

THE BIG MEN OF THIS WEEK'S CONVENTION.

TOMORROW morning President John W. Springer will call the fourth annual convention of the National Live Stock Association to order in the Assembly Hall. By the time that his gavel falls there will have been gathered from the four corners of America, representatives from thirty-seven states who have come to Salt Lake City for the express purpose of exchanging ideas, commodities, and incidentally sampling the hospitality of the residents of the Beehive State.

The association, while only entering upon its fourth year, has already become to be recognized as a power in the West. It has up to this time accomplished much in the direction of obtaining a hearing in Washington, with the attendant passing of measures for the benefit of the stockmen generally, the reduction of rates on the part of the railroad companies, concessions in the tariff on wool, and other material benefits. It has done much hitherto, but the future lies before it and ere many years have passed this representative gathering of influential men will be a greater power in the land than now. At the present time one of the chief aims and objects

of the association is to kill the Groat bill, and, if present indications are any criterion, the bill will most assuredly be annihilated, mainly through the untiring efforts of this body of men who represent one of the mainstays of the country.

AN OAK FROM AN ACORN.

The National Live Stock Association has not always been the growing power that it is today. It was organized a few years ago in the nature of an association whereby the stockmen of the West could get together, compare notes, execute contracts of sales of hocks and horns and have a good time together for a few days. The first meeting was pronounced such a success that it was deemed good policy to enlarge the scope of the association and give it a national standing. This was accordingly done with the result that today the Association Press has for weeks past been sending out telegrams recording the work of the association. The press throughout the country has further recognized the association to the extent that columns of space have been devoted to the doings of the forthcoming convention which opens tomorrow. For the balance of the week dispatches bearing the Salt Lake date line will appear in all the leading newspapers throughout the land.

SOME OF THE WORKERS.

The prime movers in the organization of this association were several prominent cattlemen who, from time to time, visited Denver. The ones who have placed the convention in the position which it stands today are essentially Hon. John W. Springer, C. F. Martin, Hon. John M. Holt and J. D. Wood. Strange to say the first two named are old-time newspaper men, and the man in which they have thrown themselves heart and soul into the movement is, in a measure, responsible for the present status of the association.

Mr. Martin, who has been associated with the cattlemen's association since its birth, was, at one time of his career, in charge of the territory embraced by the Associated Press in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming and Utah. He is thoroughly conversant with the live topics that are of such vital importance to the stock raiser, and consequently has been the unanimous choice of the conventions in the past for the secretaryship of the association.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

This is what Mr. Martin has to say in regard to the work that is being accomplished by the National Live Stock Association:

"From the day of its birth this association has constantly exhibited a leaning toward modern ideas and methods, and its policy has been to lead, not to follow. This will account for the advanced position taken by the stockmen who have contributed to the following pages. In this connection it may

also be stated that propositions advanced at the second annual meeting, a year ago, and which at that time were regarded by some as wild-eyed and visionary, are today accomplished facts. Who can say that any of the topics discussed herein as theories may not in another year have become possibilities, if not, indeed, realities? This is an age of evolution and progress. In no line is this more marked than in the live stock industry, and this organization but offers an opportunity for the best brain and the best thought to combine with the practical reality in developing an industry which for too long has been content to exist and has had no thought of growth or expansion.

"During the past year the organization has grown and expanded. The federal government has recognized the possibilities contained in it, and has reached out a hand of encouragement and assistance, all the more welcome because so badly needed. With this friendly aid, well-matured plans are being put in operation, which it is hoped, will ultimately place the live stock industry upon a permanent and more practical basis. But the work has only just commenced. The aid of every individual interested in live stock is needed to carry the work on to the ultimate success almost in sight. Results are already being accomplished, but there are greater results to be attained if the National Live Stock Association is given the proper support by the men who make the live stock industry and who share in its rewards."

ASSEMBLY HALL DECORATIONS.

