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**REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.**

There will be a meeting of the Republican Standing Committee at Laporte, Pa., on Saturday, March 29, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of fixing dates for Republican Primaries and Convention. And such other business as may be required of the Committee.

The following is a list of the committeemen on the several election districts:

- Bernice—C. B. Watson.
- Cherry—E. W. Huffmaster.
- Colley—B. L. Keeney.
- Davidson—R. W. Simmons.
- Dushore Boro.—Dr. H. N. Osler.
- Eagles Mere—C. Peale.
- Elkland—Philander Keeney.
- Forks—A. T. Wilcox.
- Fox—Sam Leonard.
- Hills Grove—A. A. Ludy.
- Jamison City—J. D. Allison.
- Laporte Boro.—F. H. Ingham.
- Laporte Twp.—W. J. Lowe.
- Lopez—Samuel E. Messersmith.
- Mt. Vernon—Geo. Lawrenson.
- Ricketts—E. T. Wilbur.
- Ringdale—S. Mead.
- Shrewsbury—R. W. Bennett.
- WM. P. SHOEMAKER, Chairman.

**HE IS A VERY LIKELY WINNER**

Many Delegates Instructed For Him For the Governorship By Conventions and By Popular Vote in Various Counties.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, March 18. — Republican primaries and conventions held within the last few days have given Attorney General John P. Elkin a tremendous lead for the nomination for governor. Up to date he has carried every county in which primaries have been held with two exceptions, and his strength in the interior counties of the state, that is outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny, has been demonstrated in a forcible manner.

Last Saturday's primaries were remarkable in many respects. The issue on the governorship was clearly defined and the lines were sharply drawn between the supporters of the two competitors for the nomination. Former Lieutenant Governor L. A. Watres has been making a canvass for the governorship for the last six months or more, but the only occasion in which he consented to allow his name to go before the people that they might choose between him and Mr. Elkin, who had eagerly embraced the opportunity to have his name on the official ballots, was in Blair county.

Both candidates went into the county and met the people. They discussed the issues of the campaign and their personalities were prominent in the contest. The outcome was a sweeping victory for Mr. Elkin.

The result of the balloting was a personal triumph for the Indiana county candidate.

Mr. Elkin received nearly 4,000 majority over Watres. The vote was about four to one in Mr. Elkin's favor. He carried every district but one, Juniata borough, which Mr. Watres won by a narrow margin.

**BIG MAJORITY IN LANCASTER.**

In Lancaster county there was a square fight between the regulars and the element which has been opposed to the present leadership of the Republican organization in the county. Secretary of the Commonwealth W. W. Grist led the forces of the stalwarts. He is known as a staunch friend of Attorney General Elkin and those who opposed his friends who were running for delegates to the state convention did so in the hope of checking the landslide to Elkin for the governorship. The returns show that the Elkin contingent carried the county by over ten thousand majority. Every one of the stalwart candidates was successful, including the twelve candidates for delegates to the state convention, who will vote for Mr. Elkin for governor.

**DELEGATES SO FAR ELECTED.**

The following table will show the number of delegates elected thus far to the Republican state convention, and how they stand on the governorship:

Delegates for Elkin for governor:	Delegates for Watres for governor:
Berks.....7	Wayne.....2
Blair.....5	
Bradford.....4	
Carbon.....2	
Chester.....7	
Clearfield.....4	
Franklin.....3	
Indiana.....3	
Jefferson.....3	
Lancaster.....12	
Union.....1	
Snyder.....1	

Susquehanna.....3

Total.....54 Total.....2

In most of the counties recorded for Mr. Elkin for governor the delegates have been instructed by resolution of convention or by popular vote to support his candidacy. In the above list are included the delegates from Clearfield and Franklin counties where the opponents of Mr. Elkin made no fight and he carried the primaries without a struggle on Saturday last.

**NOT COUNTING ALLEGHENY.**

Besides the delegates enumerated above there were nine delegates elected by district conventions in Allegheny county on Saturday, which will all be for Elkin.

Insurance Commissioner Durham states that every one of the 80 delegates from Philadelphia will be for Elkin, but adds that the intention is not to hold the Philadelphia primaries until practically all of the interior counties have elected their delegates.

"We know that Mr. Elkin is strong in the country districts," said Mr. Durham a few days ago, "and we do not wish to have it appear that Philadelphia is forcing any candidate upon the struggle of the interior of the state. We are delighted with the enthusiasm with which the candidacy of Mr. Elkin has been received throughout the state. The vote in Blair county was particularly significant. It shows that the rank and file of the Republican party is with Mr. Elkin in this campaign."

