TEXAS LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Second Annual Meeting.

FIRST DAY.

ASSOCIATION HALL, AUSTIN, February 6, 1883.

The association was called to order by Hon. James F. Miller, President, who briefly addressed the body as follows:

Gentlemen of the convention.—In obedience to, and by virtue of a resolution adopted at the first convention of the stockmen of Texas, held in this city one year ago, I now call this association to order. I congratulate you, gentlemen, that so many are in attendance, and we may expect upon the arrival of the trains now delayed, that the number present will be swelled to greater proportions. It is proper that we should meet here, at the capitol of this great empire state, while its legislature is in session, that we may the more reasonably and effectively demonstrate to our law-makers that while they are legislating for the benefit of almost every other interest, the interests of the stockmen of Texas must not be forgotten, (Applause.) It is manifest, gentlemen, that there are many present who were not with us at the meeting last year. I would suggest that proper steps be taken at once, to permit all who desire to become members to do so, in order that they may participate in the deliberations of this body. I now declare the convention ready to proceed to business. The secretary will call the roll.

Will Lambert, one of the secretaries at the meeting, called the roll by counties, and announced the following officers and members present:

Hon. James F. Miller, President; Hon. H. L. Bentley, 1st Vice-President; Geo. B. Loving, Will Lambert, Secretaries; J. M. Day, Treasurer.

Bastrop—J. D. Sayers; Baylor—Jno. N. Simpson; Bosque—W. M. Buffe; Briscoe—Chas. Goodnight; Callahan—J. M. Day; Chambers—Joe. W. Davis and T. McFaddin; Concho—J. R. Peacock; Donley—Jno. F. Evans; Goliad—J. H. Stevens; Gonzales—G. W. Littlefield, L. M. Kokernote, J. D Houston, J. F. Miller, W. B. Sayers; Hays—J. F. Ellison; Jackson—A. H. Pierce; Llano—J. T. Pryor; McLennan—W. L. Gatlin; Medina—Jno. T. Lytle; Mitchell—O. J. Wiren, C. W. White; Motley—H. H. Campbell; Pecos—John Simpson, W. E. Hughes; Shackelford—W. D. Reynolds; om Green—H. L. Bentley; Travis—Bud Driskill; Tarrant—Geo. B. Loving; Victoria—J. A. McFaddin and E. D. Linn; Wheeler—A. Conkle; Williamson—D. H. Snyder; Zavalla—B. F. Bozard.

The President—"Gentlemen of the convention, your secretary announces that thirty-six members of the association have answered to their names. A constitutional quorum is present. Do I hear a motion with reference to the admission of new members?"

Ex-Governor Joseph D. Sayers—"Mr. President, I now move that all present, whether as breeders of stock or otherwise, interested as stockmen, be invited to become members of this association, and upon payment of the annual dues of $5.00, their names and county be registered with the secretary." The motion prevailed.

The following named gentlemen then registered their names and paid the annual dues of $5.00.

A. C. Babcock, Bailey county.
O. H. Nelson, Motley county.
Seth Mabry, W. F. Lewis, C. M. Mann, Mitchell county.
J. M. Morrison, Hill county.
Chas. Mullins, Tom Green county.
S. R. Walker, Gonzales county.
V. Weldon, DeWitt county.
T. P. Lenoir, Refugio county.
J. W. Nunn, J. H. Nunn, Scurry county.
James M. Thompson, Frio county.
James. N. Boyd, Goliad county.
C. B. Metcalfe, Tom Green county.
C. W. Word, Kansas city, Missouri.
J. D. Merchant, Callahan county.
W. R. Bourland, Cooke county.
D. F. Garretson, Knox county.
J. B. Hiler, Tom Green county.
T. B. York, A. B. Robertson, Mitchel county.
L. M. Kokernote, Gonzales county.
J. D. Dunn, Gonzales county.
J. P. Wizer, Panhandle,
Frank Houston, Kaufman county.
H. C. Griner, Kinney county.
G. W. Fulton, San Patricio county.
Edwin E. Wilson, Nueces & Wheeler counties.
O. S. Newell, Kinney county.
Jno. E. Shawhan, Kansas city, Missouri.

