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## THE N. Y. "HERALD,"

A VERY FAR SEEING JOURNAL, ON THE TENDENCY OF THE TIMES.

The Democratic Party can afford to wait while the country surely drifts in its direction—Harrison's Educational Term.

The Democratic leaders can afford to sit still while the country slowly drifts in their direction.

The people made a mistake last autumn when they voted for a Republican policy, and are beginning to see it.

As to Mr. Harrison, he is an able and honest man. There isn't a Republican on the continent who could make a better record than he. Personally he has a claim on the respect and good-will of every one.

He represents certain party policies, however, which he is bound to carry out. He will undoubtedly be true to his convictions, and there is the danger, for the more he insists on carrying out those convictions the worse it will be for the country.

Hamilton, the father of the Republican party, was an aristocrat. He had no sympathy with the governing masses, always distrusted them and preferred a monarchy to a republic. He had very little faith in the perpetuity of American institutions, because he despised what are known as "the people."

He felt that the moneyed class should be the ruling class and that the masses ought to be kept in the background.

Mr. Harrison's party has inherited that conviction and represents it at this moment.

Under the rule of that party the rich continually grow richer while the poor continually grow poorer.

Its policy is, therefore, a political blunder, and in its last results will become a political crime.

It consistently throws its influence in favor of the monopolist and is the natural parent of the combine.

While it continues syndicates flourish like a green bay tree and the workingmen will be ruthlessly sacrificed.

What it calls protection is simply a protection of a few, while the many are driven to strikes in order to obtain wages above the starvation point.

The word "protection" has an alluring sound; the thing it really stands for is damnable.

The mill owners of Connecticut and Massachusetts were hoodwinked last autumn. They were told if the protective tariff were taken off their raw materials they would be ruined. They therefore voted for the Republican policy, and went to sleep with the feeling that they had done a public service.

They now see that unless they get their raw materials free of duty they will soon have to close their works and lose what little they have made.

A very great change in this respect has taken place within a few months. Eastern manufacturers are in the dumps; they voted for the sword which cut their own throats, unless they jam it back in its sheath. They now demand a very material reduction of tariff duties. It is a matter of life and death with them.

They couldn't understand this last year, but now their decaying business has made it altogether too plain. They are penitent, but the penitence comes too late.

If they had re-established the Democratic policy of a lower tariff their business would now be booming. They want a large market for their products. If they could get access to the markets of the world they would undersell all competitors, and their mills might be run on full time with profit to the owners and workmen alike.

But the Republican bosses won't admit this, and so the mill owners must dodge bankruptcy if they can and the laborer must keep from starving if possible.

It is not Mr. Harrison's fault. He is a good man with a bad theory, that is all. The Democrats have been sneered at by party workers because the last campaign was an "educational" one, in which the Democratic party was knocked out.

All right. Mr. Harrison's four years will also be educational, and when they end the people will refuse to be the cat's paws of monopolists any longer. Then the Republican party, with its protective humbug, will be sent flying.

The people are learning their lessons very rapidly.

### The Apple Crop.

From every appearance the apple crop this season will be a very light one, and lovers of apple-butter will not have their usual supply of that kind of spreading. This, however, is not a regular apple year, though from the fact that the crop last year also was not a full one many persons looked for a good one this year. The trees bloomed well, but the cold wet weather of the spring injured the blossoms to a very large degree—the young fruit after formation dropping off almost totally. Next year will be the regular apple year, and we may hope for a good crop then.

## BOARD OF TRADE.

Important Letters Read and Resolutions Adopted.

At the special meeting of the Board of Trade Tuesday afternoon, the following resolutions were adopted after some discussion:

WHEREAS, The Johnstown Board of Trade is composed of citizens of the several corporate municipalities, and it deems proper that it should take some action by which the citizens may be assisted to rebuild their homes with comfort and safety to their families, and that our commercial interests may be restored. To that end we believe that these declarations are truths that will solve the problem of the present situation:

First: We admit that the benevolent people of the world have done more for us than a suffering people could expect, and it is now time that we turn from the consideration of our personal affairs to those which affect the public interests.

