

CONGRESS!

First Genuine Cattlemen's Convention

Opened in the Inter Mountain Country.

A Day of Pleasure and a Little Business.

Orlando North is Permanent President,

While Ogden City Secure the Secretary.

To-day the Serious Work Will Begin.

The first day of the cattlemen's congress has ended and everything necessary for the transaction of business has been arranged. To-day the delegates will get down to work in earnest and many important measures will be discussed.

Yesterday dawned clear and bright and as the hour set for the calling to order of the congress drew near the streets became packed with hurrying pedestrians and vehicles. From every public building and a great many business blocks and private residences the glorious Stars and Stripes floated in the breeze waving a welcome to the hundreds of visitors who were gathering in this City of homes. Many of the business houses on Washington avenue and Twenty-fifth street were decorated with small flags and bunting.

At 9 o'clock the Ogden band appeared in full uniform and took a position on the Reed hotel corner where they discovered sweet music until nearly 11 o'clock. A large crowd gathered and applauded the splendid performance.

Governor Thomas arrived at 10 o'clock on the Rio Grande Western and was met by the reception committee appointed for that purpose—ex-Mayor Kiesel, W. W. Corey and S. S. Schramm. The Governor was escorted to a carriage in waiting and driven to the Reed, where he will make his headquarters during the congress, the guest of the City. After the afternoon's adjournment his excellency was shown the City, visiting all public institutions and points of interest.

Every train which entered the City during the morning and afternoon brought delegates from all parts of the West. Representatives are here from Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Arizona, Nevada and the Dakotas, numbering fully 150. Several of the gentlemen are accompanied by their ladies, who graced the congress with their presence during both of yesterday's sessions. Never in Ogden's history has she been called upon to entertain a more whole-souled, nobler, or good-natured crowd. Nearly a million head of cattle is represented.

At 10:30 o'clock the bell in the City hall tower rang out an alarm, registering box 13, corner of Washington avenue and Twenty-third street. The fire departments from the Central and Bench fire stations turned out in splendid shape and made a very quick run. The STANDARD men had the pleasure of heading the race with Chief Rhodes, and getting covered with mud and grey whiskers. The two departments reached the box almost simultaneously and the horses and men all seemed to enjoy the exercise. The ladders of the aerial truck were extended their full length and several of the ladders displayed their nerve and skill by ascending to the top-most round and letting themselves down with the safety escapes. In a remarkably short time a line of hose was taken to the top of the ladder and ready for use. Governor Thomas, who witnessed the run, in a happy little speech congratulated the boys on their fine appearance and excellent work. He also congratulated the City on being the possessor of such a department and unequalled water system. The boys responded with three cheers and a tiger.

The hour for assembly having arrived the delegates, headed by the Ogden band, formed in line and marched from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-fourth street on Washington, then countermarched to the Grand.

THE MORNING SESSION.
In the opera house cards had been placed in the parquets center designating the position of each delegation. The stage was neatly decorated and presented an inviting appearance.
It was drawing toward noon before the delegates had found their places and the convention was ready for business.
The Ogden band opened the convention with their happily played selection of "Ten Minutes with the Minstrels." On the stand were seated Gov. Arthur L. Thomas, acting Mayor J. R. Elliott, ex-Mayor Fred J. Kiesel, S. S. Schramm, Judge J. H. Macmillan, W. W. Corey, Major J. M. Langsdorf, Captain Justus