By. Governor Sayers—A motion to adopt for the government of this convention the rules adopted at the last meeting. The motion prevailed.

By Governor Sayers.—

Resolved, That Messrs. B. B. Grooms and A. H. Pierce, be added to the Committee on Improvement of Stock.

The resolution was adopted.

By Mr. Jno. F. Evans, of Donley—That this convention do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The motion prevailed, and at 12 o'clock, the convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

ASSOCIATION HALL, AUSTIN, Feb. 7, 1883.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, Hon. James F. Miller in the chair.

On motion of Gov. Sayers, calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The chair announced that the secretary's list was still open for the reception of additional members of the association, whereupon the following gentlemen were enrolled upon payment of the annual fee of membership of five dollars, viz:

NEW MEMBERS.

[illegible] Blocker, Jno. T. Bracken[illegible] Hancock, Travis county.
[illegible]and, Gaudalupe.
[illegible]artin, President Western [illegible]tle Company.
[illegible]Noonan, A. Millett, E. R. [illegible]. Andrews, D. W. Hinkle, [illegible]ty.
[illegible]well, Caldwell county.
[illegible]pson, Maverick county.
[illegible]ood, Ellis county.
[illegible]ck, Johnson county.
[illegible]nson county.
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[illegible]ant Hill, [illegible]ty.
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SEC. 4.—The treasurer shall have the custody of all money and other property belonging to the association. He shall pay the money only upon the order of the association or the executive committee, duly certified by the secretary. He shall keep a true and correct account of all property and monies received and paid out by him. He shall make a full report of the [illegible]nsactions of his office to each an[illegible] meeting of the association and [illegible]r if required by the association [illegible]utive committee, producing [illegible] vouchers for all monies paid [illegible] and shall turn over to his [illegible] office, all books, papers [illegible]ouchers in his hands be[illegible]sociation.

[illegible]tary and treasurer, [illegible] be required by [illegible] give bond [illegible]ion of the duties of their office, payable to the president and his successor in office, in such sum and with such sureties as may be required, in the order requiring them to give bond, to be approved by the president and held by him for the use of the association.

SEC. 6.—The sergeant-at-arms shall have control of the hall in which the meetings of the association are to be held, and it shall be his duty to see that the hall is properly kept, and supplied for the convenience of the association He shall preserve order during the sessions of the association, and shall have control of the door. He may appoint such assistants as he may deem necessary, and employ such labor and upon such terms as the association may authorize.

SEC. 7.—The executive committee shall consist of the president, vice-presidents and secretaries of the association, and ten members of the association to be chosen as provided in the article on elections. It shall have power to fill all vacancies in its own body, and in case of failure of the president and vice-presidents to act, to elect a temporary president of the committee, from among its members. It shall have general supervision and control of the affairs of the association, when the association is not in session. It shall have power to expend for the interests of the association such monies as may be in the hands of the treasurer, but not to create any debt against the associtition It may solicit contributions from the members for the purpose of furthering the objects of the association, but shall have no power to levy any assessment upon the members, and do and perform all such other acts as the association may direct. It shall make arrangements for the use of halls for the annual or special meeting of the association, unless the association should direct otherwise.

ART. IV, Section 1.—This association shall meet annually at Austin on the first Tuesday in January of each year.

SEC. 2.—The president may call special meetings of the association when directed so to do by the executive committee, or upon the written petition of twenty-five members. Such call shall be published in the official organ of the association, and in such other papers as he may direct, for at least twenty days prior to the time fixed for such meeting, and shall specify the time, and place, and objects for which such meeting is called, and no other business than that mentioned in such notice shall be transacted at such special meeting.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the executive committee for the transaction of business.

ART. V.—COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. The president shall appoint the following standing committees, to whom shall be referred, unless otherwise ordered by the association, all questions that may be properly considered by them, viz:

1 Committee on membership.
2 Committee on finance.
3. Committee on transportation.
4. Committee on marks and brands.
5. Committee on inspection.
6. Committee on estrays.
7. Committee on protection of live stock from diseased animals.
8. Committee on diseases of live stock.
9. Committee on improvement of live stock.
10. Committee on grazing and fencing.
11. Committee on protection of stock from fraud and theft.
12. Committee on public lands.

