



### THE CANVASS FOR GOVERNOR.

Elkin's Present Gait not Fast Enough to Win Out.

Attorney General Elkin has been exceptionally fortunate in the delegate elections of the past week, and the pace at which he is traveling is something of a surprise to those who had supposed his campaign would go to pieces as soon as Senator Quay and Mr. Durham declared against his nomination. But the pace is not fast enough, even if it can be maintained, to enable him to win.

Including the elections in the five counties of Crawford, Dauphin, Erie, Monroe and Northumberland on Saturday, 173 delegate to the State convention have been chosen. This is six less than one-half the whole number, leaving 185 yet to elect. The division of those elected given as impartially as possible on the best obtainable information is: Elkin, 85; Pennypacker, 19; Watres, 14; uninstruced, 53, and in dispute the two from the First Luzerne District. In this statement Mr. Elkin is given all the delegates instructed for him and all who are known to have declared for him, including those of Lancaster, McKean and Mercer, which were not instructed by any convention.

From these figures, which we believe are as nearly accurate as it is possible to make them at this stage of the canvass, it will be seen that Mr. Elkin must secure ninety-five more delegates out of the 185 yet to be elected in order to secure a bare majority of the convention. To put it another way, he must elect every delegate but four left to be chosen outside of Philadelphia, unless he can pick up some of those from the uninstructed list. There is not much margin there. The uninstructed counties are: Adams, 2; Bucks, 5; Beaver, 3; Carbon, 2; Clinton, 2; Columbia, 1; Crawford, 4; Cumberland, 3; Dauphin, 1; Erie, 6; Greene, 1; Lehigh, 5; Lycoming, 4; Pike, 1; Potter, 2; Schuylkill, 3; Snyder, 1; Sullivan, 1; Susquehanna, 3; Venango, 3. Erie county may instruct for some candidate at its convention this week, but is not for Elkin. The delegates from Crawford will be given to any candidate for Governor who will nominate Dr. Flood for Lieutenant Governor, and the Lehigh delegates would probably perform a similar service to secure second place for Mayor Lewis, of Allentown. All the others in the uninstructed list are pretty well declared against Elkin's nomination.

The counties yet to elect are: Allegheny, 33; Philadelphia, 86; Bedford, 2; Butler, 3; Cambria, 5; Cameron, 1; Centre, 2; Clarion, 2; Elk, 2; Fayette, 5; Fulton, 1; Huntingdon, 2; Mifflin, 1; Montour, 1; Northampton, 5; Perry, 1; Somerset, 3; Tioga, 4; Warren, 3; Washington, 5; Westmoreland, 8; York, 6. The eighty-six delegates from Philadelphia, it is well understood, will be for Judge Pennypacker, leaving ninety-nine to be elected in twenty-one other counties. Mr. Elkin will do well if he gets one-half of these, including twenty-five of the thirty-six Allegheny delegates, though it is not certain he will get any of them, since disposition is shown by the Pittsburg Machine to take to the convention uncommitted such delegates as it can control and await developments. Outside of Allegheny it is conceded that Mr. Elkin will get Northampton—unless Chairman Reeder changes front—very likely Westmoreland and possibly Somerset, but not much more.

It looks, therefore, as if, under the most favorable estimate of his final strength, he would fall from fifty to seventy behind a majority of the convention. It is much easier to foresee this than to predict who will be nominated, though with the solid delegation of Philadelphia supporting him the nomination of Judge Pennypacker seems most probable at this time.

To the Elkin delegates mentioned above must be added six from Dauphin, and four from Crawford.

### Boy Hasty Hart.

Last Saturday as George S. Smith and his ten-year-old son, Frank, were hauling lumber in Middleburg, the boy started the team down hill over a rough road, a board slipped off and struck the horses. The horses started to run and the boy slipped off the wagon and fell to the ground. The wheel caught the leg below the knee and peeled the flesh from the bone from the knee to the ankle. The bone was laid absolutely bare, but was in no wise injured.

### Those Loose Stones.

There is much complaint that supervisors do not properly comply with the law demanding the removal of loose stones from the public highways at stated times. This is a complaint that should not be necessary. The roads would be much improved if this law were more strictly enforced.

### Deferred Meeting.

The cemetery meeting was postponed from last Monday night to Monday night of next week.

### K. G. E. TO GO TO JOHNSTOWN.

Grand Castle Chooses the Next Meeting Place.

The Grand Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at its meeting in Shamokin last week, balloted on the selection of a place of meeting for 1903, with the following result: Johnstown, 228; Easton, 41; Philadelphia, 17; Harrisburg, 10; Reading, 6.