Second: We believe it is essential to consolidate under a city charter for these reasons: Neither borough can raise a sufficient sum to restore its public property; the several separate municipalities seeking public aid to dredge our rivers and protect their embankments weaken a just claim; consolidation would enable us to better protect our rivers and prevent encroachments upon their banks; hereafter, and for these reasons, consolidation is a necessity.

Third: If we operate under a city charter we will then be able to negotiate a loan, payable within thirty years. This fund can be used to build all necessary bridges within the proposed city limit; to construct all public buildings and school houses; to open and improve the highways, rivers, sewerage system, and the fire departments.

Fourth: That a competent engineer be employed to make proper surveys and estimates.

Fifth: That our present temporary bridges will not stand an ordinary rise in our rivers, and it is necessary we should be insured that communication will not be cut off either in the winter or spring. Our fordings must be opened, and either pontoon or other suitable passage ways should be provided for now.

Sixth: That this Board appoint a committee of fifteen persons to meet with the Councils and citizens of the several municipalities with a view to cause these declarations to be adopted, and that said committee counsel with Senators Cameron and Quay and with Congressman Scull, and endeavor to provide proper matter to procure aid from our National or State Governments in dredging our rivers and protecting their embankments.

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen be appointed to present these declarations to the several corporate bodies and persons for execution.

The following was offered:

Resolved, That the President, with W. H. Rogensue, S. D. Canan, and the Secretary, be authorized to appoint the Committee of fifteen.

The Secretary read the following letters from Gov. Beaver and Dr. Lee.

HARRISBURG, August 23, 1889.  
James Quinn, Esq., President Board of Trade, Johnstown, Pa.

MY DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 20th inst., enclosing resolutions of the Board of Trade over which you preside has been received. The subject therein referred to has given me much anxiety and has been the subject of very careful thought and inquiry for some time past. I had a consultation upon the subject with Dr. Lee several weeks ago. His opinion then was that the material which had been worked over the towns of Millville and Woodvale was clean, and in no sense of an unsanitary character.

He could not, he informed me, conscientiously condemn the localities as unhealthy, and therefore had no power under the law to order work done. Inasmuch as I have no authority in the premises, except as it is derived from the action of the Board of Health, I could take no action. I am this morning in receipt of a letter from the Doctor in which he sends me a copy of his letter of the 23d inst., addressed to you.

It is somewhat impertinent for an entire outsider to make suggestions as to the future of Johnstown. I feel so much interest in the subject, however, and have given so much thought to it that I cannot but express to you my conviction that the future of your town—that is, the stability of its future—depends upon your elevating the grade of the entire valley.

This, under ordinary circumstances, would be a herculean task. You have such unrivaled facilities, however, for obtaining the best kind of filling that it would be neither expensive nor a matter of very long delay. If the persons who live on your main streets would elevate their buildings so as to provide for the filling up of streets, and the Cambria Company were furnished with bridges for conveying their slag and other dumping material into the town, you would soon have your principal streets filled.

This, of course, would be a matter of great inconvenience for the present, and it would take some time to accomplish the desired results, but, in the end, your town will be beautified, made more healthful, would present greater barriers to the encroachments of the floods, and present many more attractions for newcomers.

I have followed with deep interest the proposition to establish the towns, so far as the dwelling houses are concerned, upon the hill-tops. Having occupied a tent upon the hillside lately there, I was struck with the beauty and apparent healthfulness of the location. It seems to me that the future of your town is settled if the plan of building dwelling houses upon the hill-tops is followed out and the valley left for business and manufacturing purposes. People who are anxious for homes could then build upon healthful and cheaper lots, without danger of either malaria or floods, and the whole future of your region thoroughly assured.

With this project, however, I have nothing to do, as I have already intimated, but if it were carried out the filling up of the valley would be a very much easier problem and capable of a practical solution.

I am entirely ready and willing, as I have been from the first, to co-operate in any way with the State Board of Health

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OFFICIAL, 1889.

| DISTRICTS.                  | Prothonotary. |         | Reg. Assessor. | District Attorney. | Poor House Director. |       | Coroner. | Co. Surveyor. |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|---------------|
|                             | DAVID.        | MILLER. |                |                    | WALTERS.             | OHNE. |          |               |
| Adams Twp.                  | 14            | 3       | 18             | 5                  | 19                   | 18    | 14       | 4             |
| Allegheny Twp.              | 15            | 10      | 25             | 7                  | 11                   | 23    | 20       | 17            |
| Ashley Twp.                 | 17            | 10      | 18             | 10                 | 8                    | 18    | 17       | 12            |
| Barr Twp.                   | 36            | 5       | 41             | 11                 | 23                   | 8     | 41       | 11            |
| Blacklick Twp.              | 10            | 2       | 12             | 4                  | 12                   | 11    | 12       | 11            |
| Cambria Bor., 1st Ward.     | 32            | 15      | 47             | 40                 | 24                   | 33    | 30       | 24            |
| Cambria Bor., 2d Ward.      | 74            | 74      | 144            | 1                  | 86                   | 56    | 82       | 82            |
| Cambria Twp.                | 11            | 5       | 15             | 6                  | 4                    | 6     | 13       | 15            |
| Carrolltown Twp.            | 11            | 5       | 15             | 6                  | 4                    | 6     | 13       | 15            |
| Carrolltown Twp., 1st Ward. | 35            | 35      | 65             | 8                  | 8                    | 25    | 60       | 59            |
| Chest Springs Bor.          | 16            | 5       | 22             | 5                  | 3                    | 12    | 30       | 19            |
| Chest Twp.                  | 5             | 13      | 30             | 15                 | 6                    | 30    | 30       | 29            |
| Clearfield Twp.             | 36            | 13      | 39             | 8                  | 6                    | 37    | 38       | 38            |
| Conemaugh Twp.              | 114           | 115     | 229            | 5                  | 130                  | 99    | 117      | 91            |
| Conemaugh Bor., 1st Ward.   | 47            | 30      | 80             | 3                  | 39                   | 25    | 46       | 28            |
| Coopersdale Bor.            | 25            | 14      | 37             | 9                  | 9                    | 1     | 9        | 1             |
| Croyle Twp.                 | 25            | 14      | 37             | 9                  | 9                    | 1     | 9        | 1             |
| Dean Twp.                   | 12            | 11      | 23             | 11                 | 11                   | 11    | 11       | 11            |
| East Conemaugh Bor.         | 12            | 11      | 23             | 11                 | 11                   | 11    | 11       | 11            |
| East Taylor Twp.            | 18            | 7       | 19             | 12                 | 6                    | 12    | 14       | 4             |
| Ebensburg, East Ward.       | 8             | 7       | 15             | 5                  | 6                    | 10    | 10       | 4             |
| Ebensburg, West Ward.       | 34            | 33      | 67             | 8                  | 12                   | 14    | 17       | 11            |
| Elder Twp.                  | 3             | 4       | 5              | 3                  | 3                    | 3     | 3        | 3             |
| Franklin Bor.               | 10            | 1       | 11             | 4                  | 1                    | 10    | 1        | 1             |
| Gallitzin Bor.              | 3             | 3       | 6              | 3                  | 3                    | 3     | 3        | 3             |