When the visitors, and for that matter the residents of this city, enter the Assembly Hall tomorrow they will be vastly struck with the superb decorations that will greet the eye on all sides. The eye will not possibly grasp the fact all at once that there are several thousand yards of effective tri-colored bunting tastefully draped within that historic structure, from the fact that the beholder coming suddenly upon the bower of color momentarily loses all his sordid senses of calculation and proceeds to gaze entranced upon the exposition of the decorator's art displayed on all sides.

The decorative effect in the national colors of red, white and blue are well carried out and redound to the credit of the local firm who secured the contract from the citizen's committee for the transformation. Taken all in all there are some 3,500 yards of bunting utilized in the general effect, while every merchant bank and business house with an American flag to spare has been levied upon to loan a portion of such draperies. Immediately in front of the entrance is the huge State seal of Utah, which is 17 feet in diameter and practically hides the organ to make a pleasing background. Around the sides of the building and from the balconies are suspended the seals of some thirty-seven States of the Union, which will be represented at the convention; in addition, at stated intervals, there hang game trophies, elk heads, cattle and stock heads of all kinds, also handsomely painted heads of pedigree stock. Some thirty-seven stars, measuring five feet across, also adorn the

walls; these are of unique design and bear terse and striking legends of which the following are samples:

UNIQUE MOTTOES.

"Only one sort of People in Utah—Good Ones."

"Not many cattle here, but good ones."

"Who said sheep? We have them."

"Extirpation predatory animals."

"Protect our foreign market."

"Patronize the newspapers."

"Don't go to Smoker, N."

"We want annual classified census."

"Next convention —"

"No colored butter."

"Shake stranger; Salt Lake shows you."

"Have you bathed in the Lake?"

"Ogden is a good town."

"\$ and cts per hundred pounds, or—?"

"Support your national organization."

"Organize in county and State."

"Improve your herds."

"Open forest reserves."

"Maintain duty on hides."

"Less river and harbor appropriations more storage reservoirs."

"Visit the stock exhibition."

"Protect the forests."

"Lower rate of interest."

"Universal brand law."

"Did you notice Provo?"

"Utah's thirty cities."

"Denver is here. So's the Cowboy Band."

"Support Bureau Animal Industry."

"Support Department of Agriculture."

"You represent Nation's Live Stock Industry."

"Take excursion to California."

"No ticks on the convention."

"No reduction in wool tariff."

"Live Stock Industry, \$3,000,000,000."

"The Stockmen's Congress."

"Federal instead of State inspection."

"The Ladies Art Exhibit, see that."

"Shall arid lands be leased?"

"No terminal charges."

"Defeat the Groat bill."

"40 hours instead of 28."

"Amend Interstate Commerce act."

NO TROUBLE TO FIND SEATS.

In the body of the hall proper are the seats for the delegates representing thirty-seven States. There will be no trouble for them to find their seats, for their places are designated by some of the neatest banners that have graced the convention halls of the West. The poles of these banners are painted red, tipped with gold, with cross pieces to match, the banners being blue and the lettering thereon in five-inch gold characters.

Without exception the whole effect is one which causes even the man who is accustomed to visiting halls, wherein large delegations of national importance are underway, to involuntarily give expression to the sentiment that "Salt Lake has done herself proud on this occasion." Secretary Martin, Chairman J. C. Leary and Gen. John Q. Cannon, who have had the decorations in hand, are justly proud of the interior tonight, ready for the assembly of representative cattlemen of this great country tomorrow. Tomorrow morning they will undoubtedly modestly receive the compliments that will be their portion at the hands of the visitors when the convention opens and the Cowboy Band strikes up the Roundup.

On the streets, too, the citizens are today doing their share. It cannot be said that Salt Lake's streets are being lavishly decorated, the citizens are too wise for this. They realize that in the middle of winter that decorations do not look at their best, however much money may be spent in this direction. It is too apt to storm, and nothing looks so woebegone as drooping bunting and flags, with the dye of the various colors all running together and taking upon itself a tint which the most fantastic artist, even in his most delirious moments, would never dare to put on the most bizarre canvas. The merchants are appropriately decking their windows with gay colors while bunting is displayed, banners are in evidence and unique designs and tasteful emblems denote the fact that Salt Lake has entered into one of the gala weeks of her history.

