

sides this you will no doubt dispose of mutton to the valuation of at least \$100,000, making a grand total of \$500,000 which goes into circulation among the people of your county as the result of the woolgrowing industry.

Grand as is this showing, gentlemen, you are not satisfied and will not be until you dispose of \$1,000,000 worth of wool annually from Salt Lake county alone, but this cannot be until you are thoroughly organized for protective purposes, for organization means victory, which leads to prosperity, and for that purpose you are here today.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and you have had an exemplification of that fact a few months since, when our Legislature (which to our eternal disgrace was overwhelmingly Democratic) tried so hard to utterly and utterly destroy us, and with us (without exception), the most prosperous industry in Utah today.

Thank God, that Legislature will never again meet to misrepresent their constituents, and we should eternally and everlastingly thank God that we had a governor whose heart was white, whose head was level, whose honesty and integrity can never be doubted in the course of right and justice. Governor Thomas stood between us and destruction, and when delegation after delegation of would-be-law-makers waited upon him and asked him to affix his signature to that monstrous bill, he quietly told them that this bill would destroy and drive beyond our borders every sheep and every wool-grower, and reduce thousands of now prosperous, contented, happy people to penury and want.

Napoleon once said that "Providence was on the side of the heaviest artillery," and you will find that Providence and protection are on the side of those who work constantly and vigilantly for the political party that gives us the protection we have today. There are a few Democratic wool growers, I am sorry to say, gentlemen, who are absolutely honest in their belief that our prosperity depends upon the success of the Democratic party next November, and with all good feeling to these, I will say that the late lamented Democratic Legislature used every endeavor to destroy us. Ex-President Cleveland's free wool message was aimed at our destruction. The Mills bill, another Democratic measure, also aimed at our downfall, and last, but not least, the Springer free wool bill, which has passed the House, and now awaits the action of the Senate, before being presented to the President for his signature. These are all Democratic measures, designed to place us in competition with the pauper labor of Australasia and the Argentine republic, where herders can be had for from \$4 to \$6 Spanish money per month. Every measure aimed at our destruction comes from Democratic sources, and every measure for the advancement of our industry and the prosperity of our people springs from Republican sources. I know orators from the Democratic party will tell you that with wool on the free list we would receive more for our clips than we do today, and in the same breath tell the tolling millions, their clothing would be 50 per cent. cheaper.

As I speak, the London sales of wool are taking place, and yesterday X wool,

shrinking 20 per cent. sold for sixpence three furthings, or less than 14 cents. Now, Mr. Chairman, add one cent for freight to this would make 15 cents, the price which this wool would cost the manufacturers at the seaboard, is it likely he would purchase our wool shrinking from 80 to 80 per cent. trashy, and broken in staple, fibre short and unskirted tag-locks in it, etc., in preference to this beautiful skirted long-stapled wool? Well hardly, Mr. Chairman. The fact is our American wool is, and always has been about double the price of the London wool, shrinkage taken into consideration. Wools are always sold on their scoured basis, and as our wool shrinks 60 to 80 per cent. and is unskirted, while theirs shrink only 20 per cent. their wool would, even if it were admitted free, be worth double what ours would be; then, with wool on the free list, we would receive today from 6 cents to 8 cents perhaps per pound, and I ask you woolgrowers can you exist at that figure, can you pay decent wages to decent men, for shearing, herding, dipping, freighting, etc? In Australia it costs 40½ cents per annum to run each sheep, this includes shearing, herding, clipping, freighting, sacking and laying the wool on the seaboard.

In Utah it has always cost me 70 cents per head, not including shearing, dipping, etc., to run sheep. In Australia the average weight per fleece is eight pounds, while ours is hardly six. Such being the fact, gentlemen, how can we compete with these men, whose herds number hundreds of thousands, where grass is perennial, and where you can lease for ninety-nine years a hundred leagues for \$100; without protection we would be compelled to send our sheep to the shambles, and when our flocks were destroyed, our factories silent and the wheels of industry clogged, up would go the price of wool and clothing, and then, when too late, our Democratic friends would realize they had the wool pulled over their eyes, and their reason stifled by fallacies which had no foundation in facts.

