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That Meets in Parkersburg To-morrow. It will be the Largest Convention of Republicans Ever Held in West Virginia. Many Delegates and Clubs Already on the Ground and Making the Political Atmosphere of Wood County's Capital Hum-Senator Elkins on the Ground. His Speech will be the Keynote of the Campaign--A Big Reception in Store for Governor Atkinson--The Convention Will Last Two Days.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 20.--Each incoming train to-day brought the advance guard of the delegates who were selected to name the next governor of West Virginia. Even at this early date the city is filled with enthusiastic Republicans from all over the state. The majority of the candidates are already here and have opened up their headquarters and have begun work in dead earnest. Senator Elkins arrived early this morning. He has not seen many callers upon him to-day, as he has been diligently at work upon the speech he will deliver Wednesday upon being called to preside as temporary chairman of the state convention.

The Keynote of the Campaign.

His speech will sound the keynote of West Virginia Republicanism and will be a memorable effort of this historic campaign. Briefly stated it will be the greatest speech of Senator Elkins' life, and that is saying considerable, for he has delivered significant speeches on previous occasions.

In a brief chat with the Intelligencer correspondent the senator expressed the brightest hopes of the triumph of McKinley, sound money and protection in West Virginia, as well as in the entire country. He said he was informed from all quarters in the state that the free silver craze was rapidly dying out, if it had not already died out.

To-night this city was as full of noise as on a Fourth of July day. Two brass bands and speakers mounted upon store boxes filled Market street. The principal speech making was in front of Cannon's headquarters, where an eager multitude listened and cheered each speaker. It was only a forerunner of the times that are to follow till Friday.

Largest Convention Ever Held.

From all indications the state convention will be the largest ever held by Republicans in West Virginia. It will last Wednesday and Thursday. To-morrow the Fourth congressional district convention will be held, when Hon. Warren Miller will be re-nominated by acclamation.

Among the prominent Republicans already upon the ground are State Chairman William O. Dawson, of Kingwood; C. N. Elliott, of Sutton; John Thompson, of Putnam; J. S. Hyer, of Braxton; Major J. J. Peterson, Elliott Northcott, Senator James Hughes, N. Frankenberg, H. M. Adams, all of Huntington; Charles Burdett Hart, of Wheeling; Judge T. P. Jacobs, of New Martinsville; Major J. D. Hewitt, L. M. LaFollette, of Grafton; Senator Davies, of Fayette; H. C. Lockney, of Cabot; W. T. Burnside, of Buckhannon; Res. Blizard, of Gilmer, and hundreds of others. The Calumet Club, of Huntington, is here in force. McDowell, Wirt, Jackson, Gilmer, Roane, Calhoun, Mason, Cabell, and several other delegations are already here. Large crowds will arrive to-morrow. Hon. George Wesley Atkinson who will no doubt be elected the gubernatorial nomination by acclamation, judging from tonight's indications, will be given a great reception when he arrives to-morrow.

FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

The Convention Meets, but Adjourns to Convene at the Call of the Chairman.

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MCKINLEY GOES TO CLEVELAND

To Take Part in the Centennial Celebration in that City This Week.

CANTON, Ohio, July 20.--There was no blare of trumpets or pretension of formality when Major McKinley started on his trip to Cleveland to-day. It was a damp, rainy morning in Canton, and he first intended that Major and Mrs. McKinley should leave for Cleveland at 9:55. The major's mail, however, has assumed such enormous proportions that he found it impossible to leave at that time. He was engaged with Private Secretary Boyle during the morning, endeavoring to take care of the thousands of letters that had reached him Saturday evening and Sunday. Shortly after noon his one horse surrey was driven to his residence and Major and Mrs. McKinley were driven to the railroad station by Mr. Sam Sexton. They took the 12:20 flyer on the Cleveland, Canton & Southern railway, due in Cleveland at 2:20 o'clock, entering an ordinary coach. Governor McKinley will be the guest of national Republican chairman M. A. Hanna in Cleveland. Mr. Hanna, however, is in Chicago today arranging for Republican headquarters there, and will not see his distinguished guest until his return to-morrow.

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