| Gallitzin Twp.              | 31            | 2       | 33             | 33                 | 3                    | 10    | 23       | 3             |
| Grubbtown Bor.              | 1             | 1       | 2              | 1                  | 1                    | 1     | 1        | 1             |
| Jackson Twp.                | 15            | 15      | 30             | 13                 | 22                   | 18    | 18       | 18            |
| Johnstown, 1st Ward.        | 18            | 12      | 30             | 13                 | 22                   | 18    | 18       | 18            |
| Johnstown, 2d Ward.         | 36            | 39      | 60             | 49                 | 17                   | 29    | 35       | 23            |
| Johnstown, 3d Ward.         | 34            | 37      | 60             | 47                 | 14                   | 26    | 32       | 20            |
| Johnstown, 4th Ward.        | 5             | 4       | 42             | 19                 | 33                   | 9     | 38       | 12            |
| Johnstown, 5th Ward.        | 11            | 5       | 39             | 26                 | 33                   | 21    | 38       | 16            |
| Johnstown, 6th Ward.        | 1             | 1       | 1              | 1                  | 1                    | 1     | 1        | 1             |
| Lower Yoder Twp.            | 1             | 1       | 2              | 1                  | 1                    | 1     | 1        | 1             |
| Millville, 1st Ward.        | 32            | 3       | 35             | 19                 | 19                   | 25    | 33       | 28            |
| Millville, 2d Ward.         | 85            | 15      | 78             | 1                  | 88                   | 9     | 39       | 79            |
| Monster Twp.                | 13            | 2       | 14             | 3                  | 6                    | 6     | 13       | 2             |
| North Twp.                  | 10            | 13      | 23             | 3                  | 36                   | 34    | 40       | 35            |
| Prospect Bor.               | 29            | 3       | 41             | 23                 | 19                   | 39    | 6        | 33            |
| Reade Twp.                  | 12            | 12      | 24             | 12                 | 12                   | 12    | 12       | 12            |
| Richard Twp.                | 10            | 13      | 23             | 10                 | 13                   | 13    | 13       | 13            |
| Stoney Creek Twp.           | 12            | 9       | 38             | 3                  | 35                   | 24    | 3        | 39            |
| Summerhill Twp.             | 1             | 1       | 2              | 1                  | 1                    | 1     | 1        | 1             |
| Susquehanna Twp.            | 22            | 24      | 33             | 19                 | 30                   | 25    | 17       | 17            |
| Susquehanna Twp., 1st Ward. | 22            | 24      | 33             | 19                 | 30                   | 25    | 17       | 17            |
| Tunnelhill Bor.             | 17            | 9       | 25             | 3                  | 15                   | 7     | 25       | 1             |
| Upper Yoder Twp.            | 21            | 19      | 34             | 34                 | 34                   | 10    | 5        | 28            |
| Washington Twp.             | 9             | 4       | 37             | 4                  | 39                   | 34    | 3        | 32            |
| Washington Twp., 1st Ward.  | 2             | 13      | 14             | 3                  | 11                   | 1     | 13       | 2             |
| White Twp.                  | 1             | 1       | 1              | 1                  | 1                    | 1     | 1        | 1             |
| Woodvale Bor.               | 14            | 23      | 35             | 3                  | 18                   | 15    | 6        | 11            |
| West Taylor Twp.            | 16            | 4       | 20             | 1                  | 19                   | 18    | 4        | 16            |
| Total.                      | 1235          | 1014    | 2195           | 175                | 1,290                | 844   | 1489     | 708           |

