

WEST VIRGINIA AND INDIANA BOTH SAFE. BOTH STATES WILL GIVE COMFORTABLE PLURALITIES FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 6 (Special).—On every hilltop in West Virginia there is waving to-night the beacon light of Republicanism and protection. Under the direction of the State committee a Republican club has been formed, or is in process of formation, in every precinct in the Mountain State. There in Wood County there are forty clubs in working order, and in the city one for each ward. These clubs are the centres of distribution for literature and rallying points for thorough organization. While it is conceded by even the rainbow chasers of the Democratic party that the State will go for Roosevelt by over 50,000, it was thought a month ago that the chances of Dawson, the Republican candidate for Governor, were not so good, on account of the tax reform agitation. But all doubt now has vanished on that score, and the State ticket will be triumphantly elected along with the national ticket.

The Republicans of West Virginia are alive to the danger of a return to Democratic misrule, and every man is at his post. Away over in Nicholas County, at the foothills of the Alleghenies, word comes from General G. W. Curtin, son of the war Governor of Pennsylvania, that all is well and that the men of the lumber camps, the coal mines and the coke furnaces have not forgotten the dismal days of Cleveland and free trade, and will vote for Roosevelt and the party of progress. One old teamster over there, General Curtin relates, in the winter of 1893 sold his fine team of horses and a wagon for four sacks of flour and ten pounds of sugar. There was nothing doing, and he was a choice of giving the team away or letting them starve to death.

Industrial West Virginia doesn't want a repetition of those scenes. The Republican party and President Roosevelt may be able to do without West Virginia, and can do without her, but West Virginia can't do without the guardianship of the great party of protection to home industries. Pennsylvania and Ohio will do no better than the Mountain State of West Virginia, for she will give all she has to perpetuate the policies of Lincoln and Roosevelt, and the Empire State can do no more, if she does as well.

Senator Elkins has made a tour of the State within the last week, and reports the condition of the party highly satisfactory everywhere. While in this city he gave cheering assurances of his own faith in the result, and effectually disposed of the silly Democratic campaign twaddle as to his own position. He openly stated that he intended doing more for the party this year than he had ever before done, and that his father-in-law's candidacy for the Vice-Presidency on the Democratic ticket would not interfere in the least with his plans to aid in giving Roosevelt the 50,000 majority that had been promised him in West Virginia. He visited while here nearly every business house and industrial enterprise in and about the city, as is his wont wherever he goes, and spoke encouragingly to all. The senior Senator laughed heartily when the report was shown to him that Mr. Davis had just given the Democratic committee of the State \$100,000, to be used in carrying the State for the Democrats, and another \$100,000 to the national committee. He remarked that Mrs. Elkins was taking better care of her patrimony than that, and didn't propose to allow much of it to be squandered in a cause already lost.

Speaker Frank P. Moats of the legislature is talking to the citizens of Barbour County this week, and he sends glowing accounts of his reception in the home county of Congressman Dayton. He says this stalwart protectionist fighter will be returned to Washington by an increased majority, and that the candidacy of Henry G. Davis in that region is regarded as considerable of a joke. They love the old man and want to keep him at home, away from the temptations and trials of life in the national capital. He appears to be willing, too, to accede to the wishes of his friends and neighbors in this respect.

In the 1st Congress District that old fighter in two wars and a thousand political campaign battles, Captain Blackburn Dovenor, has no opposition, and can go back to Congress without making a speech or losing a night's sleep. His election is about as sure as anything can well be. Down in the loyal IIIA matters have been satisfactorily adjusted, and "Joe" Gaines will probably have about seven thousand majority. In the new Vth Colonel "Jim" Hughes will be elected with a hurrah, and in the IVth "Harry" Woodyard will have a majority of four thousand starting him in the face. There is only one really trustworthy Democratic county in the IVth District, and that is tottering. Senator Scott has been through the State also, and is equally as confident as Senator Elkins as to the result. The Junior Senator had made his arrangements to spend a longer time in the State, but business with the national committee in New-York took him there. He is a candidate, of course, for re-election to the United States Senate, and he will be sent there next winter again by a Republican legislature. His hosts of friends in West Virginia earnestly desire to see him thus honored once more. They know he deserves this recognition, and are willing and anxious to reward him.

John T. McGraw, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, is putting forth a final desperate effort to make a showing for his party in this State, to capture, if possible, the legislature, and through that to reach the lifelong goal of his ambition—a seat in the Senate of the United States. He is taking no chances on the nominees of his party, either, for the legislature. They must all hold up their hands and swear by the beard of William F. Sheehan that they will vote first, last and all the time for McGraw for the Senate. Here in Wood County they caught a tartar on that proposition, however. When Oliver P. Dunham got on the Democratic ticket for the legislature from this county he was supposed to be all right. But later it was discovered that Dunham was not Simon-pure, and that he was some bustling at Democratic headquarters. He was hastily summoned and told to vote when he refused that \$100, and that he would resign the committee that for \$200 cash in hand he would commit from the ticket. They finally agreed to let him go, and he was seen no more.

The outlook in the Congress districts is regarded as exceedingly promising, and the Republicans expect to return not fewer than nine, and more likely ten members from this State to the XXIII Congress. There is more than a fighting chance in the XXIII District, and in the IVth the Republican candidate is making contest that may overtake the Democratic majority. While it is still come to make predictions, the fact that Indiana has been so aggressively Republican for the last ten years seems to justify the party managers in the claim that the State will surely give its vote to Roosevelt and Fairbanks and elect its entire State ticket.

INDIANA SITUATION. Republicans Confident and Democrats Only Hopeful. Indianapolis, Oct. 6 (Special).—The situation in Indiana one month before the election may be summed up in the general statement that the Republicans are confident and the Democrats hopeful. It might be added that the confidence of the first is an inspiration to greater effort to make the State absolutely certain, and that the hopefulness of the second is having a like effect, for both committees are working night and day and never before in the history of the two parties has there been so much attention to organization as is now being given. Not only are the recognized party workers being urged to effort, but the organizations have got down to the individual voter, the man who has not heretofore taken an active interest, and he is being brought into the campaign in a modest but hardly less effective way than his more enthusiastic neighbor. In fact, neither party is leaving anything undone, and the State is now in the midst of one of the most active party struggles ever known in the West.

Five elections in succession have resulted in victories for the Republicans, and their pluralities in these have ranged from 15,000 to 44,000, but, paradoxical as it may seem, the less exciting the campaigns and the less important the issues, the smaller have been the Democratic victories, and the larger the Republican pluralities. In two national campaigns their pluralities have been in excess of 15,000, and in two State campaigns they went over 35,000. The Republicans argue from this that the State is certainly Republican by a comfortable plurality, and that, though the pluralities may vary according to the measure of Democratic initiative and Democratic effort to get out the vote, the result is reasonably sure to indicate a steady adherence to Republican principles. This was the feeling with which the campaign opened, and all the developments of the last four weeks have tended to confirm the belief that the result in November would not prove an exception from that of all elections since 1892.

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