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Harrisburg, April 22.—The canvass for the Republican nominations for state offices goes merrily on with a free for all contest for each of the positions to be filled.

The party is confronted with the unusual spectacle of having no slated can-didates and with a number of strong men battling for support in the various counties. Senator Quay, as a prospective delegate to the state convention from Beaver county, has indicated his purpose to vote against the nomination of Attorney General John P. Elkin for the governorship, but up to date he has not been found leading any organiza-tion against the candidacy of Mr. El-kin. Just which candidate Senator Quay will finally vote for is not known. He says himself that he has no prefer-

ence at present.

Meanwhile Mr. Elkin and his admirers are going ahead with a deter-mined campaign to elect delegates in his behalf and Mr. Elkin states that he will continue in the fight until the roll shall be called in the state convention. He certainly takes a hopeful view of the situation and is busy with his canvass, working night and day.

ELKIN'S NAME REGISTERED. During the last week Mr. Elkin has had his name registered in two more counties, Huntingdon and Northumbertand, and he states that he is anxious to have all aspirants for the governorship meet him in a contest before the people, so that the voters shall have an opportunity to make their selections,

The registration in Northumberland county closed on Saturday last and Mr. county closed of saturday has an one.

Elkin was the only candidate for governor to be registered with the Republican county chairman. Mr. Elkin's name, it will be recalled, was submitted to the people in Blair and Lebanon counties, which both instructed their delegates to the state convention to vote for Mr. Elkin. Primaries were held on Saturday

last in two districts in Luzerne county, the third and the fourth, and both these districts were carried for Elkin after exciting struggles. His opponent in Luzerne was former Lieutenant Governor Watres, who lives in the adjoining county of Lackawanna.

Adams, Columbia, Pike and Sullivan counties also held their primaries on Saturday last, but the party organiza-tion leaders in these counties conclud-ed to send uninctructed delegations to the state convention. No one is in a position to say exactly how these delegations will vote in the final roundup. There was no contest on the governorship in any of these counties

MAY MAKE A TOUR. If Mr. Elkin shall carry out his de-termination to go before the people of the several counties and appeal for their support he will unquestionably have a great advantage over candidates who will not agree to do this. In every county in which he has made a contest he has won up to date, and his admirers have been quite agressive since his recent announcement that he will not withdraw from the contest under any circumstances.

Mr. Elkin's backers say that he is eady to make a tour of the state stumping the various counties in which Republican primary elections have not yet been held and seek the support of the active Republicans of the common-wealth. Congressman Connell, of Lackawanna, has become one of Mr. Elkin's staunchest advocates, and an interesting situation may arise in Northeast ern Pennsylvania, where Connell is strong, with his opposition to the candidacy of L. A. Watres, an aspirant for the governorship residing in his home

Messrs. Elkin and Watres continue to be the only avowed candidates for governor. While the names of former Senator Cameron, General Brooke and W. C. Sproul are still frequently heard in connection with the governorship, Senator Sproul is the only one of them who has any delegates committed to his nomination. These are from his home county of Delaware.

The campaign being waged in the interest of Mr. Eikin has stirred up considerable enthusiasm with the organization of Elkin clubs throughout the state, and there is promise of a very large crowd of boomers gathering at the state convention. Meetings have been held in a number of counties for the organization of Elkin clubs, and there will be lively times in the convention city when the delegates assemble for the convention, which is to be

There was a suggestion a few days ago for the nomination of Senator Sproul for lieutenant governor, but sproul for lieutenant governor, but this proposition has been combatted with much spirit by friends of former Senator Brown, of Lawrence. Brown had by many been regarded as the leading aspirant for second place. The recent developments throughout the state have complicated matters somewhat, so that former Senator Brown may have to do some hustling to keep his lead in this contest for lieutenant governor. Dr. Flood, of Crawford, is also in the field for this honor.

