

A SESQUICENTENNIAL MOMENT

Union Ticket.

ELECTION 28TH DAY OF MAY.

For Governor,
ARTHUR I. BOREMAN, 1028
 For Secretary of State,
J. E. BOYER, 990
 For Auditor,
SAMUEL CRANE, 999
 For Treasurer,
CAMPBELL TARR, 993
 For Attorney General,
A. B. CALDWELL, 999
 For Court of Appeals,

The Constitution Union Party candidate, Arthur I. Boreman of Wood County, won election as the state's first governor. Campbell Tarr won election as the state treasurer and Samuel Crane as auditor. Other newly elected officers included J.E. Boyers as secretary of state, A.B. Caldwell as attorney general, and Ralph L. Berkshire, William A. Harrison and James H. Brown as members of the West Virginia Court of Appeals.

Voters in what would become West Virginia would soon be

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**Voters in western Virginia
 went to the polls on
 May 28, 1863,
 to elect representatives of
 their new government.**

asked to select a permanent site for their state capital as well as two U.S. senators.

A story about the election originally published in the *New York Post* and republished in the *Wheeling Intelligencer* noted that West Virginia "has begun well. — With a loyal population of only two hundred thousand, she has sent twenty thousand soldiers into the field."

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