

THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STOCKMEN

The American and National Combine at Denver Under the Title of American National Live Stock Association, and Murdo MacKenzie Elected President

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 5.—There is only one national live stock association. Committees from the two bodies met together and the details were agreed to as follows: Basis of membership, the individual stock producer.

Association admitted on the basis of \$10 for each individual vote granted and not less than five members from an association.

No proxies allowed. Standing committee to be appointed on finance, transportation, stock yards, live stock exchanges, sanitary boards, forest reserves and grazing lands, foreign and home markets.

The joint convention was called to order by President Murdo MacKenzie. After an explanation of the agreement between the committees, it was ratified by a unanimous vote.

City Attorney Harry Lindsey addressed the convention in behalf of Mayor Spicer, who was unable to be present. He paid a graceful tribute to the stockmen and welcomed them to Denver.

Governor McDonald failed to put in an appearance, but a substitute, Governor Alva Adams was seated in one of the boxes, and was called upon to address the convention.

President MacKenzie spoke as follows: A year has passed since we projected the association and many things of great interest to stockmen have transpired during that year.

Last May I briefly related to the convention the progress of the work in making in earnest trying to get the interstate commerce law amended so as to give the interstate commerce commission power to regulate rates when upon complaint of the stockmen, they were found to be unreasonable, preferential or discriminatory.

Since then we have continually kept this matter before the public, and the opportunity of pressing it both on the country and on congress, and hope in the near future to get a bill passed that will prevent evils of a like nature in the future.

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The commission's decision is that the advances during 1903 and subsequent years on all cattle from the range country are unreasonable and illegal, and also that the terminal charge in Chicago to the extent of \$1 per car is unreasonable.

In the present state of the commission's power it can only initiate its findings and in order to get our money or have the commission's decision enforced for the future we shall have to bring suit in the federal court.

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Nelson Morris, the big Chicago packer, in speaking of the amalgamation of the two associations, said: "The union of the two live stock organizations into one solid body means much for the live stock industry. It will give us a stronger voice in the future. All legislation now pending has had a difficult time struggling along under separate heads and maintaining separate quarters, but now we will go forward by leaps and bounds. All legislation now pending will be secured easier through the efforts of the one body."

Phenomenal Price. Phenomenal prices were paid for cattle at the live stock show here. The fourth highest price ever paid in the history of the show, he is the property of the Colorado Agricultural college, Yampa, as he is called, was bought by John E. Muller, a local banker, for 33 cents a pound. An official weight of 1,150 pounds, his value is \$375.50. The sale was made through John P. Bowles, president of the National Live Stock Association of Chicago, who Dec. 6, 1900, negotiated the sale of the highest priced beef steer in the world. He sold the champion steer, Advance, for \$150 per hundred, or \$150,000.

Railroad Legislation. One of the features of the convention was the address of Sam H. Cowan of Texas, on the railway rate problem. Judge Cowan said: "Let the United States senate take adverse action upon the rate regulation bill and its action will mark the beginning of the end of the feudal conditions that this country has ever known in its history. Our house of representatives, sent by two great states, has passed the bill up to ninety senators. What are those ninety senators going to do with that bill? It is known that the railroads will spend millions to defeat the bill. If our senators take adverse action on that measure then it is high time for the people of this great country to rise up and take the destructive power out of the hands of this lesser body, and that, in my opinion, is just what will be done."

The railroads may ask the people: "By what right do you claim that we should regulate the rate we charge?" by the condition precedent, if by no other right, and there are many other rights. The rate of 1903, 2,000 years before Christ, the rate to be charged for transporting goods by ox and cart was regulated by law. City ordinances regulate the charge which street car companies, hackmen and common carriers shall charge to patrons. Lack of all laws on the statute books is the great common law, which implies and maintains a standard of right, and when protest against the operations of an unjust statute avails nothing, people generally revert back to first principles, and they generally win out. (Applause.)

The Hepburn bill is the fruition of the labors of this association and kindred ones. I am going to read this bill, in part, to you, in order that you may act intelligently upon it. It will later be introduced in this body.

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DEEF TRUST REAL MOVING SWIFT

Packers Insist That Garfield Promised Immunity From Punishment and Are Offering Some Very Strong Testimony to Prove Their Allegations

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The beef trust cases have progressed slowly during the past week, being mostly confined to the making of clear up intricate legal problems.