The Grand Temple reported as follows: Fifteen temples were instituted during the year, making 128 in the State; the membership is 7429. The following officers were elected: Grand templar, Mrs. Alice Moyer, Harrisburg; grand vice-templar, Mrs. Belle Stenner, Pittston; grand marshal of ceremonies, Mrs. Ella Fox, Lancaster; grand trustee, Mrs. Nellie Hunsicker, Allentown; grand guardian of records, Mrs. Josie G. Walter, Philadelphia; grand guardian of exchequer, Mrs. Annie Rummel, Reading; grand guardian of music, Mrs. Anna A. Garson, Philadelphia; grand guardian of inner portal, Mrs. Mary Schollenberger, Hamburg; outer portal, Mrs. Mary McGulley, Carnegie; grand trustee, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Oberlander, Phila.

### REFORMED CLASSIS.

Rev. H. I. Crow, of Hubersburg elected President.

The West Susquehanna classis which met in session at Beaver Springs elected Rev. H. I. Crow, of Hubersburg, president and selected Boalsburg as the next place of meeting.

Classis also decided upon the following: To support a missionary in China; to ask congregations and individuals for voluntary contributions to rebuild the girls' school at Sendai, Japan; and to recommend to the congregations the advisability of supporting native evangelists in China.

Lewistown was enrolled as a member of classis and Rev. E. T. Rhodes was appointed pastor in that place.

The committee on selecting a site at Oak Grove was continued.

Rev. W. J. Johnson was appointed to represent this classis at the Wyoming classis in the effort to have added to this classis the River congregation near Muncy.

### NEARLY A CENTURY OLD.

A Former Haines Twp. Lady Passes Away in Illinois.

Mrs. Mary Eilert died near Dakota, Ill., Saturday morning, at the advanced age of over ninety-seven years, says the Freeport Bulletin. She was the oldest person in Stephenson county. The funeral took place Monday of this week.

The maiden name of the deceased was Mary Kryder and was born on Oct. 19, 1804, in Haines township, this county, near Millheim. Her parents were Judge and Mrs. Jacob Kryder who were among the most respected residents of that section. Mrs. Eilert had three brothers and nine sisters, all of whom are dead with the exception of Mrs. James Evans, of Spring Mills. In December, 1823, she was married to Michael Eilert at Aaronsburg, where they resided until 1843, when they came west and located near Rock City. Three sons were born to them, Jacob, Henry and Thomas. The first two, however, died some years ago, Jacob at Monroe, Wis., and Henry in California. She has several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Since the death of her husband in 1853, Mrs. Eilert made her home almost continuously with her son Thomas, first at Rock City and later at Dakota.

### Epworth League Officers.

At the Epworth League convention at Philipsburg these officers for the ensuing year were elected at the closing session Friday afternoon: President, R. A. Zentmyer, Tyrone; first vice-president, Miss Lizzie Akers, Bellwood; second vice-president, Miss Laura Crissman, Philipsburg; third vice-president, Rev. E. R. Heckman, State College; fourth vice-president Miss Sallie Kettleberger, Curwensville; recording secretary, J. P. McCurdy, Clearfield; corresponding secretary, Miss Ida Keagy, 214 sixth avenue, Altoona; treasurer, John Bowman, Hollidaysburg; Junior League superintendent, Mrs. E. S. Latschaw, Port Matilda.

### Teachers' Examinations.

College, Harris, State College, Lemont	22
Boggs and Mifflin, Mifflin	23
Walker and Marion, Hubersburg	24
Liberty, Eggleville	27
Howard, Curtin, Howard Boro, Howard	28
Potter and Centre Hall, Centre Hall	29
Spring, Pleasant Hill	June 2
Ferguson, Pine Grove Mills	4
Patton, Half Moon, Waddle	5
Bellefonte and Benner, Bellefonte	6
Snow Shoe and Burnsides, Snow Shoe	10
Philipsburg, Philipsburg, Robb, Philipsburg	11
Wor h and Taylor, Port Matilda	12
Houston, Union, Unionville, Unionville	13
Haines, Aaronsburg	23
Greeng, Spring Mills	24
Milheim and Poon, Milheim	27

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### REFORMED GENERAL SYNOD.

The Fourteenth Triennial Meeting in Baltimore Began Tuesday.

The fourteenth triennial meeting of the general synod of the Reformed church in the United States convened in the First Reformed church, Baltimore, Md., Tuesday evening. The sessions will continue about ten days, those in the day time being given over to the consideration of the regular business, educational and missionary interests of the church, and in the evening popular meetings will be held for the presentation of timely topics. The synod was called to order by the retiring president, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., of Reading, Pa., one of the foremost men in the church, who delivered the opening sermon.