### County Committee.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Democratic County Committee, at the primary on Saturday:

Adams township, James Costlow; Allegheny township, John S. McCoy; Ashville borough, J. R. Rhody; Barr township, J. D. Eager; Blacklick township, J. B. Hite; Cambria borough, First ward, E. O'Neill; Cambria borough, Second ward, George Frick; Cambria township, Thomas Hoover; Carrolltown borough, Andrew Eckenrod; Carroll township, James Mellon; Chest Springs borough, J. B. Noonan; Chest township, Jos. Hipsch; Clearfield township, Joseph A. Ganner; Conemaugh township, no election; Conemaugh borough, First ward, Albert Geislar; Conemaugh borough, Second ward, Michael Navin; Coopersdale borough, W. B. Adams; Croyle township, P. F. Lewis; Dean township, Dennis Cawley; East Conemaugh borough, Thomas McCabe, Jr.; East Taylor township, James B. Clark; Ebensburg, East ward, W. H. Byrne; Ebensburg, West ward, James McBreen; Elder township, P. E. Dillon; Franklin borough, D. A. Murphy; Gallitzin borough, M. Fitzharris; Gallitzin township, A. P. Seiberts; Grubbtown borough, W. R. Grubb; Jackson township, Peter Kelly; Johnstown, First ward, R. M. Linton; Johnstown, Second ward, David Kirby; Johnstown, Third ward, John T. Martin; Johnstown, Fourth ward, George Ludwig; Johnstown, Fifth ward, George Harshberger; Johnstown, Sixth ward, Joseph Koontz; Johnstown, Seventh ward, Adam Hibner; Lilly borough, Wm. McGough; Loretto borough, Dr. John Murphy; Lower Yoder township, James Cole; Millville, First ward, Thos. Melvine; Millville, Second ward, James Miranah; Munster township, Joseph W. Griffin; Portage township, Geo. A. Meers; Prospect borough, John O'Tool; Reade township, J. J. Kitch; Richard township, J. B. Cole; Stoney Creek township, George Shaffer; Summerhill township, no election; Susquehanna township, J. L. Baer; South Fork borough, C. N. Crouse; Tunnelhill borough, John C. Hanland; Upper Yoder township, W. A. Lantz; Washington township, 1st. Luke Burgoon; Washington township, 2d, S. A. Myers; White township, no election; Wilmore borough, P. F. Kerby; Woodvale borough, James Kane; West Taylor township, James Eckels.

### OBITUARY.

MRS. CATHARINE NOLEN.

This lady died at her home on Coal street, Conemaugh borough, on Sunday night. She was a daughter of the late John D. Kearney. Her mother was a sister of the aged John Weakland who resided on Vine street for many years, who at the time of his death was the oldest person in the city. Her husband went to California in 1851, and never returned home. It is supposed he died there. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Sue, wife of Frank Sauer, who resides in Conemaugh borough. Mr. Bart Kearney who resided on Franklin street before the flood is a brother of the deceased, and Mrs. Michael Burns, of Braddock, wife of a well-known former citizen of this place, is a sister.

Mrs. Nolen was a consistent member of St. John's Catholic Church, and had the consolations of her faith administered to her before her death.

The remains will be interred this morning in the old graveyard in Conemaugh borough, at 9 o'clock.

### Marriage Licenses.

(Charles Scully.) Conemaugh (Gussie McGarty.) Conemaugh (Abraham Williams.) Johnstown (Emma Haterlein.) Johnstown (Andrew Olson.) Gallitzin (Sophia Peterson.) Gallitzin (Lizzie Zolner.) Carrolltown (Christina Beare.) Carrolltown (P. M. McCreary.) Morellville (Blattie Leslie.) Morellville (Leander Reynolds.) South Fork (Margaret Cook.) South Fork (James P. Conley.) Wilmore (Mary Kirby.) Wilmore (John Fox.) Fayette county, Pa. (Mary Ann Lester.) Johnstown (William E. Lewis.) Grubbtown (Lizzie Launder.) Grubbtown (Samuel P. Wagner.) Coopersdale (Jennie Bennett.) Morellville (Ambrose Jenkins.) West Taylor (Emma McCoy.) Coopersdale

### Citizen's Meeting.

A quiet meeting of representative citizens from our several wards and boroughs was held in the rooms of Mr. John Thomas Monday, at which an important step was decided upon. By universal consent Mr. John Thomas was made presiding officer, assisted by Dr. Wagoner, with Mr. Frank Horrell as Secretary.

