

# SPEECHES TO THE POINT BY DELEGATES

## IMPORTANT ADDRESSES DELIVERED IN LIVESTOCK CONVENTION ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS—INFORMATION AS TO FOREST RESERVES AND WATER SUPPLY.

As usual, President Springer and Secretary Martin put in a prompt appearance at the afternoon session yesterday of the National Livestock association convention. In opening, the former led off with the statement: "You cannot catch flies with vinegar. I enunciated this principle seven years ago and we've stuck to it ever since."

**Owens Texas Ranches.**  
"I own ranches in the great state of Texas, the only one that has been able to regulate the railroads. The railroads don't want any more legislation like that of Texas, in forming a railroad commission elected by the people, sustained by the Texas supreme court. This was upheld by the United States supreme court—a body we respect as we do the old flag."

**A Patriotic Tribute.**  
He paid a tribute to the flag that was led on to victory every time in the last war.

"No one need fear Rockefeller or J. Pierpont Morgan. We furnish the meat they eat and own the land. This afternoon the senate in Washington is discussing the great Panama canal, and we don't care what Jim Hill says about it."

**Makes a Prediction.**  
"Uncle Sam will grow big enough some day to turn over Cuba and the Philippines to their own people, when they have learned enough to govern themselves. You cannot turn down the Christian religion nor the undying principles it represents. We need never fear the religions of the East, where crucifixion was held up above humanity."

President Springer then introduced Dr. J. E. Stubbs of Nevada, who spoke on "What Shall We Do With Our Grazing Lands?"

**A Fitting Tribute.**  
Adjusting his glasses at the close of Dr. Stubbs' address, President Springer stroked his brow to straighten out the tangled threads of thought that the address suggested. Taking a long breath he sprang to his feet with vim and vigor. Advancing to the front he started in again:

"The magnificent men of the East laid the foundations of an empire, and they builded better than they knew. The sons of easterners will extend and are extending that empire. They will finish this up when this great administration shall build the great Panama canal. Governor Sparks of Nevada sent the right kind of man here when he dispatched Dr. Stubbs to this convention."

**Wanted Speech Printed.**  
The president was interrupted by a voice, which requested that Dr. Stubbs' address be printed in pamphlet form for wider circulation. "It will be done," continued President Springer, with emphasis.

**Teddy All Right, Too.**  
"President Roosevelt is another of the right kind of men and has sent his able emissaries to Portland. I want you to understand that in this great land of ours our noble men and women are not only willing to live for their

country, but to die for it if need be. Let us forget the selfish maxim, 'Live and let live,' and substitute therefor, 'Live and help to live.' Let us become a mutual forbearance society." He then presented Governor Heber M. Wells of Utah, who delivered the able address on "The Policy of the Government Relative to Forest Reserves," published in The Journal last evening.

**Introduces Hon. F. H. Newell.**  
President Springer said, after Governor Wells had finished speaking: "I urged President Roosevelt several years ago to appoint an honest land commission to come West and find what Western men need, and he has graciously complied. He appointed three members of this commission, two of whom he sent on to us, and they are here with us today—the Hon. F. H. Newell and the Hon. Gifford Pinchot."

**Mr. Newell Talks.**  
Mr. Newell said: "The president of the United States has asked us to meet and consult with you, and, if we can agree, to have given you that which you seek. Dr. Stubbs must have been around and picked up my unwritten speech, so well has he presented my ideas. The president has asked us to meet you and show you our good will. Something clearly must be done to relieve the situation affecting the Western livestock and sheepmen."

"A statement has been made regarding the reclamation of arid lands. Yet these amount to only 2 or 3 per cent of the entire area of the Western states. This is a time of transition from old conditions to new. What these are, you all anticipate, and they are now before you. We are delighted that the ideas presented may lead to ultimate success. Mr. Pinchot and myself are more than pleased with your unanimity. While we are here, every suggestion you can make we want. If you can suggest anything further, write it out and we will take your ideas with us."

**Presents Mr. Pinchot.**  
Here came another opportunity for President Springer, which he was not slow to seize. In introducing the Hon. Gifford Pinchot, he said: "Mr. Pinchot has devoted his life and attention to the study of forestry. He is a college-bred man and was selected by the president because of his qualifications. He is not afraid of anyone or anything on earth."

Mr. Pinchot thus responded: "If I am afraid of any man it is you, as he glanced archly at President Springer, and then continued: "I'm afraid someone has done something with Governor Wells of Utah. He forgot in his discourse to mention what forest reserves are for. I have found out here that, without the presence of summer range, in the next few years the destruction of that range now going on will cause it serious reduction. Governor, I want to add to your remarks that forest and grass are important, but not more important than water."

**Doubling Water Supply.**  
"We have fallen into the habit of assuming that trees will grow only where they are growing. I believe it possible to so restore the forests that the water supply will be doubled. It has not been the tree or the soil, but fire that must determine where they shall grow. Areas will be produced in the future that will be important as water purveyors."

"When land is withdrawn from the public domain that does not mean that it is to be a forest reserve. The government makes withdrawal to allow experts to map out the lands and determine what is proper to set aside as forest reserve. But I'll have this question out in private with Governor Wells at Salt Lake."

Mr. Pinchot remarked that, as he had but one speech, and as he had already delivered that before the Woolgrowers'

association, he could only read a few excerpts therefrom, which he did.

