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Classification of Operating and Construction Expenses of Electric Railways.

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Delays Attendant upon Enforcing Orders of Railroad Commissions.

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Plans for Ascertaining the Fair Valuation of Railroad Properties.

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Time and Place of Holding Next Convention.

August 10, 1899, Denver, Colo.

MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION IN ATTENDANCE.

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BEECHER B. RAY, <i>Secretary.</i>	IRA B. MILLS, <i>Chairman.</i>
W. M. MALLOY,	NATHAN KINGSLEY, <i>Commissioner.</i>
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R. S. KAYLER, *Commissioner.*E. H. ARCHER, *Chief Clerk.*

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Secretary Internal Affairs.

ISAAC B. BROWN,

Superintendent Bureau of Railways.

SOUTH CAROLINA:

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W. H. TOMPKINS, *Chairman.*

W. T. LA FOLLETTE,

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 10, 1898—11 a. m.*

The convention was called to order by Hon. EDWARD A. MOSELEY, secretary.

The SECRETARY. As secretary of this convention, it seems to devolve upon me to call attention to the death of Chairman Davidson and state the inability of the vice-chairman to be present. I now call upon General Latta, chairman of the committee on programme.

Mr. LATTA. Gentlemen of the convention, on behalf of the committee on programme I am instructed to announce the sudden taking off of the gentleman from Iowa selected to preside over this convention, Mr. Davidson. He was an officer of value, a veteran soldier of the war of the rebellion, and a man of honor and distinction, whose loss is deeply felt and whose place is not readily filled. The vice-chairman officially announced to the secretary that he was unable to attend this meeting on account of the considerable distance from here to his home.

The committee on programme has therefore directed me to report that it has selected Hon. Cicero J. Lindly, of Illinois, to preside over the deliberations of this convention. I move that Mr. Lindly be elected chairman of this convention.

Mr. Lindly was unanimously elected and took the chair.

OPENING ADDRESS.

Mr. LINDLY. Gentlemen of the convention, on taking the chair to preside over this body, whose intelligent and harmonious action has been in the past and will be in the future so helpful to all who are charged in their respective States with the supervision of railroads, or who act as mediators between the people and the common carriers, I desire to first express the profound regret of this entire body, as well as that of myself, over the death of our colaborer in this work, whose voice had so often been heard in these councils, and whose long experience had made his advice so useful that this body at its last annual meeting in St. Louis selected him as its president, thereby paying to him the highest tribute that we can bestow on one of our members.

We will ever remember our friend and companion, the Hon. Charles L. Davidson, of Iowa.

It is an honor to preside over the deliberations of this tenth annual national convention of Interstate and State Railroad Commissioners,