Gentlemen, let me again urge upon you the necessity of taking a more active part in politics, for the success of the Republican party next November means continued protection which means continued prosperity to you all. Let each and every one of you put your shoulder to the Republican band wagon in national and State politics and at the next Territorial election we will send a delegate to Congress who will be honest, staunch and true to the policy of protection to every American industry.

WOOL SAMPLES FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Mr. Crane, at the request of Prof. Sauborn, who has charge of the Utah exhibit of farm products at the World's Fair, said that while the woolgrowers could not exhibit sheep, they, nevertheless, wanted samples of the wool-grown here. "I propose to get up a stuffed sheep and a banner of all the classes of wool grown in this Territory, for instance, samples of one month's growth, two months' growth, etc. I would like some fleece from every county in the Territory. It don't cost much. I think I have a world-beating fleece, but I may not be in it when I get to the World's Fair. These samples

will be arranged in glass cases with the names of the growers, the age and breed of the sheep on which it was grown."

Mr. Tufts made a short speech in which he counseled the members to take a more active interest in elections and thought that the association would take a hand in the election of the next Legislature.

Charles Crane, on the suggestion of President Parsons, was made an honorary member of the association.

TIME OF MEETING.

A motion to change the time of holding the annual meeting from July to October was lost.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Arthur, Edward J., St. John, Tooele county.
Anderson, Enevold, West Jordan.
Blake, James, Gale.
Beckstead, G. F., Gale.
Blake, Charles, Gale.
Bennion, S. H., Taylorsville.
Bennion, Alfred, Taylorsville.
Brown, O. C., 27 E. Sixth South.
Beckstead, George W., Gale;
Bowdidge, John S., City.
Butterfield, Samuel, Herriman.
Beckstead, Gordon S., Gale.
Burns, Robert G., 1051 east, Third South (Funkman & Burns).
Covey, Enoch, 569 east, Third South.
Cochran, J. M., Granger.
Canning, George, city.
Cochran, Matthew, city.
Candle, Peter S. & Bros., 554 south Third West, city.
Cepson, Albert, East Mill Creek.
Callister, E. H. & Bros., box 605.
Duncombe, David, 360 west, Second North, city.
Day, J. E., Draper.
Davis, W. P., city.
Davidson, Walter, 905 east, Second South.
Duncombe, Robert, city.
Dangle Bros., Herriman.
Day, James H., Draper.
Dangley, W. J., Gale.
Droubay, Paul, Erda, Tooele county.
Duncomb, A. J., Evanston, Wy.
Dangle, C. N., Riverton.
Ennias, W. B., Draper.
Everil, Wm. R., 478 Third street.
Fritzgerald, J. W. W., Draper.
Gerrard, Wm., Taylorsville.
Gerrard, Eph., Taylorsville.
Green, A., Draper.
Howard, Samuel H., Gale.
Howard, Samuel L., Gale.
Hatch, W. H., Taylorsville.
Hill, Aleck, North P. O.
Hill, W. P., Mill Creek.
Hall & Bevan, city.
Harker, William, Taylorsville.
Hansen & Winder, city.
Hall, Ebenezer, Price, Emery co.
Jones, T. W., 631 W. South Temple street.
Jones, W. H., 231 S. Third East.
James, James A., city.
Kendrick, T. O., city.
Kingsbury, S. S., city.
Kirk, William, Pleasant Grove.
Kerr, J. B., city 445 S. W.
Lawrence, Andrew T., Malad, Ida.
Laird, E., Sugar House ward.
Miller, C. L., Murray.
Mackay, D., Granger.
Mackay, D. O., Taylorsville.
Marsh, J. W., Brighton.
Miller, D. L., Murray.
McKean, Theodore, 173 N. Fourth West.
Mackay, Hyrum, Taylorsville.