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Time and Place of Holding Next Convention.

May 8, 1900, Milwaukee, Wis.

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION IN ATTENDANCE.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

DENVER, COLO., *August 10, 1899—10 a. m.*

The convention was called to order by Hon. CICCERO J. LINDLY, chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Gentlemen, you will please come to order. The secretary will read the call.

The secretary read the call for the convention, as follows:

CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

By authority of the national convention of railroad commissioners, held at Washington, D. C., on the 10th and 11th days of May, 1898, and pursuant to vote thereof fixing the time and place for the next annual meeting, notice is hereby given that the Eleventh Annual Convention of Railroad Commissioners will be held at Brown Palace Hotel, in the city of Denver, Colo., on Thursday, August 10, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The railroad commissioners of all States, and State officers charged with any duty in the supervision of railroads, are respectfully requested to attend and participate in the discussion of such topics as may come before the convention. The Association of American Railway Accounting Officers is also invited to attend, or send delegates to the convention, and join in the consideration of such questions of special interest to that association as may arise.

At the last convention committees were appointed to consider and report to the next convention on the following subjects:

(1) Classification of construction expenses; (2) classification of operating and construction expenses of electric railways; (3) railroad statistics; (4) uniform classification; (5) powers, duties, and work of railroad commissions; (6) legislation; (7) delays attendant upon enforcing orders of railroad commissions; (8) safety appliances; (9) grade crossings; (10) plans for ascertaining the fair valuation of railroad properties; (11) permanent organization.

Members of the convention are requested to suggest other topics to the committee on programme: Ashley W. Cole, Albany, N. Y., chairman; Edward A. Moseley, Washington, D. C.; W. W. Ainsworth, Des Moines, Iowa; Nathan Kingsley, Austin, Minn.; and William W. Wedemeyer, Lansing, Mich.

As questions of unusual importance are likely to be brought up for discussion at the coming meeting, the fullest possible attendance is urged.

CICCERO J. LINDLY,
Of Illinois, Chairman.

EDW. A. MOSELEY,
Secretary Interstate Commerce Commission, Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN. The report of the committee on programme.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, the committee on programme reports the order of business.

The secretary read the report, as follows:

The committee on programme respectfully beg leave to report the following as the order of business for the convention:

Roll call of delegates by States—the delegates will respond in person, giving full names.

The president's address.

Call for reports of standing committees.

Reports referred by the president.

Address of the Hon. Walter Clark, of Raleigh, N. C.

Address of the Hon. Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Appointment of committee on nominations for permanent officers.

Address of the Hon. J. C. Clements, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Debate on reports of committees, standing and special.

Report of committee on nominations for permanent officers.

Election of officers.

Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

Mr. COLE. I would like to say on behalf of the committee that this report is simply suggestive, and that we expect such changes will be made in it as the good sense of the convention may determine.

The order of business was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN. The next in order is calling the roll of delegates. As each name is called let the person respond if he is present, so that we may know just exactly who are here.

ROLL CALL BY STATES.

The secretary called the roll by States, and the following were found to be present:

Interstate Commerce Commission.—M. A. Knapp, chairman; J. C. Clements, E. A. Moseley, secretary; W. H. Connolly, acting assistant secretary.

Arkansas.—Henry W. Wells.

California.—E. B. Edson, chairman; O. S. Laumeister, N. Blackstock.

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Iowa.—Edward A. Dawson, chairman; David J. Palmer, Welcome Mowry, Dwight N. Lewis, secretary; W. W. Ainsworth.

Louisiana.—C. L. de Fuentes, chairman; R. N. Sims, jr.