The movement favorable to the nomination of General John W. Schall, of Monagemery county, for the office of secretary of internal affairs, has been

given additional support in General Schall's home county of Montgomery during the last week. It is predicted that he will be cordially indorsed for this nomination when the county con-vention shall be held. Major Brown, of Erie, continues an energetic canvass for this nomination, and he is assured of a good following in the state on-

THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE

Senator Penrose Wants an Educational Test For Foreigners.

PROTECTION OF LABOR

Roosevelt Administration Has Been Treating the Pennsylvania Senators With Great Consideration In the Matter of Patronage.

(Special Correspondence. Philadelphia, April 22.—A matter of interest to the workingmen of Pennsylvania, especially in the mining districts and the manufacturing centers, is the bill for the restriction of immigration which United States Senator Boies Penrose will report to the senate in a few days. Senator Penrose when here this week said he had arranged for a hearing before the committee of immigration, of which he is chairman, at which the subject of restricting immigration will be discussed, and the members of the committee will have an opportunity to hear the views of representative laboring men, several col-lege professors, a number of clergymen and leading manufacturers and business men, who have signified their intention of meeting the committee.

Senator Penrose has a bill drafted but he desires to have all the light pos-

sible upon the subject and has invited citizens generally to appear before his committee

THE PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

The patriotic organizations, of which there are a large number in the Keystone State, are deeply concerned in this proposed legislation. They have followed the subject very closely and have given Senator Penrose much in-formation which has guided him in the preparation of the measure which he will shortly submit to the senate.

While he was not quite as success ful as he had desired in the matter of the Chinese exclusion bill, Senator Penrose fought with all the power at his command to have the Chinese exclusion bill, which he originally prepared put through the senate. His speech in favor of this bill occupied nearly two hours in its delivery and he presented all the facts and figures with which he had been supplied by the labor organizations of the country. A majority of the senators, however, were against what they declared to be Senator Penrose's "radical bill." Senator Platt offered sweeping amend-ments, which would have destroyed the bill absolutely, but Senator Penrose and others who were in favor of the original Chinese exclusion bill had Platt's amendments so modified that they are not nearly as objectionable as they were when first presented. The Chinese bill now goes to the house for concurrence. The fight is still on.

In his general immigration restric-tion bill Senator Penrose has incoporated an educational test to be applied to all immigrants. They will be required to read at least fifty words in some language. This and other re-quirements, it is believed, will cut down immigration at least 60 per cent. and will give needed relief to labor, especially in the coal mining districts, where there has been much complaint from the hordes of undesirable laborers that have been imported into certain counties in this state.

A BIG PRIZE CAPTURED.

The junior senator from Pennsylva nia has been quite active also looking after other matters of concern to his constituents as well as legislation. In conjunction with Senator Quay he vas pleased to co-operate in bringing about the appointment of Robert J. Wynne, the young Pennsylvanian, who has just been appointed to the position of first assistant to the postmaster general. Mr. Wynne, besides being a personal friend of President Roosevelt. has a host of admirers among men of

affairs throughout the Keystone State. While his appointment cannot be said to be entirely a political one, the prestige of securing a Pennsylvanian and a friend in the most important place in the office of the postmaster general, next to the head of the department, was fully appreciated when the president expressed a desire to name Mr

Both Senators Quay and Penrose said they would be delighted to indorse Mr. Wynne's candidacy and they urged

his immediate confirmation.

With Postmaster General Payne and his first assistant on most cordial terms with the leaders of the Republican organization of the state Pennsylvanians have reason to be pleased with affairs in the postoffice department.

President Roosevelt delighted Senstor Penrose by the prompt action taken by him upon a request that Colonel Hooton, of Chester county, a brave veteran of the civil war, be promoted to be a brigadier general just before his name went on the retired list. The appointments of Attorney Moore, of Beaver county, to a Federal undership in Aleska and of Attorney judgeship in Alaska, and of Attorney Witmer, of Northumberland, to be associate counsel of the Spanish war claims commission, and the naming of former Senator Landis, of Lancaster county, as superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, show that the Pennsylvania senators are in close touch with the Roosevelt administration.

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