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*Representatives of the Press.*

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. This includes the use of surveys, interviews, and data mining techniques to gather insights into customer behavior and market trends.

3. The third part focuses on the implementation of data-driven strategies. It provides a detailed overview of how the organization has successfully integrated data analysis into its decision-making processes, leading to improved performance and growth.

4. The fourth part addresses the challenges and risks associated with data management. It highlights the need for robust security measures and data governance policies to protect sensitive information and maintain compliance with relevant regulations.

5. The fifth part discusses the future of data analytics and its potential to revolutionize business operations. It explores emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning, and how they can be leveraged to gain a competitive edge.

6. The sixth part provides a summary of the key findings and recommendations. It reiterates the importance of a data-centric approach and offers practical advice for organizations looking to optimize their data strategies.

7. The final part concludes the document by expressing confidence in the organization's ability to continue to innovate and succeed in the digital age.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14, 1895—11 a. m.

The convention was called to order by Hon. ALLEN FORT, of Georgia, Chairman; selected by last convention.

Mr. FORT. The secretary of the convention will please read the call for the convention and also the list of delegates.

The secretary read the call as follows:

### CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

At the sixth annual convention of railroad commissioners, held in Washington, D. C., on the 8th and 9th days of May, 1894, it was decided by resolution that the next convention be held in the city of Washington, D. C., on the second Tuesday in May, 1895, and the undersigned were directed to issue the call.

Under the resolution and authority above referred to, the seventh annual convention of railroad commissioners is hereby called at the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission, No. 1317 F street, Sun Building, in the city of Washington, on the 14th day of May, 1895, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

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 their association as may arise.

At the last convention committees were appointed on the following subjects and directed to report to the next convention: (I) Railway statistics. (II) Uniform classification of freights. (III) Legislation.

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting: "That a committee of five be appointed to select officers for and subjects to be presented at the next annual convention of this association, to solicit papers upon the same, either from members of the association or from those not connected with the organization, and to prepare, as far as possible, a programme of proceedings;" and the following committee on organization and programme for the next convention was named: I. B. Brown, of Pennsylvania; J. W. Luke, of Iowa; J. W. Yantis, of Illinois; James W. Rea, of California; Edward A. Moselvy, of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Members of former conventions are entitled to participate in the discussion of subjects at the coming meeting. The various State commissions should be represented by full boards, as far as possible, and to that end all railroad commissioners are earnestly requested to attend the coming meeting. It has been suggested that a session of three days would be advisable in view of the important topics which are likely to come before the convention for consideration.

ALLEN FORT, of Georgia,  
*Chairman.*  
EDWARD A. MOSELVY,  
*Secretary.*

The secretary then called the roll, and the following answered to their names:

### INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Wheelock G. Veazey, Martin A. Kuapp, Judson C. Clements, J. D. Yeomans, Commissioners.