Sec. 2. These committees shall hold until the next annual meeting after their appointment, and shall from time to time make report to the association of such matters as they may deem of advantage or interest to the members of the association.

Sec. 3. The association may from time to time appoint such other standing or special committees as it may deem necessary and define the duties.

ART VI.

Sec. 1, Each member of this association shall be entitled to one vote in every election and upon all questions voted on by the association.

Sec. 2. No proxies shall be allowed and no member shall have more than one vote.

Sec. 3. In case of a tie vote the presiding officer if he has not already voted, shall have the deciding vote. When the presiding officer votes with the other members and there is a tie, the question shall be decided in the negative.

Sec. 4. On demand of any three members the vote upon any pending proposition shall be taken by ayes and noes, when the ayes and noes are asked the secretary shall call the role of members and each member present shall rise and announce his vote when his name is called, which shall be recorded by the secretary and the result when summed up shall be announced by the presiding officer.

Sec. 5. The vote upon admission of new members may upon demand of any five members be taken by ballot, and if two-thirds of the votes cast shall be in favor of new member he shall be declared elected to membership, otherwise he shall be declared rejected.

ART VII.

Sec. 1. Elections for the officers provided for in section 1, art 11 shall be held on the second day of each annual meeting, and shall be by ballot unless ordered otherwise by the association. The votes shall be counted by the secretary, and the member receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

Sec. 2. The president shall appoint a committee of seven members, whose duty it shall be to select ten members of executive committee, and propose their names to the association if the convention ratify such selection, the members so selected shall be members of the executive committee but nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the association from nominating and electing on said committee other members than those named by said special committee.

ART VIII.

Sec. 1. The fees for membership shall be five dollars which must be paid before the person shall be enrolled as a member.

Sec. 2. The annual dues of each member shall be one dollar to be paid at each meeting.

Sec. 3. The association may levy assessments upon its members for the purpose of carrying out its objects. No order to levy an assessment a majority all the members of the association must vote favor of it.

Sec. 4. This constitution may be changed or amended at any annual meeting only. The proposition to amend must be in writing and shall be read and discussed if necessary and shall then lay over for one day, when it it shall be voted upon, and if two thirds the members of the association who are present vote in its favor it shall be declared adopted and shall thereafter be in force as a part of this constitution.

BY LAWS.

1st. On the first day of any meeting of the association, the president or senior vice-president who is present, shall call the association to order at 11 o'clock a. m., and on subsequent days of the meeting, at 10 o'clock a.m., unless the association shall adjourn to some other hour, in which event the presiding officer shall call it to order at the time to which it was adjourned.

2nd. At any meeting of the association when neither the president nor any vice-president are present, the members shall elect a temporary president who shall act presiding officer for the time being.

Act 3. The order of business shall be as follows.

1st. Calling the roll of members.
2d. Reading of the minutes of previous sessions if any.
3rd. Reports of officers.
4th. Report of executive committee.
5th. Report of committee on membership.
6th. Election of new members.
7th. Unfinished business.
8th. Reports of standing committees.
9th. Reports of special committees.
10th. Motions and resolutions.
11th. On the second day of the meeting, the first business shall be the election of officers and executive committee.

This order of business may be changed or suspended at any time by vote of a majority of the members present.

Art. 4. The association may direct any particular matter to be made the special order for any time named, when such business shall, at the time named, take precedence over all other business.

Art. 5. All original motions and resolutions, and amendments thereto, shall be in writing, signed by the proposer, and read from secretary's desk before it shall be ready for discussion.

Art. 6. The generally recognized rules of parliamentary proceeding shall govern the deliberations of this association, except where it is otherwise provided by its constitution and by-laws.

Art. 7. These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the association, by a resolution in writing, setting out fully the amendment proposed, which, if adopted by a majority of the members present, shall become a part of these by-laws.

Mr. Rogers, of Nueces, moved to consider the constitution *seriatim*.

Mr. J. N. Simpson moved to amend the motion by adopting the report of the committee, as read.

Pending the two motions, and after a brief discussion, Mr. Rogers moved to amend section 1, article 4, of the constitution so as to change the time of meeting from the first Tuesday in February to the first Tuesday in November.