One county which is not in the Elkin column, Wayne, was conceded to Mr. Watres. It is a neighboring county to his home county of Lackawanna, and for local reasons it was deemed advisable not to make a contest for delegates. They are the only delegates Mr. Watres has.

The other county not carried by Elkin, Delaware county, will give a complimentary vote for Senator Sproul and then vote for Mr. Elkin.

Former State Chairman Thomas V. Cooper, who was nominated to succeed himself in the house of representatives, has made a statement for publication in which he declares his purpose to support Senator Penrose to succeed himself and says that he will go into every Republican caucus called for the organization of the legislature and for other party purposes, and that he will abide by the action of the majority in such caucuses.

**SOLID LANCASTER DELEGATION.**

Senator Stober and Representatives Frank B. McClain, W. H. Brosius, John G. Homsher and D. W. Graybill have just been renominated and Dr. K. H. K. Blough and W. X. Snader, new aspirants, complete the legislative ticket in Lancaster county. They were all nominated on Saturday last and are all certain to be elected, and they are all for Senator Penrose.

It is not improbable that there will be no Republican candidate in the field against Senator Penrose when the legislature meets in January next to elect his successor.

The junior senator is apparently not giving much attention to a canvass for re-election. He is kept very busy at Washington from Monday morning until Saturday of each week, and then he runs over to Philadelphia and his office is crowded with callers all Saturday afternoon, each with some petition or request requiring his attention at one of the departments at Washington during the following week.

**LABOR LEADERS PLEASED.**

As chairman of the committee on immigration Senator Penrose has just reported to the senate the Chinese exclusion bill, which is evidently satisfactory to the labor interests that sought Senator Penrose's aid in their efforts to block the scheme of the steamship agents and other corporation representatives that hoped to have the bars let down so that Chinese cheap labor might be permitted to enter this country without interference from the federal authorities. Senator Penrose has received a number of letters from representatives of labor organizations thanking him for the interest he has taken in this matter.

**CONFERENCE WITH DAIRMEN.**

During the last week Senator Penrose had a conference at Washington with representatives of farming and dairy interests in Pennsylvania, who want his co-operation in their efforts to pass the anti-oleomargarine bill, which will shortly come before the senate. Senator Penrose assured them he was heartily in favor of the legislation desired by the Pennsylvania dairymen and farmers and said they could count upon his active interest and enthusiastic support for the measure. It is understood that a larger delegation is to meet Senator Penrose in Washington within a few days, when plans will be discussed for getting the necessary number of votes in the United States senate.

Senator Penrose has just been advised by the war department that the requisite instructions have been given to the engineers to begin at once the survey of the property in Lebanon county which is to be used for a district encampment for National Guardsmen of the New England states, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

"I do not think the citizens of Pennsylvania generally appreciate the benefits that will come to our state through the establishment of this encampment," said Senator Penrose, in discussing this matter. "When the first encampment shall be held and they see 50,000 troops marshaled under Federal auspices they will realize what a great project this is. Many Pennsylvania industries will benefit financially through these encampments."

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10:32	5:30	4:32	2:24	1:10	7:55	Hughesville	9:41	11:30	3:48	4:32	10:40	5:35	4:35	2:29	8:05	7:55	Picture Rocks	9:38	11:22	3:37	4:22		
10:44	5:44	4:44	2:36	8:06	8:06	Lyons Mills	9:30	11:18	3:33	4:15	10:46	5:46	4:46	2:36	8:08	8:08	Chamond	9:28	11:15	3:31	4:11		
10:53	5:53	4:53	2:42	8:14	8:14	Glen Mawr	9:22	11:09	3:25	4:03	11:01	5:51	4:51	2:42	8:22	8:22	Strawbridge	9:18	11:01	3:15	3:55		
11:06	6:06	5:06	2:54	8:30	8:30	Muncy Valley	9:06	10:54	3:18	3:55	11:16	6:16	5:16	3:00	8:35	8:35	Sonestown	9:00	10:47	3:12	3:49		
11:31	6:31	5:31	3:00	8:35	8:35	Sonestown	9:00	10:47	3:12	3:49	11:48	6:48	5:48	3:06	8:40	8:40	Nordmont	9:00	10:47	3:12	3:49		
11:50	6:50	5:50	3:06	8:40	8:40	Mokoma	9:00	10:47	3:12	3:49	12:07	7:07	6:07	3:06	8:45	8:45	Laporte	9:00	10:47	3:12	3:49		
12:16	7:16	6:16	3:06	8:45	8:45	Ringdale	9:00	10:47	3:12	3:49	12:30	7:30	6:30	3:06	8:50	8:50	Bernie Road	9:00	10:47	3:12	3:49		
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