The arguments were chiefly in regard to questions put to Edward F. Swift, vice president and director of Swift & Co., and to Ira N. Morris and Edward Morris, both officials of National Live Stock Association.

Witness Creates Laughter. District Attorney Morrison took up the cross examination of Attorney Borders had introduced two letters identified by Morris. The first question was how many days the government agents were at his office. He could not say.

On the question of whether there were more than five days? "More than ten?" "Yes."

Edward Foster Swift, 52 years old, then took the stand. He is vice president and director of Swift & Co. There are 6,000 stockholders, he said. Charles H. Swift, his brother, he said, is his chairman and in charge in his absence. Mr. Durand held a meeting to discuss the subject of the contemplated Garfield investigation.

Court Rules on Motives. On the question of the motives of the defendant in giving the information to the court ruled: "I don't think it is a question of the motives of the defendant. It is a question of whether he volunteered the information or not for this court and jury to decide, not what they thought or their mental state."

Says Durand Threatened Law. Mr. Durand came to me after he had been arrested and said that he was misunderstanding between him and Hayward concerning the scope of the investigation. In the latter part of April the officers of the company and Mr. Durand had a meeting to discuss the matter. One of the questions was the figures on margins on beef between Chicago, Boston and New York. Some of the questions were refused, but what would be the result. He said the matter had been considered by his department taking legal advice on it. While the work had not been completed, he said that it was necessary to resort to the law, they came to get that information and would resort to the process of the law if necessary.

Limits Scope of Questions. Judge Humphrey limited the scope of the questions to a criminal case, so is closely allied to a criminal case that great advantage might be taken in the main case from the testimony here and I am therefore going to limit the testimony here. This proceeding is a novel one and few courts have had to settle. We all approached it with diffidence and it seems to me we all agree that the innocence or guilt of these defendants is not an issue for this jury. It seems to me if we go into their books we are entering a field without end. The objection will be sustained.

What did Mr. Garfield say about subsequent proceedings? asked Attorney Morrison. "Garfield said the information would not be used in any proceedings against us."

Did Garfield use the word "require" when he asked for the books? "I don't remember whether he used the word, but if he didn't he used a word of a similar meaning."

Not Fool Enough to Show Losses. "Our private books," I don't know what the names are, but you don't think a man is fool enough to let a man see his profits and losses unless he is compelled to do so?" answered Morris, leaning forward in some heat.

You're a corporation about you, getting your life from the government and subject to its law. "We object to a law lecture," said Attorney Borders. "Well, these corporations are not over the law and I want to show it," continued Morrison.

Not under your feet, Attorney Borders. "I stated the investigation and that the department of commerce and labor had the power to compel us

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KNOX CENSOR OF THE RATE BILL

Pennsylvania Senator Said to Represent President

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: There is every reason to believe that the railroad rate regulation law passed by this congress will contain provision for review of a commission...

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COWBOY TEDDY WANTED TO YELL President Gives Whole-souled Welcome to Westerners

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The President gave a breezy western welcome to a delegation of business men from Great Falls, Mont., who are here in the interests of the Sun River irrigation project.

CATTLEMEN TO SUPPORT LOBBY Ten Thousand Dollars Raised for Legislation

DENVER, Col., Jan. 31.—The American National Cattle Association this morning, but its action raising the contribution of \$10,000, indicates its intention to demand of congress the passage of pending measures in the interests of the live stock industry.

THE DAY AT THE DENVER MEETING Agreement on Forest Reserve Tax Practically Settled

DENVER, Col., Jan. 31.—With the merger of the two rival associations of stockmen assumed its session today, prepared to open a vigorous campaign to secure federal legislation for the regulation of railroad rates and for the development of foreign trade.

FINE HORSES FOUND AT NEW CITY TRACK

Dean Bell has one of the highest pedigrees in Texas. He is a dark mahogany bay, 15 1/2 hands high, and is bred by St. Bell, St. Bell is from the Great Electioneer, belonging to Governor Hefner of California.

A WOMAN FLORIST HARDY EVERBLOOMING 6 ROSES ON their own roots. 25