By Mr. Simpson—"Strike out the first Tuesday in February and insert the second Tuesday in January."

This was accepted by Mr. Rogers and adopted by the association, and as thus amended, the constitution was adopted.

The by-laws were then read and adopted, without change.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The chair announced that the first business in order was the election of officers, and invited nominations for

PRESIDENT.

Ex-Senator A. W. Moore, of Bastrop:—"I know of no one more worthy of the position than the honorable gentleman who has so ably and efficiently presided over this body. It therefore gives me great pleasure to place in nomination, for president of this association, the Hon. James F. Miller, of Gonzales." [applause.] The nomination was seconded by Mr. Seth Mabry.

No other nomination being made, Mr. Geo. B. Loving, of Tarrant, put the question, and the election of Mr. Miller was declared unanimous by acclamation.

Mr. Miller said: "Gentlemen of the convention—It is useless for me to say that I am prouder of this manifestation of your confidence and esteem. From the bottom of my heart I thank you. I have been a stockman from my youth, although I have been engaged in other avocations in life. I was proud indeed to have been selected as the first president of this association, at its organization in this city last year, as I believed then, and do now believe that great benefits would be the result of our meeting. But I say, and in all sincerity, that this unexpected renewal of your confidence in me makes me even prouder than being a member of the Congress of the United States. Again, I thank you. [applause.] Nominations are now in order for

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Simpson placed in nomination the name of C. L. Carter, of Palo Pinto county, and president of the Northwest Texas Live Stock Association.

No other nomination being made, Mr. Carter was elected unanimously by acclamation.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.

Mr. T. L. Odom, of Runnels, nominated A. W. Moore, of Bastrop.

Mr. A. H. Pierce nominated Jno. T. Lytle, of Medina county.

Mr. Seth Mabry nominated Wm. F. North, of Menard county.

Mr. Moore, of Kaufman, nominated Mr. C. N. Rogers, of Nueces.

The names of Messrs. Moore, Lytle and Rogers were withdrawn and Mr. North was elected unanimously by acclamation.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. H. B. Stoddard of Brazos county nominated Mr. Henry Jones of Navarro.

No other nominations being made Mr. Jones was elected unanimously by acclamation.

SECRETARY.

Ex-Gov. Sayers placed in nomination the name of Mr. Geo. B. Loving of Tarrant.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. B. B. Grooms and several other gentlemen, and on motion the election of Mr. Loving was made unanimous and by acclamation.

TREASURER.

Mr. Johnson of Motley county nominated Mr. J. M. (Doc) Day of Callahan county, and Mr. Day was elected unanimously by acclamation.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Mr. Armstrong of ———, nominated Mr. Sanford Johnson of McLennan and no one else being nominated Mr. Johnson was elected unanimously by acclamation.

This completed the election of officers, and the chair announced that the election of the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

was next in order.

On motion, the election of such committee was postponed.

The chair announced he would name the standing committees at the next meeting of the association.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were read:

AUSTIN, Texas, February 7, 1883.

To Hon. J. F. Miller, President, and the Worthy Members of the Texas Stock Association:

Gentlemen—The undersigned, editor and publisher of the "American Sketch Book," the Texas pioneer magazine, devoted to the interest of Texas, in giving its history and its improvements from time to time; descriptions of the country, and biographical sketches of its people, knowing stock-raising to be among the principal resources of the state, has long desired to add a department to the magazine, devoted to this interest, giving descriptions of ranches, biographies of the owners, etc.; but until now has never been able to meet the representatives of the body in order to gain the needed information. She now begs leave to request a copy of the names and addresses of the members of your association, for reference in future, and asks your hearty co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLA FRENCH SWISHER.

UNION STOCK YARDS, CHICAGO, Ill., February 2, 1883.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of Austin, Texas, in Convention Assembled:

Gentlemen—Allow me to return thanks for the very kind invitation of several of your prominent members to attend your convention, and to express my regrets at not being able, on account of press of business, to be there. But assure my friends that my best wishes are with you in your deliberations. I recognize the importance of your gathering, and upon many subjects you propose to discuss I concur with your sentiment as published, especially in reference to the injustice of allowing the public lands to pass into the possession of companies to the exclusion of pioneer graziers, although I have become a large land owner in Texas and hope to own many more of her broad acres. In fact, my faith in the future of your "Grand Empire" state is so strong that in one of your fairest spots in your beautiful capital I have planted my "vine and fig tree" under which inviting shade in the ser and yellow leaf of life I hope to peacefully spend my declining years.

