A GREAT GATHERING

The International Mining Congress Opened This Forenoon.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

Delivered by Governor Wells, for the State and Mayor Cluff, for the City.

ONE RESPONSE FROM GOVERNOR ADAMS.

Prelatado's Executive Ex-Governor Prince of New Mexico, President of the Congress, Delivers a Splendid Greeting.

Under most auspicious circumstances, the International Mining Congress opened in this city. There was a good attendance of delegates at the Assembly Hall this morning when the party of ex-Governor Prince of New Mexico fell in with the call for the first session of the Congress. Many offices are arriving today and the attendance will be greatly increased tomorrow.

Previous to the commencement of the session this morning, the excellent organization, the N. of P. Military band, under Director Federer, regaled the assembling delegates with a few musical selections, among which was a potpourri of national airs. As such patriotic melody came out the delegates seemed to feel fire and enthusiasm rightly.

When the C press opened there were upon the stand ex-Governor Prince, presiding, Governor Wells, Mayor Cluff, Angus M. Cannon and John Dern, Esq.

President Dameron prayed for divine guidance in the proceedings of the Congress, and called down a special blessing on the national seven.

Governor Wells, on behalf of the State, welcomed the delegates in a very neat and terse speech, which was well appreciated. In conclusion, the Governor said, "All we ask of you is that you will prove the nation and we will do the rest."

Mayor Cluff delivered a short address of welcome in behalf of the city, and Secretary Johnson read the call, when the president of the Congress called upon Governor Adams to second in behalf of Colorado, which he did in a speech notable with point, force and happy utterance. The delegate from Venezuela briefly responded for the foreign representatives.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Ex-Governor Prince, president of the Congress, made the opening address to the Congress. He said:

My heart is full of joy and pride and I am inclined to speak in terms of congratulation at the sight of this magnificent assemblage of the representatives of one of the greatest industries of the greatest nation upon the earth. What a gathering it is, representing thirty-four great states of our own great country, from every section, reaching from north to south, and with the delegation of foreign powers, who have come to give an encouragement and impression by their presence.

This is but the second congress of this kind, the first under its more comprehensive name and extended scope, and yet, Lincoln, Denver, Chicago, Boise City and Salt Lake City have made a notable beginning in the organization of the mining industry. All voted for the exchange of ideas and the acquisition of increased knowledge. A year ago a few men full of courage and enthusiasm hoped to see a great mining convention in Denver, and labored against remarkable of local opposition and apathy to achieve it. Yet they were almost overwhelmed by the response—the living heroic response—that came from all parts of the mining regions of the land, showing that the people appreciated the best of such a field. And yet, some that were in the change of mind, and moved what seemed a desertion, and proclaimed themselves the representative mining organization of the industry. I hear it said that some of those who enterprises that was and how and in the interest now represented. As a gold mining convention it represented only the Eastern, or Middle, of all the land outside of that one mining belt, as stands for a every product more than twelve times as great, reaching $100,000,000, and embracing every form of mineral wealth. These are the great commercial metals, among which lead is not far off. The lateral value and the wide range of other products where gold stands prominent, with an annual value almost four times that of gold.

There is a peculiar satisfaction about the mining industry in that it is not, strictly adding to the dollars and cents of man's possession. We are told that man is a great manufacturer who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, but what shall we say of the miner who from the rocky fastnesses of the earth, disembowelling long years accumulated wealth, which, in the lapse of ages, the previous generations have left in storage? And it cannot not be a blessing. He makes it so to have that in the production of wealth, that the powers of the air, the elements, and the forces of the earth, and from the United States today stands at the head of the world, and that the world is the gainer by its prowess. Am I not right in saying that it is a great industry, and that as it is one of the most ancient, it is one of the most useful?

It is delightful to be here, as we are in the first hundred of other and the most genuine congress of the kind that have been held. Perhaps it is best before, and not so assured of this. And there is no other equal, perhaps, on the globe. American energy, industry and skill, combined as only civilization is the product of the Saxon race, has made the last fifty years, compare that with 1898, the world, with its growth, and its only equal in the Roman Empire, has grown up with American energy.

In addressing you a few words on opening the congress in Denver I said: "This is a congress representative not by thousands and millions, but hundreds and tens of millions, and the industry represented should feel it was right, and it is predominately 1898, in this Congress, from every state in the Union, of the industry, the interests they had from the outset, or because of the great work in the world." In 1898 I said that nothing seemed that I