This meeting will bring together delegates from various sections of the church throughout the United States, and a few from Canada. There will be about 300 of these delegates, including the representatives of the various boards of the church having business with the synod. In addition, there will be a large number of delegates for the triennial meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the general synod.

The delegates for this classis, which is the West Susquehanna, are Rev. James Runkle, Williamsport; Rev. Dr. R. L. Gerhart, Lewisburg; C. M. Bower, Esq., Bellefonte; Joseph Neagy, Lewisburg.

The Reformed Church in the United States is the corporate name of that vast body of Protestants formerly known as the German Reformed church, the present name having been adopted at the meeting held in Philadelphia in 1869. This change in name was made necessary by the growth and change of the church itself, as well as to avoid misunderstanding of the wide scope of the work done by the denomination. At the present time services are being conducted in English, German, Hungarian, Swiss and Bohemian languages.

The numerical strength of the denomination is shown by the statistics issued last fall, though there have been many additions to the church since that time. These figures are:

Classis, 58; ministers, 1,107; congregations, 1,688; communicants, 248,029; unconfirmed, 127,541; infant baptisms, 13,377; adult baptisms, 1,745; added by confirmation, 11,898; added by certificate, 7,944; dismissed, 4,161; excommunicated, 26; erasure of names, 5,571; deaths (communicants), 3,828; deaths (unconfirmed), 2,139; students for the ministry, 200; contributions for benevolent purposes, \$270,288; for congregational purposes, \$1,303,211. These figures show that the growth of the Reformed church has been greater proportionally than that of many other denominations, and puts her in the front rank of the churches engaged in aggressive work.

No theological questions disturb the church at this time and, therefore, the time will be given to the discussion of practical questions. Foremost of these are home and foreign missions, in the latter the enlargement of the work in China and the demands created by the recent destruction of fire of the girls' school in Sendai, Japan. One of the possible results of the synod will be steps looking toward the purchase or erection of a building which shall serve as denominational headquarters for the various boards and organizations.

One of the most interesting features of the gathering aside from the business of the synod, will be the reception to be given to the synod by President Theodore Roosevelt, who is a member of the Reformed church in America and who worships in Grace Reformed church in Washington, of which Rev. J. M. Shick is pastor. This reception is being held today (Thursday) at Washington.

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### Improvements at Red Mill.

Harter & Son, the owners of the Red Mill, have placed a new overshoot water wheel which is giving entire satisfaction. This wheel is the only one of the kind in this section, and weighs four and one-quarter tons; its height is eight and one-half feet, with nine feet. The wheel is built of steel, with ball-bearings, and furnishes from twenty-five to thirty horse power. With the steady motion furnished by this wheel it is claimed a better grade of flour can be made, and the simple sack of the "Honest Queen" flour brought to this office verifies the assertion. The wheel was purchased from the Steel Overshoot Co., Hanover, Pa.

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### Philadelphia Record Sold.

The Philadelphia Record was sold Thursday last week to W. S. Stenger for \$2,874,800. The receivers for the estate of Wm. M. Singler will be able to pay the entire indebtedness of the deceased editor.

### CURRENT COMMENT.

Brief Discussions of Political and Other Matters of Public Interest.

It was four years and one month Tuesday since the Executive signature was affixed to a joint resolution of Congress declaring, among other things, that the United States Government "disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control" over Cuba, save for its pacification, "and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people." There have been offered strong and manifold temptations to violate this solemn national pledge. Only a reaching out of hands, a blinking at obligation undertaken, and Cuba would have been ours for exploration. How this impulse of territorial acquisition was resisted and overcome in a time of riotous Imperialism, and how the nation's honor and good faith have been vindicated, let Tuesday's simple ceremony at Havana answer. The lone star flag of a new Republic floats triumphant and unchallenged throughout the Cuban provinces, and the American people's task of restoration and renunciation is almost finished. The Cubans have been given a free country, a government of their own choosing and a flag unsullied.

Mr. Carnegie last week in accepting the freedom of one of the trade guilds of London, "in a casket of various metals," spoke of the desirability and durability of peace between the United States and Great Britain. Nothing in human affairs would certainly seem to be more thoroughly assured; but there is no telling what may happen in the future in the way of peace or war. Mr. Carnegie said that in the event of a difference "no government on either side of the Atlantic could resist the offer of the other of arbitration, and it can scarcely be believed that a serious quarrel can ever arise when that offer will not be made by one or the other." Yet Great Britain refused to accept arbitration to prevent the dreadful war in South Africa, and the United States refused arbitration to adjust matters in the Philippines. The two countries came uncomfortably near war over Venezuela and the Monroe doctrine. The only certainty is that Great Britain will attempt no war on this country until it has it at a disadvantage.