THE ILLUMINATIONS.

It will be at night when the business center of town will look at its best under the glare of the augmented electric lamps that have been installed for the occasion by an appropriation made last

week by the City Council. The electric designs of the Stars and Stripes, the Beehive and other emblems, mention of which has already been noted in the columns of the press, will add their beauty to the scene and give the town quite a gala appearance.

The visitors need have no fear, they will receive a right royal welcome at the hands of the citizens of Salt Lake. They will spend a good time in our midst to finally return to their several phases of residence with the conviction that the Far West is not so wild and woolly after all but it knows how to extend the hand of welcome and take care of the strangers within its gates.

There will be plenty of time during this week for both business and pleasure. Cattlemen universally are believers in that old adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Even the worst enemy the cattlemen ever had—such as the rustler, the grey wolf and other sneaking animals of that ilk—never accused the cattlemen of entertaining dullness for a moment. During his sojourn in Utah the cattlemen will keep up his reputation. He will work and he will play; he will essentially not be dull for a brief moment. There is plenty of work in store for him during convention hours; when the convention adjourns for the day, he can adjourn to the seclusion of his room, don his spike tail coat, put his coupon book in his pocket and sally forth—for the town is his.

COUPON BOOK SYSTEM.

The master minds who have looked after the details of this great convention have hit upon a very good system. They have caused to be printed a number of coupon books which will be distributed among the bona fide delegates. These coupons will be torn out of the book by the attendants at the doors of the places of entertainment in this city and taken in the place of the customary ticket of admission. The delegate will pass into his birthright, materialized in the form of one of the best seats that the house affords, and the house will later collect from the entertainment committee. It is a simple, yet at the same time splendid, system which almost deserves to be patented at Washington under the caption of "Sightseeing Made Easy."

RECEPTION AT THE KNUTSFORD.

Tomorrow the convention will open, when the usual preliminaries and speech making will be in order. Tomorrow night the festivities will essentially begin. They will be appropriately ushered in by a grand formal reception which will be held at the Knutsford by Governor Wells and staff, assisted by the ladies of Salt Lake City, who have been appointed to participate in the function. The Knutsford has, in its time seen a number of brilliant occasions, but this affair bids fair to eclipse all previous receptions held within its walls. There will be music on hand, beautiful women and stalwart men, and everything that goes toward making the evening one to be remembered by all those who will participate in it.

On Wednesday the convention will begin to settle down to the business which has gathered these representatives of one of the leading industries of America. For the time being the bars will be put up against frivolity, while it is expected that the Hon. George Q. Cannon will open the proceedings proper with an address, to be followed later with speeches from O. P. Updegraff of Kansas, Hon. L. G. Powers of Washington, D. C., and J. L. Pennington of Texas.

GROUT BILL.

In the afternoon that bugaboo of all honest stockmen, the Groat bill, will be handled without gloves. The question will be introduced by an address by Col. John P. Hobbs, editor of the National Provisioner, New York City. Mr. Wilson, editor of Elgin Dairy Report, Elgin, Ill., will expatiate upon "The buttered side of the question." This debate will undoubtedly be the gem of the convention, as both champions are men of national reputation, and what they respectively do not know about the famous oleomargarine and the purest butter would not furnish a printer with a "stockful" of type.

Several important addresses will also be the feature of the afternoon session, especially with this hold good in regard to the live stock census resolution, and address delivered by C. W. Pugh of Phoenix, Ariz., on "Benefits derived from Annual Live Stock Census." After this important topic has been explicated in all its moods and tenors the heavy day's proceedings will draw to a close by the delivery of an address, "American Live Stock and Dressed Meat Export Trade," by Mr. Levi B. Doud of Illinois.

CONCERT IN TABERNACLE.

