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Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—The formal transfer of the Pennsylvania State Building at the Charleston Exposition, from the hands of the contractors to the state commissioners, will be made this week. There was some delay in the completion of the building, but as the exposition was not in shape in some respects at the official opening of the show, the tardiness of the contractor on the Pennsylvania building was not a matter of serious moment.

The facts were that the contractor has lost money on the operation. He knew he would after he got the work under way, and therefore did not have his heart in the matter to the extent of pushing the building to early completion. There were three bids received for the work and the contract went to the lowest bidder. He evidently made a miscalculation and put his figures much too low. The commissioners have held him to the strict letter of the contract, however, and the building is perhaps the finest state structure on the grounds, and the most economically constructed. It is well located and is certainly a credit to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Senator Grady, who is at the head of the state commission, with Auditor General Hardenburgh and State Treasurer Barnett, will supervise the transfer of the custody of the building. Senator Grady states that the attendance at the exposition has been constantly increasing and that in a talk with S. W. Hardwick, general manager of the Southern Railway, a few days ago, he was informed that much of the regular travel which goes to Florida during this season of the year is diverted to the Charleston Exposition enroute, either going to or coming from the south. George W. Boyd, general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, says that the sale of tickets to Charleston along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad in this state is exceeding their expectations and that there has been a large increase in the travel since it has become known that the exposition is now in splendid shape.

Elaborate arrangements are being made for "Pennsylvania Day," which will be observed at Charleston on April 10th. Governor Stone and staff, members of the state commission and many Pennsylvanians interested in exhibits and other displays at Charleston are expected to be on hand on that occasion. Pennsylvania manufacturers and jobbers do a large trade with the south and the interest taken in this exposition by Pennsylvanians has been the subject of many favorable comments from newspapers published throughout the south.

QUAY AT WORK ON HIS BOOK.
Since Senator Quay left for Florida it has developed that he has already started in to work upon his book of political reminiscences and it promises to be quite as notable an effort as either of the works of James G. Blaine or General Grant. Senator Quay has been intimately identified with American politics for many years and he has attended every Republican national convention during the last thirty years and more, and in many of them he has been a very important factor. His writings will cover events in over forty years. As military secretary to War Governor Curtin and afterward as an officer in the field and participating in several engagements he can give valuable information about that period. The reconstruction period and the stirring political events which followed, his own leadership of the Republican national campaign, which resulted in the election of General Harrison to the presidency, will all be referred to. In fact, it will be a story of inside political moves from the days of Lincoln to those of Roosevelt. The history of the defeat of the Hanna forces at the last Republican national convention and the nomination of Roosevelt for vice president by the combinations made by Senators Quay and Platt, would make an interesting story were all the facts told. Senator Quay is a graphic and forcible writer and anything from his pen would attract general attention.

There has been a great demand for his speeches delivered during his canvass for re-election to the United States senate, which have been compiled in book form. It is believed that Senator Quay will devote much of his time while in Florida mapping out his work on the book.

Senator Penrose came over from Washington to vote. He reports that the opposition to the passage of the Chinese exclusion act has been constantly at work and aggressively so, but that he has reason to believe that a bill which will be satisfactory to the workmen of the country will be passed by this congress and signed by President Roosevelt. The junior senator has been busy on committee work during the last ten days. He says that the influential Republican leaders in congress are working in harmony, and that the outcome of the session will be very satisfactory to the Republican national organization. President Roosevelt, he adds, is making a most acceptable president and is becoming stronger with the people every day.

MANY BOOMS BOOMING

Interesting Struggle For the Lieutenant Governorship.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS BEING HELD

Chester, Union, Snyder and Jefferson Swing into Line For Attorney General Elkin For the Nomination For Governor.

(Special Correspondence.)
Harrisburg, Feb. 18.—Developments of the last week in the canvass for nominations from the Republican state convention indicate that there is going to be an interesting time over the struggle for the two subordinate places on the ticket. It would appear that there will be a large field of aspirants for the offices of lieutenant governor and secretary of internal affairs, and that every section of the state will be represented by one or more candidates for each of these places.

AFTER SECOND PLACE.
The lieutenant governorship seems to be the most attractive prize. Since Crawford county's Republican committee endorsed Dr. Theodore L. Flood, of Meadville, for this position, booms have developed for General Schall, of Montgomery county; Colonel Coryell, of Lycoming county; Colonel Clement, of Northumberland county, and Dr. Reed, the state librarian, of Cumberland, and there are others likely to be sprung at any moment.