The fact that ex-Governor Hastings has gone over on all fours to the support of the Quay-Durham-Penrose Machine is not likely to have great influence upon the Independent Republicans of Centre county. None knows better than ex-Governor Hastings that the election of Judge Pennypacker to the office of Governor would more completely establish the Machine in its power over Pennsylvania than would the election of Attorney General Elkin under the changed conditions. Elkin and his friends are insurgents against a high-flown attempt at despotism, and for this they deserve a qualified sympathy of all who detest the Machine and its works.

As for ex-Governor Hastings, it should be observed that he took no open and active share in last year's fusion against the Machine, and that his return to it, therefore, is quite easy. Colonel Watres is the only candidate for Governor of such Republicans as entertain the Utopian dream of "reform within the party."

The Quay combine in pushing Judge Pennypacker, their selected candidate for governor—their nominated candidate so far as they have the power—seems to be somewhat alarmed by the strength Attorney General Elkin is manifesting, and have started a rumor that he will withdraw from the field. Elkin in an interview, however, declares that he is not to be coaxed off, pushed off or ordered off. He is making an energetic canvass, speaking at county meetings and harvesting all the delegates that it is possible to secure. Still the impression prevails that Quay will secure a "governor of his own," which he has always declared to be the purpose of his political activity. He wants another Stone in disguise.

### The Locusts.

In some parts of the country seven-year locusts are due this year, but not in this section. There are a few locusts make their appearance every year, but the regular visitation of the pest in a swarm will not occur until 1906. In 1855 the locusts appeared in swarms and did great damage to young orchards. They next appeared in 1872 but were not so numerous as in 1855. Their last appearance here was in 1889. They were just emerging from the ground when the great flood of that year occurred, and so many of them were drowned by the deluge and the heavy rain that caused it that they did but little injury to trees that year.

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The children of George W. and Sarah Boal are as follows: Martha C., born April 6, 1824, is the widow of Dr. Henry Oriady, and the mother of Judge Oriady; James C., born December 27, 1826, and died March 27, 1895; J. Shannon, born January 18, 1829, married Elizabeth R. Cunningham, and lives in Centre Hall. George A., born January 16, 1831, died in George's Valley December 28, 1834. Samuel R., born November 7, 1832, died October 29, 1841. William A., born September 13, 1835. George M., born in Harris township, March 17, 1839. Elizabeth E., born June 21, 1842, died August 13, 1844.

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### WM. A. BOAL DEAD.

Buried by the Masonic Order—Brief History of the Boal Family.

William Alexander Boal died at his home in this place Saturday afternoon after an illness of four weeks from kidney disease. His age was sixty-seven years. Interment took place Tuesday afternoon in the cemetery at Centre Hall.

The marriage of the deceased to Miss Melissa Bell took place December 24, 1867. The children born to this union are Elizabeth Bell, wife of John A. Heckman, and Misses Cora, Martha Oriady and Elsie Roberta, at home, who, with the mother survive.

Mr. Boal was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church from his youth. In politics he was a strong supporter of Republican principles; fraternally he was connected with the Grange and Free Masons. With the exception of three years, during which time he lived in Tyrone, his life was spent in the immediate vicinity of Centre Hall.

The funeral services were conducted at the house by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. Dr. W. H. Schuyler, assisted by Rev. J. F. Shultz, who also performed the usual ceremonies at the grave.

After the religious services according to the Presbyterian faith had been performed, the Free Masons, members of Old Fort Lodge, No. 537, about thirty in number, proceeded with the Masonic burial service. Worshipful Master, W. B. Mingle; Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Kershner; Senior Warden, G. W. Bradford; Junior Warden, G. W. Hoerterman, were the official heads of the order on this occasion. The ceremony was impressive, and those who surrounded the grave were attentive and caught every word spoken. With the casting of the scroll, bearing the name of the deceased; the lamb skin or white leather apron, the badge of a Free Mason; the sprigs of evergreen, and prayer offered, the burial rites were concluded.