Wetherell, Judge A. C. Bishop, J. D. Gill, Hon. D. H. Peery, F. J. Moody, E. M. Allison, Jr., Wm. Harcombe and Secretary R. L. Armstrong.
At the conclusion of the selection by the band, Mr. Allison presented the name of Major J. R. Elliott, as temporary chairman of the congress and he was unanimously elected. On behalf of the City he welcomed the guests and introduced Judge J. H. Macmillan.
He said in effect: I see before me today men who have cattle on a thousand hills; who represent more lauded interests than any other class of people in this country.
I have been interested in the cattle interests for twenty-five years; I know these men. I know their big and generous hearts. I know their honor and integrity and the unwritten law of honesty which governs their actions. I know their purpose here to-day. It is for consideration of their grand interests. It behooves us to calmly and with judgment proceed with the work so that no trampling upon each others rights shall occur.
The judge then paid a tribute to Ogden and in behalf of all its people extended a welcome to the congress and declared that the latch string of every home hung on the outside. [Applause.]
Col. R. L. Armstrong was elected temporary secretary of the congress.
Hon. A. S. Mercer, of Cheyenne, was introduced amid applause. He said: I am pleased to respond to the eloquent welcome tendered by Judge Macmillan. The cattlemen of the West have been the pioneers. The cattle industry is the great industry overshadowing not only the intermountain country but that country reaching away to the hills of the Sierra Nevada, a thousand miles west of you. We are glad to be here and we appreciate the magnanimous welcome extended to us. The time will come when the country will be proud of the pioneers who delved into the valleys of the mountains and bringing their cattle here, drove out the wild beast, conquered the land and made it possible for civilization to follow them. [Applause.] The mountains and vales here are stained with the blood of these pioneers in the contests with the conditions of nature. They have met the Indians and elements and conquered. They have not laid the land waste but have built it up. They have shown that there is a great future for the country and demonstrated that the American desert was to be made an American flower garden. [Applause.]
In looking over this congress I find many old faces missing. They have attended the last roundup and entered the great herd on the other side. May their children follow the range in their footsteps and build up the country.
Again let me thank you. We accept your hospitality. We hope our visit will be a benefit to your town and our deliberations will be to the good of the grand industry we represent. [Applause.]
The chair announced that the nomination of the various committees was now in order. The following committees were then appointed:
On Credentials—A. B. Hayes, Utah, chairman; Ed. Swan, Wyoming; M. H. Mark, Colorado; Sol. Hopper, Nebraska; John R. Stoller, Kansas; J. E. Carroll, Oregon; Thomas A. Starrh, Idaho; Geo. O. Whitmore, Utah; W. Raymond, Montana; John Sparks, Nevada; E. H. Clark, South Dakota.
On Permanent Organization—W. E. Skinner, chairman, Nebraska; J. M. Carroll, Oregon; H. S. Woolley, Idaho; William Crawford, Wyoming; E. H. Clark, South Dakota; E. R. Ingersoll, Col.; D. J. Costler, Utah; J. H. Waite, Kansas; John Sparks, Nevada.
On Order of Business—G. W. Ballantine, chairman, Colorado; E. G. Woolley, Utah; E. P. Savage, Nebraska.
On Constitution and By-laws—Samuel Hartsel, chairman, Colorado; E. M. Allison, Jr., Utah; A. S. Mercer, Wyoming.
On Incorporation—The permanent chairman and secretary.
On Resolutions—J. C. Leary, chairman, Colorado; J. M. Carroll, Oregon; W. E. Skinner, Nebraska; A. Barney, Colorado; J. E. Tyler, Wyoming.
After a few announcements, among which was one that the delegates were invited to take the cars for the Utah Hot Springs, after the afternoon session, and that Governor Thomas would hold a reception at the Reed in the evening the congress took recess until 2 p. m.

A FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPLAY.
After the adjournment the various committees met and prepared the work assigned to them. The committee on order of business and several others met in the reading room of the Reed. Colonel Hayes and his committeemen put in the time getting the names and states of the delegates. The gentlemen barely had time to eat a hasty lunch before the hour for re-convening.
In order that the visiting cattlemen might have an opportunity of witnessing the wonderful pressure of Ogden's water system, Chief Rhodes decided to make a display at 1:30. Shortly after that time a still alarm was sent in and the flyers responded in fine style. The wagons ran to the Reed and Broom hotel corners and had four lines of pipe. At a given signal from the chief the water was turned on and four streams were playing in the air. The force was very heavy and when all the streams but one were turned on five men had considerable difficulty in holding the nozzles.
At 2:10, while the water was still turned on, another alarm came in from box 13, corner of Twenty-third and Washington. This was entirely unlooked for and Chief Rhodes was as much surprised as the rest. In a trice, however, the nozzles were taken from the hose, the lines left lying in the street, and the apparatus went up the avenue on the run. In just 40 seconds from the last tap of the bell the department was at the box, only to find that someone had sent in a false alarm.
During the day much attention was given a large pyramid of Salina rock salt which stood near the entrance to the Grand. In several of the southern districts, especially near Nephi and Salina, there are great mountains of salt which is unequaled for cattle. There is just enough clay in the mineral to keep it from melting during rainstorms and the range stock take to it with great relish.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.
On re-convening the band opened the proceedings by playing that beautiful piece "Poet and Peasant." It was heartily applauded.
Chairman Elliott called the convention to order and immediately asked for the report of the committee on order of business, which was read as follows:

Ogden, Utah, April 29, 1892.
To the chairman and members of the congress:
Gentlemen—Your committee on order of business beg leave to report the following:
First—Report of committee on credentials.
Second—Report of committee on permanent organization.
Third—Speech by Governor Arthur L. Thomas.
Fourth—Report of committee on constitution and by laws.
Fifth—Report of committee on incorporation.
Sixth—Report of committee on resolutions.
Seventh—Introduction of resolutions.
Eighth—Miscellaneous business.
G. W. BALLANTINE,
EDWIN G. WOOLLEY,
E. P. SAVAGE.

The committee on credentials presented a report showing the following delegates to be entitled to seats in the congress:
Utah—D. J. Costler, Joseph Bradshaw, Frank Wadsworth, J. F. Stoddard, George Higley, Israel Evans, Aquilla Nebeker, E. F. Saunders, Joseph Hatch, M. Jergensen, N. S. Neilson, S. M. Whitmore, S. N. Cook, S. A. White, J. L. Edwards, R. E. Davis, Geo. J. Wells, R. Dalk, Dwight B. Harding, Samuel McIntyre, M. DeRequelles, E. G. Woolley, Geo. O. Whitmore, Fred Foy, Judge A. O. Bishop, Justus Wetherell, William Skeen, J. M. Harmon, L. M. Nelson, J. H. Brown, B. Wilkins, David Reese, Daniel Heiner, Judge A. B. Patton, Lee Gibson, William Cole, W. H. Jenne, John Derby, Homer Call, Omer Call, F. T. Sanford, R. S. Brooks, J. T. Noonan, Phil. Grill, James Iversen, Hans O. Jensen, D. Van Buskirk, E. W. Exum.
Kansas—J. M. Yates, J. R. Stoller, Frank Cooper, L. S. Jones, J. C. Scroggins, J. S. Tough, B. B. Trower, O. W. Black, L. O. Nutter, Eugene Rust, L. L. Lennon, J. H. Waite, Frank Graybill, J. C. Leary, W. W. Means.
Wyoming—E. D. Swan, C. M. Beason, W. M. Crawford, O. H. Hank, A. S. Mercer, A. B. Crocker, Ed. Ordway, Harry Booth, J. E. Tyler, J. E. Chapman, A. D. Bradberry, O. North, B. Sessions.
Oregon—J. M. Carroll, J. E. Carroll, E. R. Ridgley.
Colorado—G. W. Ballantine, A. E. Ingersoll, A. Barney, S. Hartsel, M. French, J. D. Shaford, M. H. Mark, W. W. Tuttle.
South Dakota—E. H. Clark.
Nevada—O. J. Boskowitz, John Sparks, Orlando North, J. D. Wines.
Arizona—J. M. Langsdorf.
North Dakota—J. W. Willison.
Montana—W. Raymond.
Idaho—N. A. West, H. H. Spencer, Jacob West, S. H. Wolley, Walter Hodgman, Riley Davis, James A. Eldredge, T. A. Starrh, J. W. Hendricks, H. S. Woolley, Nelson Just, O. B. Wheeler, Lou Beason.
Nebraska—Wm. Underwood, Sol Hopper, James Foley, G. H. Babbitt, B. F. Carpenter, E. P. Savage, R. Gilchrist, A. H. Lee, W. E. Skinner, F. E. Short, B. R. Simpson.

The committee on permanent organization presented the following report:
To the cattlemen's congress:
Whereas, There is a growing necessity for devising ways and means for the mutual protection of the stock interests and to the end that a better system of communication may be established between us; and
Where, A closer relationship may be effected by local organizations and a general organization and
Whereas, The officers necessary to be elected to perfect a permanent organization should consist of a president, a first vice-president, a second vice-president, third vice-president, a fourth vice-president and a secretary, who shall also be ex-officio treasurer, therefore, be it
Resolved, First, that a permanent organization be established at Ogden, Territory of Utah, and local organizations be established in such places in the territory embraced by this congress as may be most suitable for the convenience of each particular section of country. Second, That the officers of said permanent organization consist of president, first, second, third and fourth vice-presidents and secretary, who shall also be ex-officio treasurer and that after lengthy and conservative deliberation we recommend to the congress to fill the above named offices by electing the following persons:
President, Orlando North, Wyoming.
First vice president—William Crawford, Evanston, Wyoming.
Second vice president—J. O. Shirley, Union, Oregon.
Third vice president—W. E. Skinner, Omaha, Neb.
Fourth vice president—J. H. Waite, Kansas City, Mo.
Secretary and ex-officio treasurer—R. L. Armstrong, Ogden, Utah.
Assistant secretary—John Darby, Ogden, Utah.
Also, that the officials of the proposed local organizations shall hereafter be elected by said organization.
All of which your committee on permanent organization respectfully submits.
W. E. SKINNER, Neb.,
Chairman.

