HOPE OF FUSION GONE.

That is the Apparent Situation with Silver Men in Montana.

FUSION COMMITTEE UNABLE TO AGREE.

Democrats Practically Want to Take Everything—Silver Republicans and Populists Object.

Anaconda, Mont., Sept. 21.—The Democratic, Populist and Silver Republican state conventions met at noon today in each the chief issue was relative to fusion. Only two judges were left of supreme court and one and one of supreme court and one regent are to be nominated, but the coming session of the legislature will be a very heated one, and the silver question will complicate the situation.

Gen. George Ennis Norris of Dillon was temporary chairman of the Democratic convention. A. J. Campbell of Butte was made permanent chairman.

A motion to adjourn for an hour was made, but was lost. Adjournment was finally taken for an hour and a half. A. J. Seligman of Helena was made permanent chairman.

In the Populist convention Secretary Hickey of Butte, Mr. Ennis of Anaconda was temporary and later permanent chairman.

Each of the three conventions appointed the usual committees and in addition a committee conference committee. All three then recessed until 2 o'clock this evening.

The conference committee on fusion will have to agree, and apparently will have quite a time of it before they get to the point of fusion. The principal points of the controversy are the following judges of the supreme court to be renominated: One of the three Democratic judges, Judge Pemberton, Chief Justice Pemberton, who is a Democrat, by a fusion of Democrats and Populists and is generally regarded as a Populist, and Silver Republican Justice Pigott, is a straight Democrat. The Democratic convention will not nominate Pigott, but it is proposed to nominate a straight judge.

While waiting to hear the report of the fusion committee, the Silver Republicans adjourned and tonight and adjourned sine die. The Populists are trying the Democrats to recede from their position regarding the senatorial contest. Senator Clark is trying to accept all the terms that offer.

The Populist convention is still debating the question.

The Democratic platform adopted tonight endorses the Chicago platform, declares against the issue of bonds, favors the coinage of 16 to 1, totally accepts the leadership of William J. Bryan, congratulates the President and his Cabinet on the successful termination of the war with Spain, arraigns the war department for criminal neglect, condemns the administration's alliance with a European power, condemns the monopolistic tendency of interstate commerce laws, condemns the government under pretense of war necessities, and under the Republican administration by the mineral land commission, condemns the northern case walking about territorial expansion.

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Detroit, Mich., Sept. 21.—Gen. Fingree was unanimously nominated by acclamation this afternoon by the Republican state convention. Many members of his party who have been Democrats were in accord with the government in the cheering when he appeared and made a characteristic speech of acceptance. In his speech Gen. Fingree announced that he was for the money in gold-Spanish Filipino no war two years ago; the Democrat Republican that believed in principle office party.

He will, however, that the Republican party was the party of the common people and that was why he had always been in it. He hoped it would stand up and see that there is fair play, and the governor said it was down to work for him to do it. If anybody, even the best Republican, was found acting one of paying his taxes he would not vote for him.

When the resolutions were reported to the convention they were unanimously adopted without a dissenting vote. On the war issue the resolution said:

"We endorse the present national administration and express confidence in the honesty, fidelity and patriotism of President McKinley. During the time that war was culminated in a way with Spain, he faithfully and wisely and successfully until the final cessation of hostilities. We hope will speedily result in permanent peace.

"We endorse our honored secretary of war and commend his constitutional, patriotic and manifest devotion to the interests of the nation and welfare of the army.

"We denounce the subject attacks made on him and offer him our cordial sympathy and confidence.

"We reaffirm the principles of the St. Louis platform and pledge them our support as a sure guarantee of national prosperity and honor. We stand for raising gold standard and continue the proposition to admit silver to the coinage on the basis of the ratio of 16 to 1 by this country alone."

The platform congratulates the country upon the prosperity following the Republican rule and the operation of the Dingley law, offers honor and devotion to the memory of William McKinley, the war, congratulates the country upon its increased and victorious and reviews the history of the party, of which the nation has gained control through the war, concludes by placing in the hands of the present administration the affairs of the nation.

Gen. Fingree is commended, especially his care of the troops.

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Quartermaster General Ludington Accused—The Charge Denied.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 21.—A prominent gentleman close to the national administration as well as to the office here at Camp Hamilton says the time is ripe for the southern press to Secretary Alger, Quartermaster-Gen. Ludington and Surgeon-Gen. Sternberg will develop numerous surprises from unprincipled and general and others against both the medical and the quartermaster's departments, and especially against some officers stationed here.

The talking was begun here today by Gen. Waite against the quartermaster, and other officers who will testimony before the war department. Secretary Alger stated that all of this information and all other evidence that could be secured would be presented to the investigating committee at Washington.

At the conference last night of Secretary Alger with Gen. Breckenridge, the commander of Camp Hamilton and other officers, Gen. Breckenridge said that the political hospital might be a good thing. But the best conducted hospital is a disgrace to the service that it had deprived the regiments of their surgeons and of providing hospitals on the sick, who should have had better attention at the proper time. Surgeon-Gen. Sternberg is very doubtful that all requisitions should be honored in Washington, and that any should be sent feeling to do their duty should be reported.

Gen. Waite had Secretary Alger and the national at some quartermasters to furnish origins and evidence. While in Chickamauga he frequently made requests which were not honored. As requisitions were made he was sent to have all water boiled. He had made a requisition on Quartermaster-Gen. Ludington for water boilers. Attention was paid to his request and he repeatedly urged Quartermaster-Gen. Ludington to send the boilers and telling him how the men were suffering. He never heard from him or got a reply which reached him. The war department does not furnish boilers.

Gen. Waite then purchased the boilers himself, but the sick of typhoid fever had made a week, and the daily reports showed the list of deaths and of cases in the hospitals.

Speaking of quartermaster Ludington, Gen. Waite said: "These men cannot say it was somebody else's fault. It was the fault of Quartermaster Ludington and of Quartermaster Lee, and it was the fault of Quartermaster Ludington, who is standing right there." Ludington made no reply to Waite, as Sternberg had done to Sanger.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—The quartermaster's department and the army states that the claim made by certain officers that boilers were not furnished for boiling water at Chickamauga is not true. On the other hand that Chief Quartermaster Lee has purchased for the boilers 2,000 were sent and a little later 2,000 more. It is also stated that the soldiers would drink the boiled water because it had a flat taste, and preferred and drank the fresh water.

General Otis Accused.

Cleveland, Sept. 21.—Mr. C. W. McCall, living in this city, whose son, Burton McCall, died recently in Manila, has received a letter from a friend in Manila, who is a prominent Democrat, who is a member of the United States regulars, and who is a brother of a prominent officer under Gen. Otis now with the American forces in the Philippines. Mr. McCall's letter says: "I am a member of an organization made up of people all over the country, who have relatives or friends who had enlisted in the regular army for service in the Philippines.

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