For more than a quarter of a century I have been identified with the cattle trade of the southwest, during which time I have never read one thing with greater pleasure than I did the reports of your last meeting; no such communion in the interest of our common industry ever obtained on this continent before. Indeed I was so impressed with the strength and character of your society that it suggested to me that the state association of Texas should become the foundation stone of an association of national character. I have cherished the hope that some one of your members after the best interests of your state is cleared for would introduce a resolution resolving your convention into a national or even an international body, and invite delegates from other states and countries to act with you adjunctively at your next annual meeting. This could be done without interfering in the least with your state organization, and would be conducive to interest associations in other states and territories as well as cause the organization of cattle associations in all of the states interested. There is no other branch of commerce that has so great an interchange between states as the live stock industry, the annual value of which to the United States amounts to one billion of dollars, and Texas leads the van. Therefore while my suggestions may seem intrusive, I think that Texas can both consistently and successfully inaugurate some slick movement that can but lead to good and universal results. Believing Austin to be the most appropriate place for such a general gathering in the early part of the year and again regretting that I cannot listen to your deliberations, I am very respectfully yours,

JOHN R HOXIE.

On motion the communications were received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Mabry the association adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order at 2 o'clock, Hon. James F. Miller, president, in the chair.

In compliance with the constitution and according to notice given at the morning session, the president announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES

for the ensuing year:

ON MEMBERSHIP.—J. T. Lytle, of Medina, chairman; Seth Mabry, J. D. Houston, A. H. Pierce, C. M. Mason, J. A. McFaddin and H. D. Sullivan.

ON FINANCE.—A. W. Moore of Bastrop, chairman; T. H. Mathis, M. Cookrill, O. S. Newell, John M. Cardwell, A. Millett and G. H. Noonan.

ON TRANSPORTATION.—A. Conkle, chairman; H. B. Stoddard, Jno. O. Johnson, J. M. Mathis, C. M. Rogers, H. B. Andrews and G. T. Reynolds.

ON MARKS AND BRANDS.—W. C. Butler, chairman; A. B. Robertson, Geo. W. West, Jno. T. Wofford, R. B. Masterson, A. Forsythe, J. G. Witherspoon.

ON INSPECTION.—H. L. Bentley, of Tom Green, chairman; O. S. Newell, V. Weldon, Chas. Goodnight, C. L. Carter, W. R. Bourland, and D. F. Garretson

ON ESTRAYS.—E. D. Linn, of Victoria, chairman; C. M. Rogers, O. J. Wiren, J. B. Hiler, Frank Houston, Chas. L. Word and John Ireland.

ON PROTECTION OF LIVE STOCK FROM DISEASED ANIMALS.—W. F. North, of Menard, chairman; W. N. Waddell, L. M. Kokernote, R. A. Houston, T. M. McDaniel, T. M. Westbrooks and C. L. Carter.

ON DISEASES OF LIVE STOCK—B. B. Groom, of Wheeler chairman; C. B. Metcalf, D. E. Bentley, G. W. Fulton, David Coulson, Moses Gibson and W. D. Reynolds.

ON IMPROVEMENT OF LIVE STOCK—J. D. Sayers, of Bastrop, chairman; J. T. Lytle, G. W. Littlefield, B. B. Groom, A. W. Moore, T. H. Mathis and B. L. Crouch.

ON GRAZING AND FENCING—E. R. Lane, of Bexar, chairman; J. M. Thompson, James Speed, Jno. Mathis, T. L. Odom, B. F. Bazard and J. F. Evans.

ON PROTECTION OF STOCK FROM THEFT AND FRAUD—Lee Hall, of La Salle, chairman, R. G. Head, W. R. Curtis, E. F. Ikard, J. A. Matthews, J. A. McFaddin and J. B. Pemphrey.

