

Harrisburg, March 11.—The gubernatorial campaign is getting more interesting every day. Republicans of Pennsylvania are being treated to the experience of a candidate for governor appealing directly to the people before receiving the nomination of his party. Attorney General Elkin, whose candidacy has met with popular favor in a number of counties, announced last week that he wished to have the people of the commonwealth see and hear him and to pass judgment directly upon his candidacy. He remarked that what honors that have come to him in his home county of Indiana have resulted from his getting in touch with his neighbors and having them know and believe in him.

When it was found that former Lieutenant Governor Watres had registered as a candidate for governor in Blair county too late to allow his name to go on the ballots Mr. Elkin, who had been registered for some days, requested that the rules be waived and that Mr. Watres' name be printed on the ballot with his, so that the people might choose between them. Mr. Elkin has since accepted an invitation from the Republicans of the county to visit them before the primaries, and he will meet the Republicans of Altoona, Tyrone, Hollidaysburg and other parts of the county and discuss the issues with them.

ELKIN'S BIG SHOWING.
Mr. Elkin has reason to be pleased with the result of the voting for delegates to the state convention. One of his admirers today arranged a list of the counties which have elected delegates to the gubernatorial convention and this is how he tabulated them:

Counties for Elkin for governor—Berks, Bradford, Chester, Carbon, Jefferson, Snyder, Susquehanna, Indiana and Union—Total, NINE.

Counties for all other candidates for governor—NONE.

In other words, every county which has elected delegates up to date has elected delegates who will vote for Elkin.

Widespread interest is taken in the canvass in Blair county, as this is the first county in which Mr. Watres, who is the only avowed competitor of Mr. Elkin, has consented to allow his name to go before the people.

Direct appeals have been made to the Republicans of the county in behalf of each of the candidates and keen interest is manifested in the balloting, which takes place on Saturday next. On the same day the Republicans of Lancaster will elect delegates to the state convention and nominate candidates for the legislature. In this county a complete ticket has been placed in the field against the candidates of the regular organization leaders, who are under the marshaling of Secretary of the Commonwealth Griest, and a clean cut contest is under way.

IN THE NORTHEAST.

Mr. Watres has had some unexpected reverses during the last week. His admirers had hoped to capture the delegates from Susquehanna and were counting upon their being instructed for him, but the primaries resulted in a victory for the supporters of Mr. Elkin by a good majority. Mr. Watres based his claims upon the fact that Susquehanna is a neighboring county to his own. He is also having trouble in the adjacent county of Luzerne, where Congressman Palmer, although a friend of Watres, desires to have the delegates to the state convention instructed, as many of Palmer's followers want to be with the winner at the state convention and they do not regard Watres as having any chance.

A frank statement from Congressman Connell, whose friends control the party organization in Lackawanna, in which Mr. Watres resides, was a disappointment to the Watres men. Mr. Connell stated that unless Mr. Watres agreed not to attempt to swing the Lackawanna delegates to any other candidate, and also agreed to support the successful nominee for governor and all the candidates for county offices, he would have to fight for the delegates from his home county. Mr. Elkin will leave Messrs. Connell and Watres to fight out this issue. Mr. Connell says he is for Mr. Elkin for governor, and that he will be nominated.

The most notable stalwart victory of the canvass was that won in Bradford county on Saturday last. This county has heretofore been an insurgent stronghold. The insurgents made a fierce campaign in favor of W. J. Young, the insurgent leader for congress, with the idea of capturing the delegates to the state convention. The regulars, under the leadership of Mail Lilley, their candidate for congress, won by over 1,200 majority. The regulars will elect all the delegates to the state convention, and they will be for John P. Elkin for governor.

The return of Israel W. Durham from Florida, and his announcement that he had no doubt of the nomination and election of Mr. Elkin for governor, disposed of the many rumors that Senator Quay was opposed to the can-

didacy of Mr. Elkin. Mr. Durham says Senator Quay will adhere to his purpose of not interfering in the contest for the governorship, and that this is all the friends of Mr. Elkin desire. They are entirely satisfied of their ability to elect a large majority of the delegates to the convention.