After dinner the delegates will have the privilege of adjourning in a body to the Tabernacle to listen to the famous choir and some of the sweetest solo singers of Salt Lake City. It is estimated that the majority of the visitors will avail themselves of this opportunity and that not more than thirty per cent will be able to attend on account of business or other pressing engagements. Upon this estimate Mr. Leary has informed Prof Stephens that he will expect some 4,500 seats engaged and reserved for the visitors. Accordingly there will be only 2,500 tickets placed on sale for the occasion so that if the citizens of Salt Lake want to avail themselves of this opportunity to hear the famous cowboy band, in addition to their own tuncful singers and instrumental soloists, they will have to get out and purchase their tickets in advance so as not to run the risk

of being turned away from the gates with the mournful information to the effect that the house has been sold out and that there is no accommodation for those who imagined that they were coming in at the last minute. The occasion will be a memorable one in musical circles, and, according to the Denver papers, the cowboys are realizing that fact, consequently they are said to be a trifle nervous (if cowboys riders of the plains can be said to entertain such feelings) and have been assiduously practicing their classical pieces for the past ninety days in anticipation of the musical criticism their efforts will undergo on that night. The program will include, in addition to the musical talent among the visitors, such well known names as Mrs. Liza Thomas, Edward, Miss Arville Clark, H. R. Egan, T. S. Ashworth, W. C. Oliver and J. J. McCalland, among others.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS.

On Thursday morning the convention will come to order for one of the last sessions when a number of addresses will be in order in addition to other business transacted with the meeting. Among those who will address those assembled will be Judge C. C. Goodwin, General John R. Castleman, Louisville, Ky., an old-time confederate soldier, who is to this day considered without a peer in the United States, when it comes to passing an expert opinion upon a horse; George R.

