liked. During

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"An elder in this church has a right to resign. It is a right guaranteed to him by the constitution of the United States and of this Commonwealth. It is his inalienable right. He doesn't like the way things are going; he doesn't like somebody in the church. 'I decline,' he says, 'to serve the church further.' He resigns and his resignation is accepted. Now after he is gone that man has no right to say to John Smith who is elected to take his place, 'If you accept your election I will report you to my friends; I will get them to do all they can to harm you in your business. I will advise them to keep away from your store; I will try to get my friends not to sell you or your wife bread or meat.' Friends, what think you ought to be done with such a man? I don't need to tell you. The laws of the state declare that if you can prove such things against the man he must go to Cherry Hill near Philadelphia."

"I have nothing to say against labor unions, rather I believe in them, but am saying that labor associations or strikers are responsible for the boycott that is now existing in the present time and in this city and valley. Nor indeed am I relating this incident simply to attract attention, but I am narrating the case because they are facts and they illustrate the awful and dangerous and trifling nature of boycotting, against which God and the laws of men have solemnly decreed. It's the boycott and not strikers or labor unions that I am preaching about and against."

"Friends, what is needed and what each man must demand for himself is the right to assert his individual independence and the duty to help his fellow men, aside from the dictates of all other men. Here in this city every man may be a free man and if he is not it is his fault and not that of any system of government or state of social and industrial life. I say every man is a free man, and he should allow no organization to come in between him and his highest and best interests. Every man's first duty is to his family and no man or set of men, no one but Almighty God should be permitted to dictate to that man how he will support his family so long as he keeps the laws of God in respect to the use of himself. He has a right to work when he pleases and where he pleases and work at what he pleases, and he should allow no one for a tenth part of a second to in any way interfere with his work and his rights in this regard. If a man wants to belong to a labor association let him have perfect liberty to stay out. Where in heaven or in the earth from man or men does one man or do any body of men accuse to themselves the right to place a manacle on the hands or feet or hand or heart of a fellow man? Friends there is no such prerogative. Man is a free moral agent before God and he is a free moral agent before his fellow man. To deny this is to endorse anarchy!"—From the sermon by Rev. George E. Guild, D. D. Preached Last Sunday in the Providence Presbyterian Church.

### MADE A MISTAKE.

And Almost a Tragedy Followed in a Sleeping Car.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Larsen and Collins are members of the same class at college. They also belong to the same fraternity and have been chums ever since they started to public school together. As is their habit, they came home the other day to spend Thanksgiving. Larsen and Collins made it a rule when they traveled together to occupy berths directly across the aisle from each other. So when Larsen got the berth tickets for the trip home to Chicago last week Collins was justified in taking for granted that their berths were opposite. But Collins was tired and turned in early, leaving Larsen in the smoking room.

Early the next morning, before it was light, Collins was awakened by one of his shoes striking him on the back. At the same time he heard the derisive voice of Larsen urging him to get up. He stuck his head out between the curtains as quickly as he could, but Larsen had already disappeared. Cautioning he reached across the aisle and parted the curtains of the opposite berth. The villain was lying with his back to the aisle, pretending he was fast asleep. "I'll fix him," said Collins to himself. Quietly he crept down the aisle to the water tank, filled a glass with ice water and tipped back to Larsen's berth. Pulling apart the curtains, he reached in and poured the ice water over the sleeping man.

A wild shriek came from the berth out of it jumped a plump and elderly man with long, white side-whiskers. At the same moment Larsen burst out of the berth immediately above that occupied by Collins. "Who did it?" shrieked the old gentleman, foaming with rage. Collins, unable to help himself, ran for life down the aisle to the smoking room, while started face downward and the porter, both awoken by the racket, came rushing in to investigate. As they approached Larsen leaped out of his berth and addressed them.

"I thought I had him safe," he said. "But he's often get violent in this way. We're on our way back to Elgin, and he's been perfectly quiet for the last two weeks. If you'll explain it to our old friend across the aisle I'll go and make him come back and go to bed." After the man on whom the ice water had been poured had insisted on the porter moving him to the other end of the car Larsen led Collins back to his berth and then mounted guard until the train pulled into the station in Chicago.

The next time the two take a journey together there is likely to be a sequel.

### BLUEJAY WAS SAVAGE.

How It Attacked a Hunter and Gave Him a Serious Wound.

From the New York Times.

A sparrowhawk camping on one of the turrets of Sullivan county offered to his mate to sit in his nest in his party could guess how he had received an injury to a finger which he held bleeding before the spectators. No one guessed and the man went on to explain that while standing by the lake he had seen a bluejay flying over so close above his head that he instinctively threw up his hand to stop it. The bird neither stopped nor swerved, but instead dashed straight for the hand, striking it with such force that the bill penetrated to the bone and sent the blood spurting as though the man had been struck by a knife.

This sort of action is in line with the general conduct of the jay. It is one of the most aggressive birds on the continent, robbing the nests of other birds, and sometimes even killing young squirrels. The chief good thing that can be said of it is that it often rids the nest of the English sparrow.

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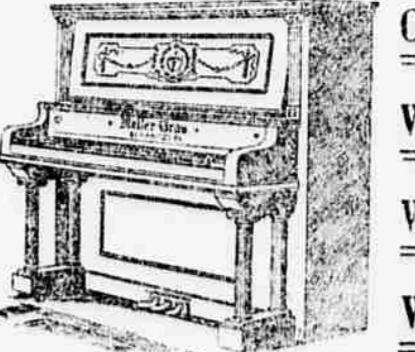
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