Mr. Elkin on his recent visit to Pittsburg announced that he would have at least 225 delegates to the state convention without counting a single delegate from Allegheny.

This showed the confidence he has in the canvass being made by his friends throughout the state.

PEACE IN THE PARTY

Retirement of Senator Flinn Fore-shadows Harmony in State.

PENROSE HAS A CLEAR FIELD

Republicans in Different Counties Throughout the Commonwealth Are Unanimously in Favor of His Return to the United States Senate.

(Special Correspondence.)
Philadelphia, March 11.—This has been an eventful week in state politics and it has been a very pleasurable one for the leaders of the Republican organization.

Evidences of party harmony have come from different sections of the commonwealth and there is reason to believe that the coming state convention will be a great peace gathering showing every element of the Republican party working in accord.

During the last six months the storm center in the party has been in Allegheny county. The one disturbing feature has been the contention over the control of the party organization in Pittsburg. The Flinn men and the anti-Flinn men were fighting, engaged in a bitter struggle for supremacy and it was feared by many that the factional controversy existing in the city would extend into the state. There was no reason why this should not be simply a local contest, as it actually was, but with personal ends to serve, certain politicians were busy predicting that the fight would have a far reaching effect upon state politics.

But that matter has been virtually disposed of and it is certain that within a few weeks peace will once more reign in Allegheny.

FLINN'S RETIREMENT.

Senator William Flinn created something of a sensation a few days ago when he formally resigned his seat in the state senate and also announced his retirement from the Republican city and county committees and proclaimed his intention to devote his entire time to his private business interests. This, of course, removed occasion for quite a number of Republicans to oppose the organization of which Flinn was practically the leader. Since then negotiations have been opened looking toward a cementing of all the interests in Allegheny into one aggressive party organization for the advancement of Republicanism in the county and the state.

While stories of "deals" having been entered into between the Olivers and the Bigelows and Recorder J. O. Brown and others of the old organization leaders are denied, it is known that there has been an understanding arrived at which will shortly bring the warring elements together upon a satisfactory basis.

HARMONY IN LEBANON.

Quickly following the news regarding Allegheny county came the intelligence that the Republicans in Lebanon county have reached a conclusion which will remove all possibility of a fight in the county this year.

Through his efforts in securing the great national encampment at Mount Gettysburg, at which 50,000 troops, constituting the National Guardsmen of about a dozen states will annually be encamped in Lebanon county, under the auspices of the federal government, Senator Penrose has earned the lasting gratitude of the citizens of this section of the state. The senator has also actively interested himself in the project to secure a federal building for Lebanon to cost not less than \$100,000. There is reason to believe that Senator Penrose will get the support of both members of the assembly from Lebanon county. The harmony plan for Lebanon includes the election of four delegates to the state convention at a special primary to be held on March 22. These delegates will cooperate with the stalwart leaders in the state organization. The delegates have already been agreed upon.

NO FIGHT IN DELAWARE.

In Delaware county, where the primary election takes place this week all opposition to the candidates for assembly has been withdrawn. There was a fight on former Senator Thomas V. Cooper, but this has been stopped. All these prospective members will vote for Senator Penrose's re-election. The county has a large Republican majority so that they are all certain to be elected.

In Chester county the nominees for the legislature have been decided upon. Not one of them will have opposition and they will all be elected without the shadow of a doubt.

The returns from the primaries in Bradford county, which was a former insurgent stronghold, indicate the election of a full stalwart delegation to the legislature, who will vote for Senator Penrose to return to Washington.

With the programs for harmony recently adopted in Washington, Westmoreland and other counties, and with other arrangements in the same direction under way, it would appear that Senator Penrose will have a walk-over for re-election.

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