ON PUBLIC LANDS—J. N. Simpson, chairman; D. H. Snyder, E. E. Wilson, Chas. Goodnight, H. H. Campbell, Berry Gatewood and W. C. Lewis.

The following special committee, appointed by the chair to select the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

of the association was announced.

Charles Goodnight, chairman; H. C. Griner, O. S. Newell, R. G. Head, G. W. Littlefield, Sam Moore and L. B. Allen.

STOCKMEN'S LUNCH.

Ex-Gov. Sayers, in behalf of the citizens of Austin, extended to the association the following invitation:

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

BY THE

CITIZENS OF AUSTIN

TO

VISITING STOCKMEN.

RAYMOND HOUSE.

Thursday, February 7, 1883, 8:30 P. M

You are respectfully requested to attend.

COMMITTEES.

INVITATION—Seth Mabry, J. W. Driskill, Ike T. Pryor, John Cardwell; John C. Lewis, John R. Blocker.

ARRANGEMENTS—John O. Johnson, R. J. Brackenridge, J. M. Day, Jas. W. Taylor, W. A. Ryan, Charles Cortizzos.

RECEPTION—Frank Hamilton, Eugene Bremond, J. T. Brackenridge, W. J. Swain, Jno. D. Templeton, Frank R. Lubbock, W. C. Walsh, Marion Martin, C. R. Gibson, W. A. Saylor, John Hancock, A. S. Walker.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the association returned for the same.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. M. Day, treasurer of the association, submitted the following report:

Hon. James F. Miller, president Texas Live Stock Association:

I have the honor to submit the following report:

February 18, to cash received as dues from members on attached list	$345.00
	345.00
February 18, by cash paid Sates-sam	$10.00
By cash paid porter	1.00
By cash paid Sates-sam	97.50
	245.00
To balance on hand due association	$100.00

List of members who paid annual dues to me, at first meeting:

Jos. D. Sayers, J. F. Scott, E. R. Rachel, W. C. Lewis, Geo. W. West, Geo. W. Littlefield, Joe. W. Davis, J N. Keeran, Eugene Sibley, J. M. Bickford, C. Goodnight, N. G. Collins, J. M. Mathis, O. J. Wiren, J. A. McFaddin, W. P. H. McFaddin, F. S. Stockdale, J. A. Peacock, T. H Mathis, —— Burke, J. R. Stevens, J. F. Evans, Henry Jones, Willis McCutcheon, Joseph W. New, C. B. Lucas, R. E. Word, Geo. B. Loving, Hughes & Simpson, E. F. and W. S. Ikard, J. J. Hittson, James F. Miller, D. H. Snyder, C. W. Merchant, L. Word, A. C. Jones, J. I. Clare, Thos. H. Espy, G. O. Stoner, Jno. O'Neil, Linsey J. Watson, J. J. Welder, T. M. Coleman, H. H. Campbell, A. Conkle, J. F. Ellison, D. R. Fant, B. L. Crouch, McCorkle & Holt, W. L. Gatlin, J. E. Clardy, William Curtis, Jno. T. Lytle, H. G. Williams, Christie Crosby, Joel P. Smith, R. G. Head, J. M. Day, H. B. Stoddard, Jno. R. Jefferson.

The association then took of a recess of thirty minutes.

At the expiration of the thirty minutes, the association was called to order the president in the chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Goodnight, chairman of the special committee, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, AUSTIN, Feb. 7, 1883.

HON. JAMES F. MILLER, President, Texas Live Stock Association:

SIR.—Your committee appointed to select an executive committee, have performed that duty, and herewith submit the result of their labor. We recommend the election of the following named gentlemen as said committee.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. GOODNIGHT, Chairman.

The following are the names proposed.

Jno. T. Lytle, of Medina county, chairman.
W. B. Sayers, of Gonzales county.
D. H. Snyder, of Williamson county.
H. L. Bentley, of Tom Green county.
R. E. Stafford, of Colorado county.
Lee Hall, of La Salle county.
John O. Johnson, of Travis county.
E. E. Wilson, of Potter county.
A. W. Moore, of Bastrop county.
J. P. Wiser, of the "Panhandle."

On motion, the report was received and adopted, the select committee was discharged, and the executive, as above named, was duly elected for the ensuing year.

