

Hon John P. Elkin was born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, January 11, 1860; a graduate of the State Normal school at Indiana, in the class of 1880. He taught in the common schools, and in 1882 he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, and graduated from the same in 1884. After graduating he pursued the study of law in the office of Watson & Telford, and was admitted to the bar September 14, 1885. In 1884 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives, and was reelected in 1886, serving two terms. He was a member of several important committees on which he served, of some of which he was chairman. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal school. He is interested in many local enterprises, and in the material development of the county. He was appointed deputy attorney general of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in January, 1895, served part of the term and resigned, and in January, 1899, was appointed attorney general of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and served his full term. In 1902 was a candidate for the nomination of governor of Pennsylvania at the republican convention, was popular with the people, but was defeated in convention. Is now one of the judges of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania.