

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

For State Senator, OLIVER C. COOPER, of Grasslands. For Representatives, W. J. KENNEDY, of Stevensville. WYNN ROBERTS, of Hamilton. For Sheriff, B. S. CHAFFIN, of Corvallis. For Clerk and Recorder, LEW E. WILLIAMS, of Stevensville. For Treasurer, JOHN DOWLING, of Stevensville. For Clerk of the District Court, FRED CARON, of Hamilton. For Assessor, HOWARD SMART, of Darby. For County Attorney, C. E. CALKINS, of Stevensville. For Superintendent of Public Instruction, MISS ANNA BOND, of Victor. For Public Administrator, N. E. WILKERSON, of Darby. For Coroner, DR. D. M. RIBBER, of Hamilton. For County Commissioners, Ed. LORR, of Darby. J. D. WATTS, of Hamilton. J. M. SHEPARD, of Corvallis. Stevens Township. For Constables, C. C. WRIGHT, PHILIP WAGNER. For Justices of the Peace, W. D. CUNNINGHAM, J. E. WILSON.

THE THREE CONVENTIONS.

Republicans, Democrats and Populists Select Tickets.

The Fusion Plan Not a Success. Three Straight Tickets Placed in the Field.

Nearly four hundred outsiders with their county conventions, all being held at the same time, was what Stevensville was regaled with last Monday. The cause of the triple conventions on the same day was the question of fusion. The democrats, some weeks ago, made overtures to the populists, for fusion. The populists were desirous of blocking this. Many of the populists were "agin" fusion with either, while some of the populist fusionists preferred the democrats and more preferred the republicans as parties in a fusion walk. This conflict of opinions and interest resulted in all three conventions being held the same day and at the same place. Some of the delegates to each convention arrived in town on Sunday evening, so as to be early in the field, and early morning brought a string of vehicles from all directions, while many from above came down on the morning train. All the conventions commenced in the morning, the republicans in Buck's hall, the populists in the court house, and the democrats in Bass hall. In the democratic and populist conventions the preliminary resolutions were soon over, conference committees organized, and an adjournment had until three o'clock, so that the action of the republicans could be considered by the populists, the democrats. The republican convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by the chairman of the county central committee, E. A. O'Hara, of Hamilton, and the call for the convention was read by Secretary Bishop. The chair declared nominations for temporary chairman in order and the names of Aaron Connor, of Sula, and W. B. Harlan, of Como, were placed before the convention. In the ballot which followed Mr. Harlan was elected. Chas. H. Buck, of Stevensville, was elected secretary by acclamation. Upon motion the following committees were appointed by the chair: Credentials—W. J. Kennedy, J. M. Jones, J. W. McCarty, A. Connor, E. B. Hackett. Organization and order of business—J. M. Shepard, J. L. Humble, Joe Appolinio, Fred Edwards, J. E. Borough. Platform and resolutions—H. H. Spaulding, C. C. Chaffin, W. H. McCoy, Fred Grill, Ed. Buker. A recess was taken to allow the various committees to report. The afternoon session was called to order at 5 o'clock. The committee on credentials reported the following delegates entitled to seats in the convention: Darby—J. D. Kerley, N. E. Wilkerson, W. H. Baker, A. Connor, W. H. McCoy, J. A. Wilkerson, W. S. Overturf. Como—W. B. Harlan. Eight Mile—N. J. Tillman. Evelyn—Henry Torlan. Grantsdale—Fred Grill, George Steele, James Shirey. Hamilton—J. D. Watts, H. S. Page, Ed Smith, John Summers, Ed. Kendall, W. H. Roberts, I. Dridkenburg, R. Harper, Louis Peterson, Pat Shannon, Frank Lockwood, Pat Cole, John Grish, H. Spaulding. Sula—F. S. Edwards, W. D. Edwards. Stevensville—E. T. Buker, J. E. Borough, W. R. Bages, Chas. H. Buck, O. A. Traicher, Geo. T. Bages, W. J. Kennedy, W. D. Cunningham, H. D. Fisher, S. L. Haley, J. B. Haley. Etna and Atford—J. M. Shepard, J. W. McCarty. Victor—Jos. Appolinio, E. B. Hackett, C. B. Cates, Sam Rob. Corvallis—W. E. Gleason, Guard Lockwood, Jas. Myers, J. M. Jones, E. H. Chaffin, D. M. Guff, J. H. Humble. Florence—Rufus DeLong, J. E. Wilson, Sebastian Wagner. W. J. Kennedy and Chas. H. Buck were nominated for the offices of permanent chairman and secretary and were unanimously elected. The report of the committee on resolutions was read and adopted as follows: "The republicans of Ravalli county, Montana, assembled by their representatives in county convention hereby recommend to the intelligence and judgment of the voters of this county to the unparalleled republican administration of our state and county officers, who in all cases have used economy and have shown great ability in performing the duties imposed upon them. Be it resolved, by the republicans of Ravalli county, in convention assembled, that we recommend the selection of such persons to represent this county at the state republican convention who are avowed advocates of the free coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1. And be it further resolved, that said delegation be instructed to oppose the nomination by said convention of presidential electors pledged to support McKinley and Hobart for president and vice-president. And be it further resolved, that said delegation be instructed to, if possible, abide by the result of the ballot conference, but in case such course be found impracticable or impossible, then it shall be the duty of said delegates to ally themselves with what will be known as the free silver republicans. Be it further resolved, that we endorse the action of our congressman, Charles S. Hartman, in withdrawing from the St. Louis convention, and his noble fight for silver, and the interest he has taken in the welfare of his constituents during his past term in office. Be it further resolved, that we recognize him to be a man of ability, a man who places party principles above party nature. Be it further resolved, that the delegates from Ravalli county to the

state convention be instructed to use every available means in securing his nomination for congressman of this state. Be it further resolved, that we endorse the platform of the national republican convention, adopted at St. Louis, with the exception of the financial plank. A recess was taken until 8 o'clock. Upon reassembling the regular order of business was taken up and O. C. Cooper, of Grantsdale, was nominated by acclamation for state senator. W. J. Kennedy, of Stevensville, and Wynn Roberts, of Hamilton, were nominated for the state legislature by acclamation. Now that the convention had got down to work things were pushed along and the following nominations were also made by acclamation: L. S. Chaffin for sheriff, L. E. Williams for clerk and recorder, and John Dowling for treasurer. For the office of assessor there were three contestants: Robt. Nelson, of Stevensville, Howard Smart of Darby, and Thomas Phillips of Hamilton. Smart was nominated on the first ballot. For clerk of the court, Thomas Fowler of Riverside, and Fred Caron of Hamilton, made the race. Caron received 39 of the 57 votes. Miss Ida L. Fisher of Stevensville, and Miss Anna Bond of Victor, were placed in nomination for superintendent of schools. It was a close contest and Miss Bond won by four votes. For county attorney C. B. Calkins received the nomination by acclamation. Six names were placed before the convention for county commissioners as follows: Ed. Lorr, of Darby, John Hackett, and J. D. Watts, of Hamilton; J. M. Shepard, of Corvallis; Wm. Ahren, of Florence; and J. F. Borough, of Stevensville. The ballot decided that Lorr, Watts and Shepard would be the nominees of the party. N. E. Wilkerson, of Darby, was the unanimous choice of the convention for public administrator as was W. S. Fortner, of Hamilton, for surveyor, and Dr. Rober, of the same place for coroner. This completed the list of county officers to be nominated and the following list of delegates and alternate delegates were chosen by acclamation to the state convention which meets in Helena today: DELEGATES. W. B. McCoy, A. Connor, W. B. Harlan, A. K. Grow, J. L. Humble, J. M. Jones, N. J. Tillman, Wm. Ahren, Henry Buker, H. D. Fisher, Geo. T. Bages, W. J. Kennedy, Henry Torlan, O. C. Cooper, Fred Grill, H. A. O'Hara, H. H. Spaulding, J. D. Watts, E. S. Edwards, C. B. Cates, John Summers, D. A. Bishop. The following committees were chosen and the work of the convention was finished: Alex Mitchell, Etna; W. H. McCoy and Simon Overturf, Darby; W. B. Harlan, Como; W. E. Gleason and J. M. Jones, Corvallis; John Ferguson, Eight Mile; Thomas Laird, Evelyn; J. F. Wilson, Florence; Fred Grill, Grantsdale; T. J. Phillips and W. H. Kendall, Hamilton; H. W. Lord, Sula; J. H. Appolinio, Victor; Fred Jamieson, White Cloud. THE DEMOCRATS. The democratic convention elected Chas. H. Buck, of Hamilton, as temporary chairman and secretary, selected the various committees, including one to confer with the populists on fusion, and took a recess until 1:30 p. m. The convention met again at the hour named and the temporary organization was made permanent. The conference committee met being ready to report another recess was taken until 3 o'clock. Upon reassembling the committee on resolutions reported the following, which was accepted: "To the democrats of Ravalli county, Montana, in convention assembled: "First—That we endorse and reaffirm the principles set forth in the national democratic platform adopted in Chicago, Illinois, in July last, and the resolutions favored by the state democratic convention held in Missoula on September, 3d, 1896. "Second—That we do especially endorse the nomination of William J. Bryan for president and Arthur Sewall for vice president. "Third—That we pledge our hearty support to the state democratic ticket as brought about by said convention. "Fourth—We believe that the farmers and laborers who suffer most from the present gold standard will be afforded complete relief by adopting the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. "Fifth—That we hereby invite the assistance and co-operation of all the people of Ravalli county without regard to party affiliation to unite with us in this great contest to restore silver to its rightful place as one of the money metals of the United States. "The conference committee then reported that it had talked fusion with the populists, but had reached no agreement. Each convention thought the other wanted the earth, and it was decided that the democrats and populists would not play in each others' back yard this year. The convention then proceeded to nominate a county ticket and Henry Myers received the nomination for county attorney by acclamation. For commissioners the names Josh Bond and Sam Lucas, of Hamilton; John Bird, of Darby; John T. Williams, of Stevensville; and John W. Mayhew, of Pringles, were placed before the convention. The ballot resulted in Williams, Lucas and Bird being selected. The next was the much-sought-for office of sheriff, and Tom Irvine, L. L. Wright, V. Burch, L. D. Hatch and G. W. Johnson showed a disposition that they were willing to be sacrificed. Four ballots were taken and Irvine captured the nomination. Taylor Sherrill made another race for treasurer with the same result as two years ago.

Abie Mitrow, John Simpson, J. T. Popham and Al Deast made the run, but on the second ballot, Mitrow, who was a dark horse, ran like a scared wolf, and had 29 of the 32 votes at the finish. The convention then adjourned for supper. At 8 o'clock the delegates met in Masonic hall and completed the ticket. Fisk and Fitzgerald, of Hamilton, took a whirl for clerk and recorder, but Fisk lost his strength after he had received six votes. Miss Bond, also of Hamilton received the nomination for superintendent of schools. Rev. M. L. Rickman and A. E. Shippee had the closest contest of the evening for clerk of the court and Shippee only had one vote the best of it. W. S. Fortner, of Hamilton, was nominated for surveyor by acclamation. Several were nominated for public administrator, including Rev. M. L. Rickman. Finally Jim Higgins, of Etna, was induced to take the nomination. The next was the legislature and Dr. Gwin was named, but declined and put E. C. Smalley in nomination. The untried did not seem anxious to go to the legislature so a recess was taken to find material. When they got together again L. L. Wright and E. P. Woods were named. Smalley and Wright were the men nominated. For state senator Rev. M. L. Rickman was nominated by acclamation. This finished the ticket and after electing a county central committee the convention adjourned. THE POPULISTS. The populists met and perfected a temporary organization with J. J. Bond in the chair and J. M. Eldridge as secretary. The committees on credentials, order of business and resolutions were appointed; the conference committee was instructed to visit the democratic and republican conventions and ascertain what propositions would be made in regard to fusion and the convention adjourned to meet in the afternoon. The first thing in the afternoon was the report of the democratic camp. The convention went into secret session when it was decided to let the democrats go it alone, and the conference committee was sent over to the republicans to see what kind of a layout they could get there. The populists refused to appoint a similar committee so the populists were forced to hit the trail alone. The committee on resolutions reported an endorsement of the national and state platforms. The convention then nominated Jack Nelson, of Hamilton, for sheriff, and the convention adjourned for supper. At the evening session there was quite a discussion about putting an outsider on the ticket for county attorney. After considerable wrangling H. L. Myers and C. B. Calkins were placed in nomination and Myers won on the ballot. The ticket is as follows: State senator—L. J. Knapp, of Stevensville. Legislature—D. A. McIntire, of Stevensville; J. J. Bond, of Victor. Sheriff—Jack Nelson, of Hamilton. Clerk of Court—O. M. Baldwin, of Stevensville. Clerk and Recorder—J. M. Tuxbury, of Hamilton. Treasurer—J. K. Squires, of Hamilton. Assessor—Henry Grover, of Hamilton. Public Administrator—William L. McIntosh, of Corvallis. County Attorney—Henry Myers, of Hamilton. Superintendent of Schools—Kitty Ostermyer, of Hamilton. County commissioners—Ed Kerns, of Victor, E. Bryan, of Darby, G. W. Ward, of Hamilton. THE DEMOCRATS. Their State Convention Calls on the Populists for Help. The democrats of Montana met in state convention in Missoula on Thursday last. There was a large attendance of the faithful from all parts of the state, it being estimated that about one-tenth of the entire party remaining in the state were present, the hope of democracy being able, with the assistance of the stronger party, the populists, to get a share of offices, being the notion which brought so many out of the holes they have been in for the last four years. About the first thing that was done was to fix up a deal with the populists, who were then in state convention at Helena, for a division of offices, and this was finally arranged on the basis of the populists having one elector, the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and superintendent of public instruction, the democrats taking two electors, treasurer, and auditor, attorney general, associate justice and congressman. The platform adopted by the democrats was very short, consisting of a plank in favor of free coinage, one asking all Montanians to help them elect the democratic presidential candidates, and another stating that the farmers, miners and wool growers of the west ought to be protected, the latter presumably by the reduction of the tariff on wool. The present democratic tariff not having succeeded in breaking all of them because a few had money in bank which they have been enabled to draw on to keep their business going during these hard old democratic times. No mention was made of Grover Cleveland, and it is presumed Montana democracy still cordially indorses his administration, as it did two years ago, but are afraid to say so. The fusion ticket that was the result of the surrender of the populists is as follows: Governor—R. B. Smith, of Helena. Lieut. governor—A. E. Spriggs of Townsend. Secretary of state—T. S. Hogan, of Anaconda. Supt. of public instruction—A. E. Carleton, of Helena. Treasurer—T. E. Collins, of Great Falls. Attorney general—C. B. Nolan, of Helena.

Associate Justice—H. R. Buck, of Helena. Auditor, T. W. Polidexter, of Dillon. The presidential electors are Daniel Brown, of Butte, populist; H. L. Frank, of Butte and Newton Maginnis, of Helena, democrats. When it came to the selection of a candidate for congressman, the Daily and Clark factions locked horns, the former wanting the place left open for Charley Hartman's indorsement, while the latter wanted a democrat in the person of John M. Quinn, the editor of the Butte Miner, put on the ticket. The Clark men were outvoted and set down on, and the nomination was left for the central committee to fill up with Hartman's name after the silver republicans had nominated him. The convention then adjourned, and the warring factors, or some of them, proceeded to work out their differences with their fists, several encounters taking place. Another Pioneer Gone. Billings, Sept. 3.—George B. Parker of this city died here this morning at 6.15. The immediate cause of his death was cirrhosis of the liver. He had been ailing for several months, but only took to his bed about 10 days ago. Mr. Parker was highly respected here and everything that could be done was promptly attended to by his friends. Mrs. Ella Gillespie, a niece, arrived from Columbia, Mo., on Saturday and was with him until the end. Mrs. Gillespie accompanies the remains to her home, where they will be interred. She left today. Mr. Parker came to Montana from Columbia, Mo., about 1894, and engaged in business in Virginia City, afterwards going to Fort Benton, where he was employed by I. G. Baker & Co., as bookkeeper. He was well-known to all old-time Montanians. He leaves an estate valued at about \$20,000, all of which is in good securities. He was a stockholder in the Galt mine at Nelhart. Fight for Food. Calumet, Mich., Sept. 4.—So distressing has become the condition of the fire sufferers in Ontonagon that they have nearly returned to the condition of barbarism. The food contributed is way below the demand and the strong and able bodied fight back the weak and take the sustenance for themselves, leaving the weaker to starve. The authorities have been unable to meet the condition, and yesterday a squad of Co. D, Fifth regiment, left for the fire district to protect the supplies from the raids of the half-crazed sufferers. Gov. Rich was appealed to and will send the entire state militia in the upper peninsula to guard the food if necessary. Every soldier is supplied with 20 rounds of ball cartridges. Thieves and pillagers will be shot down if necessary to protect the weak.

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The national democratic ticket, put up at Indianapolis will not cut very much figure in the western or extreme western states, but it will have much influence in the middle states, and particularly in Illinois, where Senator Palmer has a large following. In Kentucky, with Buckner, Carlisle, Watterson, Breckenridge, Senator Lindsay and other old line democratic leaders supporting it, it is liable to pull enough votes from the Bryan ticket to give the state to McKinley.

The Butte Miner charges that the gag was applied at the democratic state convention. If that was so the Miner was only getting a dose of its own medicine, for a majority of Montanians have been gagged by the Miner editorials on Hartman, for some weeks now.

The Independent objects to the Leader styling Plueger a republican. But we repeat, that though an ardent silver man, he is nevertheless a consistent republican, supporting republican principles and running for governor on the republican ticket—Great Falls Leader.

Silver Row republicans had a row and walkout in their county convention, and two sets of 77 delegates to the state convention were named, for the convention today to decide. Granite, also, has two delegations of 11 each.

The republican convention which met here placed an exceptionally strong county ticket in the field. There is not a weak spot in it, and when the votes are counted in November it will be found that it is a winner from top to bottom.

The fusion state ticket is a Helena ticket, that city having the governor, associate justice, attorney general, school superintendent, and one elector. The Helena boy got there with both feet.

Dana's Welcome.

Open the gate with a hearty bang, the gate of the Yankee nation, and give good day to Li Hung Chang with appropriate elation. For he's a genuine China swell, with jackets to burn and feathers to sell, of immense capitalization. He is old and wise in men and books, and wars and statecraft, and women's looks, and his collection of artist cooks defies enumeration. A wonderful man of a wonderful land, where the porcelain and tea are grand, and the chronology is in great demand; where civil service reform blooms well, and you must pursue it in a cell; a mighty fine old country, in brief, and Mr. Li is its biggest chief.

So the tip and the top of the day to Li, and if there's anything takes his eye, baseball or beans or beer or pie, 'tis his, and he will not have to buy. He can test or fortify his nerve by watching the cars at Dead Man's curve; he can scout through the hotels that are kept by Raines or paint; he can put himself on pneumonia tires or see great Stojan will the wires or the devil machines put out the fires. He can hear the silver barkers bark or take a carriage in the park. He can run or ride or float or fly; in short, there's nothing too good for Li.—New York Sun.