In connection with the death of Mr. Boal, the Reporter gives a few historical facts connected with the Boal family:

James Boal, grandfather of the deceased, was born in Ireland, March 17, 1764, and in that country married Elizabeth Welch, who was born February 17, 1766. They were married in 1787, and two children were born to them on the Emerald Isle, the elder being Margaret, who was born May 16, 1789, and died near Bellefonte, Pa., in April, 1841, unmarried. The second child, George Welch Boal, the father of Mr. Boal, was born in County Londonderry, February 9, 1790. In the spring of that year, James Boal brought his family to America, and as he was in limited circumstances the trip was made by the cheapest passage. The voyage of three months was a stormy one, during which the ship sprang a leak, and much of the cargo including some of the goods belonging to the Boal family, was thrown overboard. The grandfather first made a location in eastern Pennsylvania, and in the latter part of the eighteenth century established a home in Penn's Valley. He was one of its pioneers and developed a farm from the wild land. He and his wife were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred June 22, 1836, and he was laid to rest in Centre Hill cemetery near his wife, who had died December 16, 1832.

George Welch Boal was but a child when his parents came to Penn's Valley. He was reared as a pioneer farmer boy, and was married October 29, 1822, near Milton, Pa., to Miss Sarah Cummins Shannon, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa. At the time of his marriage George W. Boal located in George's Valley, Centre county, where he owned a small farm. He was a highly industrious man, and by his unflinching energy at length accumulated a handsome competence. He was a powerful man, compactly built, and well fitted for his pioneer experiences. During the latter years of his life he lived retired. He died September 15, 1838, his wife on October 24, 1804, and they were buried in Centre Hill cemetery. They too, were members of the Presbyterian Church, and the Boal family has for a century been one of the most highly respected in Potter township.

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### TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Merchant Weiland, of Linden Hall, was in town Friday of last week.

Samuel Barr and Thaddeus Bell, of Altoona, attended the funeral of W. A. Boal.

Children's day will be observed in the Lutheran church, Sunday evening, June 8.

Mrs. Andrew Gregg and little son, of Lemont, were recently guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Sweeney, near this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hale Ross, of Linden Hall, spent several days recently with the latter's brother, Curtin Musser, at Altoona.

The K. L. C. E. of the United Evangelical church will hold a festival on Memorial day. They will serve ice cream, cakes, etc.

Miss Roxanna Brisbin, last week, went to York. She will also spend some time at Harrisburg and other points before returning home.

Miss Martha Wilson, who had been ill for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Campbell, at Linden Hall, is able to be about again.

W. H. Bartholomew represents the old lines of insurance companies. Life, fire, accident and sickness policies may be secured through him.

Miss Bertie Bartholomew, a graduate of West Chester, is employed in the North American building, Philadelphia, by the Ostrander real estate agency.

Arrange your business affairs, your manual labor and your pleasure seeking so that you and your family will have ample time to observe Memorial services.

J. Victor Royer, Esq., after taking a vacation of ten days, returned to his law office in Bellefonte much improved. Attorney Royer suffered from overwork.

James Wray, Sr., was run over by a trolley car near Yeagerstown recently, and had one of his legs badly crushed. Death followed Sunday morning a week. He was a veteran of the civil war and served one year as jury commissioner of Mifflin county.

John R. Strong, of Potters Mills, is building the wall for the new store building of George O. Benner, near the station. Mr. Strong called at the Reporter office Monday, and informed the writer that his father was in a very delicate condition. His one side is entirely paralyzed, which renders him almost helpless.

Elmer Ishler, tenant on the old Keller farm now owned by Mrs. Rebecca Shaw, was unfortunate in having one of his most valuable horses getting loose in the stable Monday night, and being kicked on the head by one of its mates. It is supposed the animal was killed instantly, as the skull was badly fractured.

Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, of Philadelphia, head operating surgeon in the Wills Eye Hospital, arrived in Centre Hall Saturday and remained over Sunday. Monday morning he started for Mifflin county where he will remain for a few days. While in town the doctor was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shannon Boal.

J. H. Ward, of Pine Grove Mills, agent for the Edison phonograph, and station master at that place, is expert in handling the phonograph, and has a large number of records of the latest and most popular songs. Mr. Ward may happen in Centre Hall before long and give an exhibition of one of the best phonographs in the market.

J. Paul Rearick, of Spring Mill, one of the young men in that section who is making rapid strides socially and intellectually, was called Tuesday, and related a method whereby the Penn Hall band proposes to secure funds with which to purchase a new set of instruments. The plan will be given publicity when completed.

Messrs. L. T. Munson, F. H. Clemens, Col. J. L. Spangler, John Van Pelt and E. M. Griest are gentlemen who made application for a charter which will enable them to do business under the name of Central Supply Co., who will do an extensive business in groceries in Bellefonte. The store will be opened in the building recently vacated by McCalmont & Co.

The stand of oats and barley through this section, generally speaking, is poor. In many instances the soil was so loose that the seed was imbedded too deep and while the seed germinated the sprout was unable to push through the overabundant covering. Some fields were receded. Among those who went through the seeding operations twice was J. J. Arney, west of town.

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