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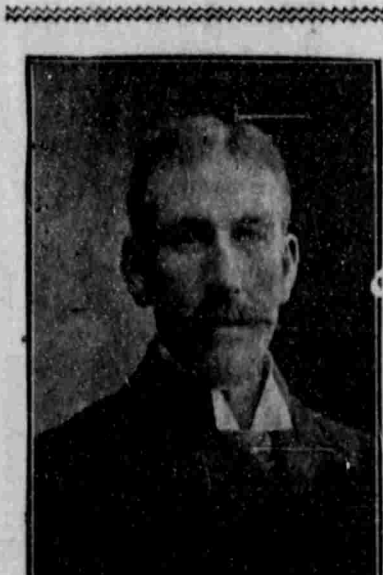
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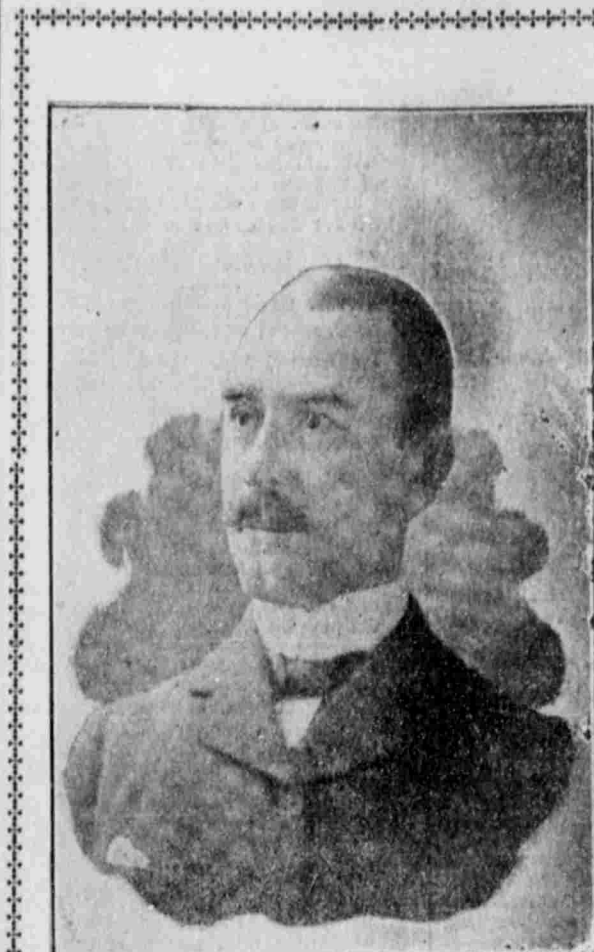
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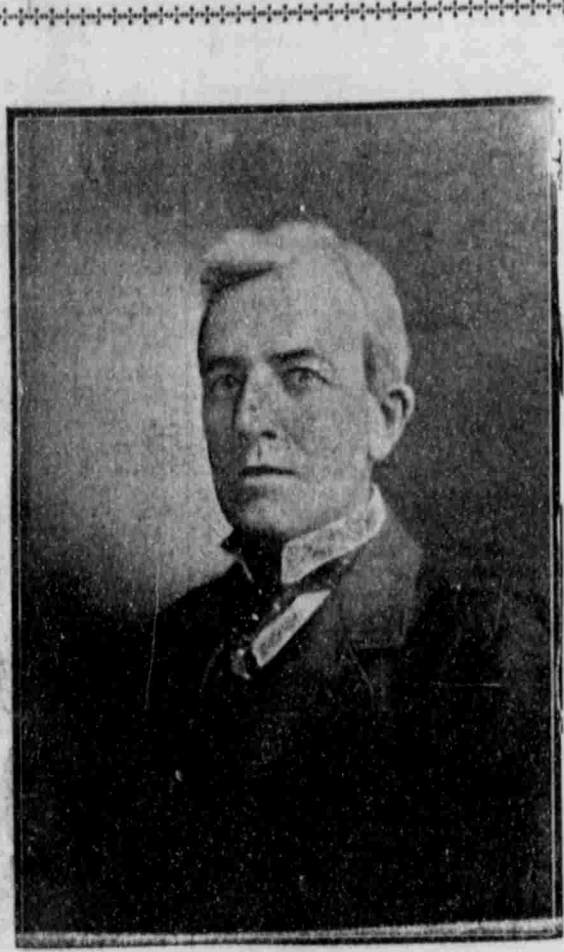
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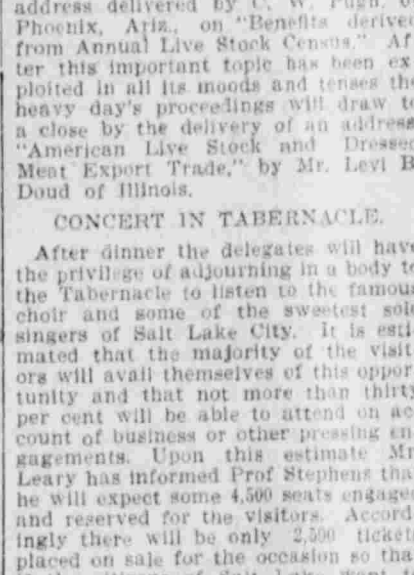
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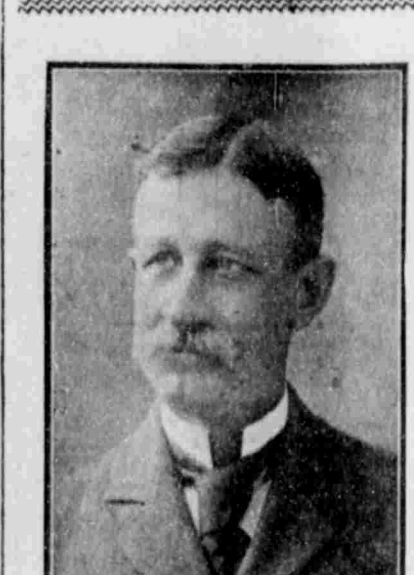
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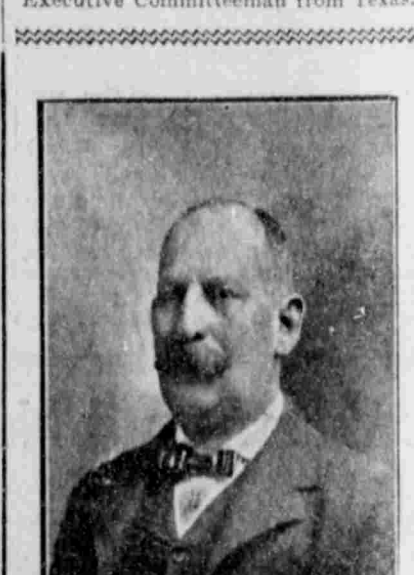