There has been some talk of former Senator Brown, of Lawrence county, aspiring to the lieutenant governorship, and it is possible that he may become a full-fledged candidate before long.

Major Brown, of Erie, is the only announced candidate for secretary of internal affairs, but there are several well-known Republicans in the eastern section of the state who are being quietly groomed for this position, and who may at any time formally declare themselves in the race.

THE GUBERNATORIAL CANVASS.
The gubernatorial canvass continues to point to the nomination of Attorney General John P. Elkin without material opposition. Every delegate to the state convention thus far elected is an avowed supporter of Mr. Elkin, and the signs point to the election of many more in the near future.

The latest counties to declare for his nomination are Chester and Snyder. In both of these counties the primaries were held on Saturday last. In Chester county seven stalwart Republicans, headed by T. Larry Eyre, of West Chester, were named as delegates to the state convention and they are all earnest and enthusiastic in their fealty to Mr. Elkin. Mr. Eyre says the county convention will go on record with resolutions which will clearly define the sentiment of the Republicans of that county on the governorship.

Chester is one of the counties in which the insurgents were strong during the struggle over the election of a successor to Senator Quay, but most of those who were prominent in the anti-Quay movement are now training with the regular Republicans.
Every element among the Snyder county Republicans was friendly to Mr. Elkin, and the contest over the election of the delegate to the state convention was merely a matter of personal rivalry as to who should go to the convention to vote for Mr. Elkin. Dr. E. W. Tool, of Freeburg, a former representative, was elected as delegate.

JEFFERSON FOR ELKIN.
Jefferson county is holding her delegate election today. Reports from every section of the county show that there will be a practically unanimous vote in favor of the election of delegates who will support Mr. Elkin for governor. Editor W. O. Smith, of the Punxsutawney Spirit, is one of the most active of Mr. Elkin's supporters. He says that the county convention which will meet tomorrow will declare in a most cordial manner in favor of the nomination of Mr. Elkin.

"He is a neighbor whom many of us have known since childhood," said Editor Smith, "and we are proud to be able to show our admiration for his many splendid qualities. We have watched him from the time he struggled in obscurity in the village of Smicksburg and his success which has been due entirely to his own industry and perseverance, should be an inspiration to every American boy. He has worked on a farm, in a rolling mill, in a country store and taught in a rural school before he entered upon his career as a member of the bar.

"With clean hands and patriotic motives he has faithfully served his party and his state. He is the logical candidate for governor. He will receive the largest vote of any candidate that could be named, because the rank and file of the Republican party look upon him as their leader and demand him as their standard-bearer." Editor Smith has been doing great work for Mr. Elkin in many directions.

Union county will hold her primaries on Saturday next. The tickets have been printed and upon every one of them is the name of John P. Elkin for governor. The Crawford county system of voting is in force in Union county, and all aspirants for the governorship had ample opportunity to have their names go before the people of the county, but none, excepting Mr. Elkin, registered his name. It is expected that there will be a large vote polled instructing the delegation to vote for Mr. Elkin for governor.

A number of counties will hold their delegate elections next month.

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10:23	5:25	4:23	2:15	1:00	7:45	Pennsdale.....
10:32	5:30	4:32	2:24	1:10	7:55	Hughesville.....
10:40	5:43	4:40	2:30	8:02	Picture Rocks.....
10:44	.....	4:44	.....	.....	8:06	.....	Lyons Mills.....
10:46	.....	4:46	2:36	.....	8:08	.....	Chamouni.....
10:53	.....	4:53	2:42	.....	8:14	.....	Glen Mawr.....
11:01	.....	5:01	.....	.....	8:22	.....	Strawbridge.....
11:06	.....	5:06	2:54	.....	8:30	.....	Beech Glen.....
11:16	.....	5:16	3:00	.....	8:35	.....	Muncy Valley.....
11:31	.....	5:31	.....	.....	.....	.....	Schubtown.....
11:48	.....	5:48	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nordmont.....
11:50	5:50	Mekoma.....
12:07	6:07	Laporte.....
12:16	6:16	Ringsdale.....
12:29	6:29	Bernice Road.....
.....	Satterfield.....

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