A fund of one thousand dollars was started to employ legal talent, who are to determine upon what best method of procedure should be used to obtain damages from the South Fork Fishing Club. As fast as the secretary could put down the amounts money was given. Within a few minutes more than four hundred dollars was subscribed. It was decided to allow all who wished ten days in which to give a share, and those not giving any, in case damages were awarded, were to receive none. The amount of such damage going only to those who subscribed. The following persons were appointed to solicit assistance:

Thomas Pearl, in the First ward, Conemaugh borough; Emanuel James, Second ward, Conemaugh borough; J. Horton, Woodvale; G. S. Paul, Franklin borough; N. S. George, South Fork; J. Wilson, Mineral Point; Dr. Conrad, Grubbtown; Geo. W. Stutzman, Coopersdale; Each James, Millville; J. James, First ward; J. T. Harris, Second ward; Louis Wehn, Third ward; E. Zang, Fourth ward; B. F. Horner, Fifth ward; A. Blauch, Sixth ward; John Waters, Seventh ward; H. O'Connell and J. Burkhardt, Cambria City; Mr. Kridel, Morellville. Mr. John Thomas was made treasurer. Doctors A. N. Wakefield and Wagoner and Frank Horrell were appointed a committee with instructions to obtain services of Messrs. Rose and Linton, who were to enter at once upon the proposed investigation.

### The New Bessemer Plant Starts.

The cylinder of hydraulic crane number two at the Bessemer Steel Works broke yesterday afternoon. The accident will cause a decrease in the output of about one half. The break was due to the gradual wearing out of the crane which is subjected to constant usage. The new Bessemer plant which has been finished for some time will be started this morning. One blow had been made in it before when it was found necessary to do some additional work on the engine. This has been finished and it is now to be constantly used. The old plant will be repaired and held in readiness for any emergency. Its capacity has been from seven hundred and fifty to eight hundred tons in twenty-four hours. The new plant will have a capacity of nine hundred tons in same time. It was to have been started on Thursday at any rate, all its machinery is heavier and better made than that of the old.

In consequence of yesterday's accident the rail mill was not in operation last night.

### Accident at Cambria Iron Company Machine Shop.

Mr. Frank Jones one of the Cambria Iron Company's Machinists Tuesday while at his work on a planer had the end and nail of his index finger taken off.

## A DRUMMER WITHOUT TROUSERS.

His Wise and Modest Department While Off in Search of a Pair.

A dispatch from Louisville, Ky., says: Will Hansard a travelling salesman of this city, was last week pursuing his calling in Bell and Harlan counties. These two counties are the most mountainous and thinly inhabited in the State. Just before starting back to Louisville he passed the night in a farm house in Harlan. When he went to bed he hung his trousers on a chair near the window. Next morning the trousers were gone and no one knew where. Some one passing in the night had reached in at the window and taken them, for his host was above suspicion.

Mr. Hansard called loudly for the farmer, expecting to borrow a pair of trousers from him. His wife came to the door and said that her husband had gone hunting an hour before, and as he had only one pair of trousers he had naturally worn them. Here was a dilemma, but his hostess, who was a woman of expedients, solved it. She came to the door with one of her Mother Hubbards and suggested that the drummer put it on. He consented. She tossed the garment to him and closed the door. He got into the Mother Hubbard, went out to the stable, hitched up his team, and climbed into his buggy. Here he took the garment off and handed it back to the kindly old lady, who was full of sympathy for him. The buggy concealed his lower extremities, and he wrapped his linen duster around them to keep them warm.

Mr. Hansard drove quickly to the nearest store, about four miles away, expecting to buy a pair of trousers there, for all the country stores keep ready-made clothing. When he got there he found numerous ladies who had congregated to see the opening of some new goods. He could not leave his buggy, but he yelled for the proprietor to come out, and to him he made known his predicament. The merchant brought to him five or six pairs of trousers. He drove down into a neighboring hollow, tried them on, found a pair to fit him, and thus his tribulations were ended.

### General Hastings Confers with Him on the Amount Due.

The Matter Will be Settled by Arbitration—General Hastings Compliments McKnight For His Good Work at Johnstown.