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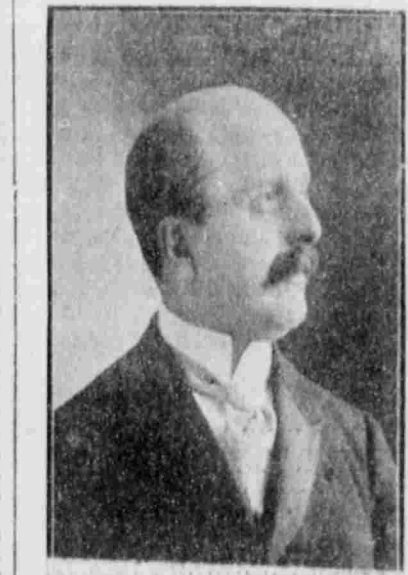
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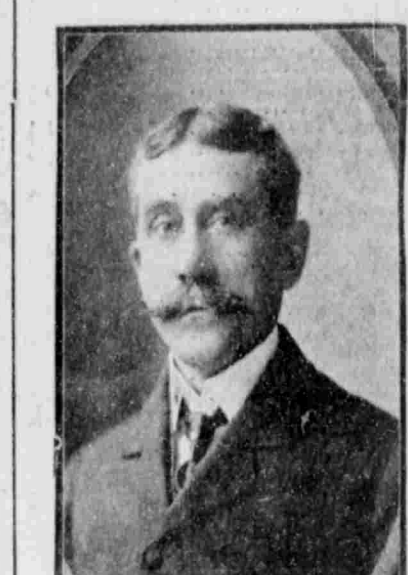
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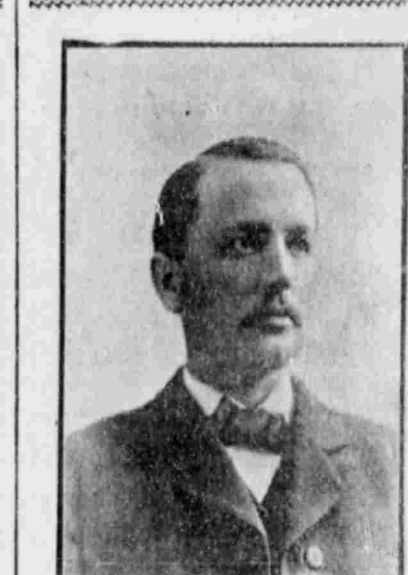
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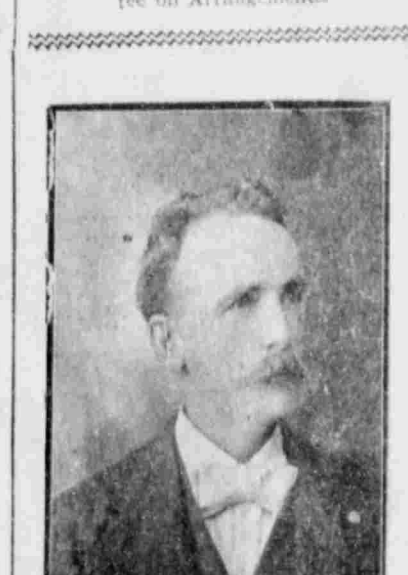
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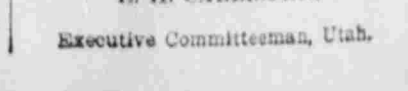
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