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[*Resolution authorizing publication of Proceedings. Page 149*]

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Executive Committee appointed by the citizens of St. Louis, together with the Secretary of this Convention, be instructed to prepare, under the direction of said committee, the proceedings of this Convention for publication in pamphlet form, and to publish such number of copies as they may deem advisable.

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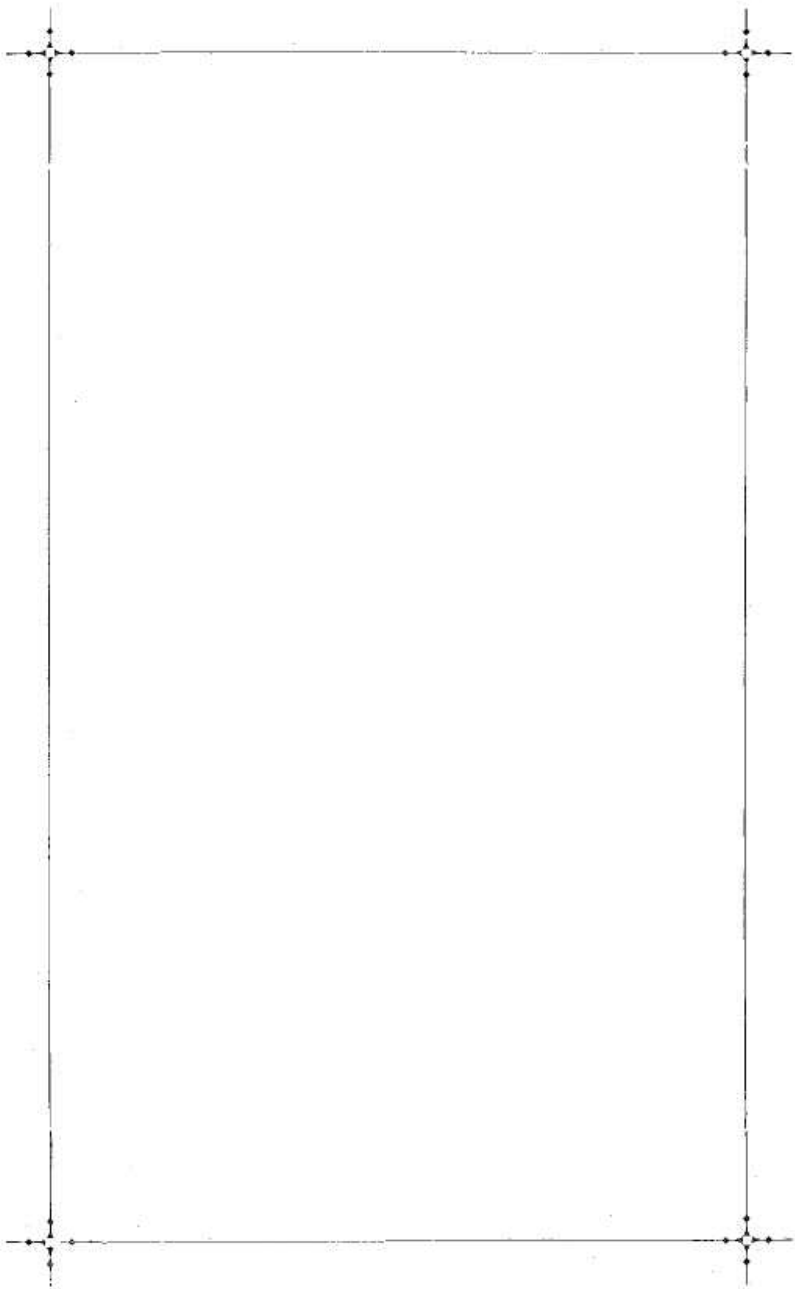
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ORIGIN OF THE NATIONAL RAILROAD CONVENTION.

The largest Convention of representative men ever held in the West owed its origin and great success, not to individual or local influences, but to a national impulse or movement in favor of an enterprise which commands the assent or warm support of a vast majority of the American people. In obedience to the evident wishes of the people, and in response to a call signed by Col. J. O. Broadhead, Hon. Isaac H. Sturgeon, and many other leading citizens, a meeting was held at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, on the night of the 15th of September, to take the initiatory steps in this matter. Hon. Henry Overstolz was called to the chair, and J. L. Tracy appointed Secretary. Col. James O. Broadhead explained the purpose of the meeting, and after a number of speeches, all advocating the measure, the following resolution by Col. Broadhead was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a National Railroad Convention be held in St. Louis on the 23d day of November next for the purpose indicated in the call for this meeting, and that the Chairman appoint an Executive Committee of fifteen, who shall have power to appoint sub-committees to carry out the objects of this meeting.

The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen on the Executive Committee, called for in the above resolution:

James O. Broadhead, John B. Maude, E. O. Stenard, Web. M. Samuel, Jas. E. Yeatman, Edwin Harrison, Chas. P. Chouteau, D. P. Rowland, O. Garrison, S. H. Laffin, Isaac M. Mason, Giles F. Filley, Charles Speck, Isaac H. Sturgeon, Silas Bent.

The following names were subsequently added to this committee:

Jno. P. Meyer, T. J. Bartholow, W. S. Stewart, Jno. H. Maxon, George Bain, Miles Sells, W. G. Elliot, Chauncey L. Willey, Henry Hitchcock, Wm. Senter, Carl Schurz, T. T. Gantt, Albert Todd, D. M. Frost, A. W. Stayback, Robt. Campbell, E. C. Cabell, D. T. Jewett, W. S. Bartley, L. L. Ashbrook, Andrew McKinley, C. B. Bray, Jas. T. Howerstein, J. H. Beach, Chas. E. Barney, Ben. Stiekney, Jun., W. H. Scudder, T. R. Allen, Isaac Cook, Wm. Nichols, T. Pakers, Geo. Knapp, John M. Gilkison, Geo. I. Barnott, Joseph Bogy, Michael Heller, R. P. Tansey, H. C. Brockmeyer, Thos. Richeson, J. N. Booth, N. Mulliken, A. A. Mellier, E. C. Simmons, M. Collins, D. B. Gould, D. G. Taylor, J. H. Terry, Abram Nave, Wm. Taussig, Jno. Knapp, J. B. C. Lucas, G. W. Chadbourne, W. C. Kinney, G. Minnegerode, J. A. Wherry, R. B. Brown, W. McMillan, J. T. Davis, S. M. Dodd, E. C. Quimby, P. Behr, H. C. Yaeger, J. E. Saorb, Geo. H. Headford, Geo. T. Hull, D. G. Tuttle.