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John Ruskin

Books are never far from a scholar's hands, just as songs are never far from a singer's lips.
Chinese Proverb

Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.

Mason Cooley

I alternate between reading cook books and reading diet books.

Mason Cooley

Hastings Historical Trivia

- For whom was the City of Hastings named?
- What was the original county seat of Adams County?
- What company is headquartered in the Victory Building in downtown Hastings?
- What foundation donated the money for the Planetarium at the Hastings Museum?
- What was the first building built on the Hastings College campus?
- What railroad line built the train depot located on First St. at St. Joseph Ave.?
- Who invented Kool-Aid?
- What was the original name of The Kensington?
- Which is the oldest building in downtown Hastings?
- What U.S. President attended the groundbreaking for the Carnegie Library?
- What U.S. President dedicated the Gray River?
- Teddy Roosevelt
- Ronald Reagan
- Railroad engineer Tom Hastings
- Junilda
- Dutton-Lainson
- J.M. McDonald
- McCormick Hall
- Burlington (& Missouri River)
- Edwin E. Perkins
- The Clarke Hotel
- The Farrell Block (aka Stone Block) built 1880

Answers:

Hastings Historical Trivia

- Fisher Rainbow Fountain was named to honor a former Hastings mayor.
 a. What was Mayor Fisher's first name? b. Where was he born? c. What was his occupation?
- Hastings has had significant boom and bust swings, including variations in population. What was Hastings population in each of the following years?
 a. 1880 b. 1890 c. 1900 d. 1920 e. 1930 f. 1950
- The Liberty Bell came to Hastings for a one-hour stop on July 9 of what year?
- What physical handicap did Hastings College Professor F.M. Hickok possess that aided him in rescuing grade school children during the Blizzard of 1888?
- James Laird was an early Hastings pioneer, a lawyer in the famous Print Olive murder case, and the first U.S. Congressman from Hastings. What adorns his grave in Parkview Cemetery?

Bonus Questions: In what year was the

1. Railroad engineer Tom Hastings
2. Junilda
3. Dutton-Lainson
4. J.M. McDonald
5. McCormick Hall
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10. Teddy Roosevelt
11. Ronald Reagan

Answers:

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1a Jacob | 1b Heidelberg, Germany | 1c Baker |
| 2a 2,817 | 2b 13,584 | 2c 7,188 |
| 2a 15,490 | 2f 20,211 | 3. 1915 |
| 4. He was blind | 5. A big cannon | |
| 6. 1872 | b 1874 | c 1882 |



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