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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 8, 1894—11 o'clock a. m.*

The convention was called to order by Hon. JAMES H. PADDOCK, of Illinois, of the committee appointed to call the convention.

Mr. PADDOCK. Gentlemen, the hour has arrived for calling this convention to order. Gen. Hill, who is chairman of the committee to call the convention, is too ill to undertake that duty, he thinks, and has designated me, as the next member of that committee, to act in his stead.

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 fifth annual convention of railroad commissioners, held at Washington, D. C., on the 19th and 20th days of April, 1893, it was decided by resolution that the next convention be held in the city of Washington, D. C., on the second Tuesday in May, 1894, and the undersigned were appointed a committee to issue the call.

Under the resolution and authority above referred to the sixth 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 8th day of May, 1894, 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 associations 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) Abuses caused by the use of shippers' cars in railway equipment. (III) Pooling of freights and division of earnings. (IV) Uniform classification of freights.

Members of the convention are earnestly requested to prepare papers or suggest subjects for the consideration of the convention, and send such papers or suggestions to Secretary Moseley before the meeting or lay them before the committee on order of business to be appointed at this assembling of the convention.

Members of former conventions are entitled to participate in the discussion of the coming meeting.

JAMES C. HILL,
Of Virginia, Chairman.
W. C. TUNSTALL,
Of Alabama,
JAMES H. PADDOCK,
Of Illinois,
E. L. FREEMAN,
Of Rhode Island,
WALTER MCLAURIN,
Of Mississippi,
Committee.
EDW. A. MOSELEY,
Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1894.*

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

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

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

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

- Alabama.*—Willis G. Clark, commissioner.
Connecticut.—George M. Woodruff, William O. Seymour, Alexander C. Robertson, commissioners.
Georgia.—Allen Fort, commissioner.
Illinois.—C. F. Lape, commissioner; J. W. Yantis, secretary.
Iowa.—Peter A. Dey, commissioner.
Maryland.—Henry C. Bulkley; J. B. Thayer, for the Governor.
Michigan.—Simeon R. Billings.
Minnesota.—W. M. Liggett, Ira B. Mills, commissioners; A. K. Teisburg, secretary.
Mississippi.—Walter McLaurin, J. H. Askew, commissioners; S. L. McLaurin, secretary.
Montana.—A. B. Cook, for the Governor.
New Hampshire.—Henry M. Putney, Thos. Cogswell; Josiah C. Bel-lows, clerk.
North Carolina.—J. W. Wilson, E. C. Beddingfield, commissioners.
North Dakota.—N. P. Rasmussen, B. B. Stevens, commissioners.
Ohio.—Wm. Kirkby, commissioner; E. H. Archer, chief clerk.
Pennsylvania.—T. J. Stewart, secretary of internal affairs; I. B. Brown, deputy.
South Carolina.—D'Arcy P. Duncan, commissioner.
Virginia.—James C. Hill, commissioner; E. J. Akers, secretary.

The following members of former conventions were also present: J. H. Paddock, Illinois.

Association of American Railway Accounting Officers—D. A. Waterman, M. Reibenack, H. D. Bulkley.

After the roll had been called the following additional persons were reported as being present:

Representatives of Trade Organizations—E. P. Wilson, commissioner of Cincinnati Freight Bureau, Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert C. Grier, secretary Peoria Board of Trade, Peoria, Ill.

Mr. PADDOCK. Gentlemen, I take it that the next business in order is the election of chairman. Will you please make nominations?

Mr. YANTIS, of Illinois. I desire to place before this convention, for the position of chairman, the name of Hon. George M. Woodruff, of Connecticut.

The nomination was agreed to.
 Mr. PADDOCK. Mr. Woodruff, please step forward and assume the duties of the Chair.
 Mr. WOODRUFF. I supposed that having last year discharged the duty of calling the convention to order and subsequently, owing to your kindness, acting as presiding officer, my duty for the present in any official capacity had terminated. If I had known that I was to be again selected for this office I would have endeavored to have had my manuscript in my pocket or my ideas in my head and have made some remarks that might be thought to be proper for the occasion. As

it is I have nothing to say, except to thank you again for the honor you have conferred and to say that I am glad to see so many as we have here of the commissions of the various States, and very much regret that in the calling of the roll there were so many that did not answer.

It has been my pleasure to be present and, I think I may safely say, my profit to be present at all the meetings that have been held under the auspices of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and also present at all the conventions which were previously held of all the Commissioners of the United States. There were two or three conventions held in different sections where only a portion of the States were requested to be represented at which I was not present.

I never have left any of the conventions without feeling that I have been, myself, very much profited, and I trust that indirectly the State, which in part I have had the honor to represent in this office, has received the benefit of these meetings. I believe most heartily that no commissioner can better put in his time and his money (if it is the case, as it is with most of us, that he has to pay his own expenses) than in coming to these conventions.

We represent all sections of the country and almost all phases of the railroad question, from those that are the most conservative to those that are the most radical. I know it does good to us from New England, where we are, perhaps, extremely conservative, to come here and meet gentlemen and hear the views and be stirred up by those who are more radical in their views, and, possibly, though it is not for me to judge, it may be good for those who are more radical to come and receive some toning down from those who look at things from a more conservative point of view.

So that whatever way we look at the matter, I know that it is for the advantage of us all to meet in these conventions, and in no other way can we State commissioners secure the benefit which we have received in the past and which, I doubt not, we will receive at this meeting, from direct contact with and direct expression by the Interstate Commerce Commission. For all these reasons I wish I could with a wave of my hand sweep in the commissioners who are not here.

What is your pleasure, gentlemen? What shall be the next order of business?

Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Allen Fort of Georgia, for vice-chairman. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Paddock nominated Mr. Edward A. Moseley for secretary, and Mr. Martin S. Decker for assistant secretary. The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN. We assume that Mr. Moseley and Mr. Decker, having served us so kindly and faithfully in the past, will continue to do so in the future.

Last year, and I think in each preceding year, we appointed a committee on order of business. Is it your pleasure that such a committee be appointed? That committee has always acted in the way of determining what matters there may be presented, and also as being the channel through which papers which anybody wishes to read, or speakers who wish to speak, were gotten before the convention by reference to that committee. They act as a balance wheel.

Mr. McLaurin, of Mississippi, moved the appointment of a committee of five on order of business. The motion was put and carried unanimously.