Pittsburgh Leader, Wednesday.  
Gen. D. H. Hastings was at the Hotel Anderson to-day for the purpose of winding up some business yet unfinished when he left Johnstown. He was met at 10:15 this morning by Contractor James McKnight, who became famous by his work at Johnstown, for which he claims a large portion of money is still due him. It will be remembered that on the second Monday after the flood, Gen. Hastings stood on the bridge at Johnstown, overlooking the jam, and said aloud: "That jam must be opened and the bodies in it gotten out as soon as possible." Mr. McKnight, who was in charge of the work at that time, said: "General, if I am given my own way I will have the Conemaugh at this point cleared before the sun rises on Sunday morning."

"Let no one interfere with you," was the General's response, "clear the stream, let the water flow, and above all, extricate the dead."

Waiting for no further orders Contractor McKnight put his men to work, and they kept at it night and day. During that week his head scarcely touched a pillow, at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon he thought he would make his words good. Regardless of criticism he worked away, and an hour later he put in a pound of dynamite that shook the earth, and in doing so he broke the jam, a stream ten feet wide was opened and hundreds of bodies taken out. For a while the jam was the lion of the day. General Hastings telegraphed Governor Beaver of the good work that had been done. The Governor in return sent a note expressing his gratification and commending General Hastings on the feat accomplished, which every one thought would require at least a month to perform. After the excitement passed over McKnight was delayed and his force reduced, and so often did this happen that he grew tired of it until at last he was relieved. He claims there is still a balance of over \$31,000, which he paid out, due him from the State. It is to settle this account that the meeting was held at the Hotel Anderson to-day. Present at it were the following gentlemen: General Hastings, William Flinn, Philip Flinn, Book-keeper McClelland, James McKnight, Colonel Gray, Colonel Hill and Contractor Anschutz. The meeting was held in room 56. Col. Gray and Col. Hill were there to present the pay roll of the military to Gen. Hastings, which amounted to over \$15,000. This sum is to be refunded to the State and relief funds out of the military fund. The money, however, has all been paid out, and all that is required is for Gen. Hastings to approve of the transfer of funds in the departments mentioned. When the meeting adjourned all present but William Flinn were free to talk. He said he was not interested in the matter and had nothing to say. It was learned that through McKnight and Gen. Hastings, an agreement was reached by which the matter was to be arbitrated. Mr. McKnight is to select a representative, the State to do the same, and these two are to select the third. Gen. Hastings, on the part of the State, agreed to this, as did the others interested. The men who are to arbitrate have not yet been selected, nor has the time for their sitting been fixed. It was stated, however, it would be arranged with all possible speed. Gen. Hastings urged the plan adopted as the most satisfactory, giving as a reason that if he ordered the claim paid no attention would be paid to it in Harrisburg, unless it was endorsed by disinterested parties. A gentleman who heard the remarks, said this went to show how a great disaster like that of Johnstown could divide the leading men of the State. Before the flood Hastings and Beaver went hand in hand but since the former's reign as military ruler in Johnstown these two could "never hit it."

General Hastings is in favor of paying McKnight's bill and has expressed himself. Besides, this he says there was not a man in Johnstown who did better or quicker work.

After the meeting General Hastings, who was as good natured as ever, was seen by a Leader man. He said: "My business here is to try and settle up McKnight's claim. I want to close it as soon as possible and get it off my hands. It has been too long standing now and as a means of a speedy settlement I have adopted arbitration."

He refused to say anything about Beaver's repudiation of the \$125,000 loaned him by the Pittsburgh Relief Committee, saying he knew nothing about it. Contractor McKnight expressed himself as satisfied with the arrangements made, and feels now that the money due him will soon be paid. He says he is satisfied to make any fair settlement in order to end the matter.

Attorney General Watson, of Ohio, called on General Hastings to-day and after a few moments' conversation General Hastings informed him that he intended to stump Ohio for Foraker in the coming campaign. He will begin his speaking in about a month.

## MCKNIGHT'S CLAIM.

GENERAL HASTINGS CONFERS WITH HIM ON THE AMOUNT DUE.

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