**Mr. Brooks of Wyoming.**  
The Hon. B. B. Brooks of Wyoming was then called to the stage by the chair and asked to speak on the subject of forest reserves. In part he said:

"The average man knows little or nothing about forest reserves and cares less. Once there was an old maid, in a state where women are allowed to vote, who went to the polls. The inspector asked her her age. She replied that she had seen 21 summers. He replied: 'How long have you been blind?' So I say the average man is blind to the subject. If he could spend day after day traversing the vast areas of our wide plains up to the mountains, and then pass upward along their great sides through the timber belts to the regions of eternal snow; then on upward again, till his feet found a place on the everlasting glaciers, and still up, until he stood upon the very peak of the mountain where he could tickle the feet of the angels if he wanted to, he would understand. He would know how the sheepherder feels when he is relegated to those cold wastes to feed his flocks."

**Blocking Progress.**  
"Within 12 years the government has withdrawn from settlement, development and use, more land than is contained within all the New England states, with New York added. The forest reserves cover more than your great state of Oregon. Forest preservation is a good thing, but couldn't we manage best for ourselves—could not each state handle this question best for itself? Let the government turn over these lands to each state, retaining in itself the title, but permitting the states to lease them for grazing, or to make homes or farms."

"In Wyoming we have three reservations, containing 8,654,144 acres. On these progress has ceased. No settler can there build a home. No livestock can there graze, save by the permission of the government, and a limited number. When you check the lumberman, the cowboy and the ranchman, you block the wheels of progress. That's our condition in Wyoming."

President Springer then called for the report on nominations for membership in the executive committee, and announced that after this was done, he would give Jerry Simpson a chance to tell what he thought of the railroad situation. "Jerry ached all this forenoon," said President Springer, "to speak after he heard Mr. Cotton's address, but he didn't get a show, so I guess he'll be glad of an opportunity to let off steam."

Under suspension of the rules a resolution was adopted expressing the thanks of the convention to President Roosevelt for the great interest he has ever manifested in the livestock interests of the United States, and particularly the western portion thereof.

As Mr. Simpson came forward, President Springer greeted him with: "And now Senator Simpson," to which Jerry came back at him with "Vice-President Springer," and the latter said: "You are unanimously elected." Mr. Simpson responded, "So are you," and then he thus unbundled himself:

**Jerry's Strenuous Life.**  
"I have been in Portland now for three days—three strenuous days. Not such days as the gentlemen here who work for the government put in—eight hours—or one of your little 10-hour days, but a full 24-hour day. As a friend of mine remarked to me last night: 'How short the days are so far north,' and I couldn't help replying that the nights here were a mere nothing. Your president here thinks a windmill can run with water power."

"I thought I'd like to talk on this railroad subject this morning, but I feel different now, after hearing all these splendid addresses this afternoon. They

are the best I ever heard. I feel like a man who once attended a Methodist conference. The moderator came forward and introduced the Rev. Mr. Jones. Said he: 'Mr. Jones is full of his subject.' Then, after a pause, he added: 'Mr. Jones will now address you on the devil.'"

**Extends Congratulations.**  
"I am much interested in this question of leasing the public domain. I congratulate the sheepmen, the horsemen, and the cattlemen, for the rapid advance their ideas have made in the last two years. The government ought to supervise the distribution of the public domain. It belongs to the people, and they ought to have the use of it. Fire and timber thieves are the real dangers our forests have, not the honest settler."

"There is a graft on this forest reserve—everything, pretty nearly, is a graft nowadays. For instance, some of the railroads, in examining their grants, found themselves possessed of a lot of useless land, so they got the government to give them less land in their place. They received allotments on the fertile plains, while the other fellow that came after them had to be content with bleak allotments on the mountain sides."

**Endorses Roosevelt.**  
"It gives me great pleasure as a Democrat to speak a good word for President Roosevelt—a Republican. He has shown great wisdom in selecting able men for this great land commission, and such entities him to the support of the great West. He's going to give us a big reservoir down in our country, which shows his wisdom, and we are going to get it first of all others."

"Mr. Cotton, who spoke here this morning, is a very learned gentleman and a lawyer. He is an example of what these railroad corporations can do. They've got the money to buy the best brains. He made out an excellent case for the railroads in favor of the shipper of wheat."

**Suggests a Solution.**  
"About the only solution I can suggest to this railroad question is the government ownership of railroads. This would destroy competition. But I do believe the railroads do the best they can in shipping stock. Sometimes they even give stock trains the preference over passenger trains. I've sworn a little before now because I had to give the right of way to a steer. Of course it is to the interest of every corporation to get the most they can for their money, the same as it is with the rest of us. Some other time I'll give you my regular four-hour speech."

## CAMP 261 W. O. W. INSTALLS OFFICERS

The officers-elect of George Washington camp, No. 261, W. O. W., were installed by Past Consul E. H. Deary at Woodmen building, Tenth and Washington streets, Friday evening. The officers installed were: Consul commander, H. A. Frederich; advisor, Lieutenant R. E. Rasmussen; banker, P. F. Weinland; clerk, H. L. Day; escort, V. Hochfeld; watchman, James Robertson; sentry, H. K. Kassebaum; managers, Dr. W. O. Manion and R. G. Collins.

After the installation the following program was rendered: Song.....Gus Fleming Piano solo.....Professor Gramm Mandolin solo.....R. E. Rasmussen Song.....Paul Hinz While the program was being rendered refreshments were served and remarks were made by the following visitors: Consul-Commander Elliott of

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**KING EDWARD IN VERY BAD SHAPE**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
London, Jan. 15.—The Star today states that King Edward has had an affection of the throat requiring medical attention. He was treated during a recent visit to Chartworth by Dr. Wench.

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**Ready for Business.**  
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