CROSSED OVER THE RIVER TO THE RANGE BEYOND.

Mr. John T. Lytle offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Allwise Director of human affairs to remove from our midst and number, our brothers and co-workers, A. H. Johnson, D. J. Crouch and John Saul, to that final range beyond, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the stockmen of Texas, in convention assembled, do hereby express our heartfelt regrets at their absence from our meeting at this time, as their presence at our last annual meeting, and their energy and success as factors in the live stock interests of the west were most promising

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of their association and influence, and trust that we may so act that all may meet at last as friends and brothers on the great range beyond.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Seth Mabry, the association adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

ASSOCIATION HALL, AUSTIN, Feb. 8, 1883.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, the president, Hon. James F. Miller, in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Moore of Bastrop the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

In compliance with the provisions of the constitution, the appointment of

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.

was announced as follows:

Will Lambert of Travis county and H. L. Bentley of Tom Green county.

The journals of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Simpson, chairman of the committee on public lands, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, AUSTIN, Feb. 8, 1883.

Hon. James F. Miller, President Texas Live Stock Association.

Sir:—Your committee on public lands would ask further time, and submit they will be ready to report at the afternoon session. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. SIMPSON, Chairman.

The report was received and further time granted the committee.

Mr. Moore of Bastrop, chairman of the committee on finance, submitted the following report:

Hon. James F. Miller, President Texas Live Stock Association:

Sir:—Your committee on finance, to whom was referred the report of J. M. Day, treasurer, have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers of said officer, and find the same correct and true. Respectfully submitted,

A. W. MOORE, Chairman.

The report was received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter from Drane & Johnson of Corsicana, on the subject of improved stock, was read.

On motion the communication was received and filed.

The following communication next placed before the association: was

DALLAS, TEXAS, Feb. 6, 1883.

Geo. B. Loving, esq., Austin:

Dear Sir:—I find that I shall not be able to attend the stockmen's convention at Austin, which is a great disappointment to me, as I fully appreciate of the matter which will be presented for its consideration. The most important matter for the Western stockmen at this time, is the question of disposing of the state lands upon which our cattle are grazing. There seems to be a great diversity of opinion among the members of the legislature as to how the lands should be disposed of, but I find that most of them are in favor of restricting the sales or leases so that only a few sections can be taken by any one man, and there seems to be a general sentiment among them to break up the large stock interests of the West. I have been surprised at the vast amount of ignorance of our stock interests amongst our legislators and of the narrowness of their views. Who drove the savages from our frontier and brought it into civilization? The stockmen. Who have made the lands of the state in Western Texas valuable? The stockmen. But for them the lands of Western Texas would not to-day be worth ten cents per acre, and the state would have to maintain a cordon of rangers from Red River to the Rio Grande, to protect the farmers of Eastern and Middle Texas from the incursions of the Indian. Nature has designed Western and Northwest Texas for a great cattle pasture. It is the finest grazing country in the world and fit for little else. It can furnish meat for half the Union. Cattle bring to the state about as much money as any other product of the state and it is yet an "infant industry." The state is large enough to accommodate all the farmers who want to come to the state and yet furnish all the pasturage that the cattle interests require. Instead of discouraging the stock interests the state ought to encourage them. The stockmen have built up large interests and established large herds in Western Texas. If the state shall refuse to allow them to purchase or lease the lands embraced in their ranges, they will be forced to quit the state and take their herds to Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and other regions in the Northwest. If the stockmen have grown rich they have helped to enrich the state and the state should be proud of their success instead of driving them from the state. My idea is that the state of Texas should preserve the school lands as a perpetual fund for the maintenance of the public schools, and that they should be leased on long terms for a fair rental, not to speculators, but to actual occupants whether stockmen or farmers, and in as large bodies as may require for the purposes of their business. They should be required to take them in such bodies as will prevent them from selecting the worst lands and leaving the [illegible] lands—say take the lands in a [illegible] or as nearly as may be—the land [illegible] the good. Four cents per acre would be a big rental, and I believe as many stockmen could afford when they would be required to pay rent on large amounts of lands that are really [illegible] for use in order to get the good [illegible] lands. I would favor a lease of [illegible] least ten years, but think it should [illegible] twenty years. Then the state at the end of the time would have the benefit of enhanced values and could [illegible] the rental proportionately.