E. R. INGERSOLL, Colorado,
Secretary.
H. S. Woolley, Idaho, J. M. Carroll, Oregon; William Crawford, Wyo.; J. H. Waite, Kansas; E. H. Clark, South Dakota; Dan Costler, Utah; John Sparks, Nevada.
This created a little sensation. The committee had evidently misunderstood its duties. The rule is simply to report permanent officers of the convention or congress convening, but the committee had taken the cue to mean permanent officers for a cattlemen's protective organization throughout the territory represented. The report, however, was accepted with the understanding that the officers named should only represent the permanent officers of the present congress.
The chair appointed Messrs. Ingersoll and Allison to conduct President Orlando North to the chair, which they did, amid applause. He accepted the honor in a few chosen words and then introduced Governor A. L. Thomas of Utah.
He said that he had been kindly invited by the citizens of Ogden to welcome the congress in the name of the people of the Territory. He was glad to welcome them to the first distinctively cattlemen's congress held in the West. The people would look with great interest to the result of their deliberations. They had met at a most critical time in the history of the cattle industry, and their coming together was a tribute to the wisdom and public spirit of the men who had inspired the movement. It was hardly necessary to remind them that the days when the great cattle industry

of the West, the pioneer industry, could thrive under any conditions had gone never to return. They were confronted with rapidly changing conditions produced by the rapid settlement of the public lands and the growth of competing live stock industries. They were now placed in a position where it was necessary for them to meet and adopt measures for mutual protection and support. This as he understood it was the main purpose of their meeting. Every citizen was vitally interested in the prosperity of cattle industry. It played a very conspicuous part in the commercial and financial world, and entered into the economy of every household. He could think of nothing which would more seriously affect the interests of all the people, than to have the cattle industry destroyed. He did not think such a result was possible, but we were forced to realize that this is a critical time for the industry. This was occasioned mainly by the harassing conditions which surrounded the grazing of cattle on the public lands. Commencing at the British possessions in the north, reaching through to Mexico on the south were vast areas of public land which could never be utilized for any other purposes than grazing cattle. Today there was a branch of the live stock industry which felt great interest in preserving the vast ranges. He commended to their consideration the resolution adopted by the irrigation congress which met in September last in favor of the cession of the public lands, excepting mineral lands, to the states and territories in which they are situated. Such a policy would place these lands in the control of the different states and territories, and they could adopt measures for selling or leasing these lands to live stock raisers. This would insure some protection to the forage plants as well as to the live stock industry. He trusted that much good would result from the congress. They had many important questions to consider, covering a wide range. In conclusion he again welcomed them to the City and Territory.
The committee on constitution and by-laws was not ready to report until the following day, and asked for further time which was granted.

After some discussion a motion to adjourn to 10 a. m. the next day, was made by Mr. Kiesel. Mr. Mercer said the congress was there for business and not for fun and if they were going to the Springs during the afternoon they ought to be at work at 9 a. m. at least. The amendment was accepted.
On motion of Judge Macmillan a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Territory's executive for his presence and words of encouragement.
The congress then adjourned until 9 a. m. to-day.

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stock yards, asking him to come out. His reply was just what could be expected as a natural result of the present congress. Addressing W. E. Skinner he says: "I am too busy building an addition to the stock yards to accommodate all the shipments from the cattlemen now at Ogden, to leave here."

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One incident on the way out was the misfortune which befell Captain J. Wetherell, in that he either lost or was robbed of a purse containing nearly \$50 in money, a note for \$75 and other valuables. At Five Points the captain had his purse when he got out to change cars. While waiting for the motor, the boys enjoyed a regular stag dance the band furnishing the music. It is thought that the captain, who was one of the es, lost his valuables while the dance was going on. No trace of the purse was discovered.

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