Now, as you know my range embraces some 300 sections of T. & P. R. R. land, which I have leased five years and an equal number of school sections, which I would be glad to lease. Not more than one-tenth of these lands—if indeed so much, is fit for agricultural purposes and nine-tenths of it is fit for stock but grazing purposes—and if used for grazing would lie idle. This is true as you know of most of West Texas. I hope that your committee will be able to make the legislature see these matters in the proper light and will assist them in framing a law which will do justice to the entire state and to the state.

The railroads who own lands adjoining these school lands, lease them for 2½ cents per acre, and are glad to get it, and they lease in as large bodies as they can find takers for, and I am known of their leasing lands for less. In order to secure my range, I would be willing to pay to the state much more than that, and so will other stockmen. Certainly persons who are in possession of lands with their range ought to have the preference or refusal of the lands at the price that may be fixed upon.

Hoping that you may have a harmonious and successful meeting, I am yours, very truly,

C. C. SLAUGHTER.

The communication was referred to the committee on public lands.

On motion of Mr. Crain, of Dallas, the association adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, p. m. The association met pursuant to adjournment, the president in the chair, and a quorum present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Sayers, of Bastrop, chairman of the committee on improvement of stock, submitted the following report:

IMPROVEMENT OF STOCK.

COMMITTEE ROOM, AUSTIN, Feb. 8, 1883.

To the Hon. James F. Miller, President Live Stock Association:

SIR.—Your committee, upon improvement of stock, have had the subject just under consideration and beg to report as follows:

CATTLE.

Your committee have not deemed it proper to inquire into and discuss the relative merits of the different breeds of cattle, that have been and are now being imported into the State. Each breed has its especial advocates, and we are glad to note, there is now awakened in the breasts of those engaged in the business a generous, an earnest rivalry, that cannot but redound to the benefit not only of themselves, but also of every people among whom Texas beef and Texas cattle shall be distributed.

That a considerable improvement has been made and a greater improvement is yet to be made upon the longhorns of Texas will not be denied.

Among the many advantages that result from the improvement of the Texans by the breeding of them from other kinds of cattle are the following, to which your committee invite attention, towit:

1st. Improvement adds not only to the weight, but also to the value of the pound.

2nd. Improvement enhances the ability of the animal to take on not only a larger amount, but also a better quality of flesh than can the common stock within a given length of time.

3rd. The natives of Texas know only one demand as to beef, but improved cattle answer every [illegible] the appetite, however fastidious or delicate, may make. In other words the natives of Texas find [illegible] market, whilst the produce of the improved breds and grades is eagerly sought for in every market.

It is scarcely possible for the [illegible] long horn to develop the highest and best grades of beef.

4th. Heavy weight and early maturity are the especial characteristics of improved beef producing breeds; in these particulars such cattle can not be rivalled by the purely native [illegible].

5th. The great objection to the distance from market and the poor qualities of improved cattle [illegible] them for long and exhaustive [illegible] is being rapidly and successfully obviated.

Long lines of railway, penetrating almost every portion of our state, [illegible] the establishment of direct navigation between our coast and Europe, will shortly suspend the "trail." The [illegible] these agencies of commerce, improved cattle can be carried with as [illegible] as the long horns, and at less expense per pound.

6th. The demand for beef increases every year, and the capacity to produce this kind of food in many countries, diminishes as the population advances. In England, [illegible] number of home bred cattle [illegible] fully 5,000 per annum, whilst the population to be supplied is rapidly [illegible]plying. London alone builds [illegible] houses, and extends forty [illegible] miles of streets, and adds [illegible] population every recurring year. In that country, the best fattening [illegible] is produced, but the cattle are not there in sufficient numbers to [illegible] it. Cattle already grown are [illegible] for fattening, and the demand for those kinds that will make the [illegible] amount and the best quality of beef in the shortest time and at the least expense.

Why should we not secure and ever hold this market against [illegible] aggressor? Is there anything in climate, or soil or grasses that [illegible] prevent the stock breeders of Texas [illegible] once advancing to the front and [illegible]ing up for themselves and their [illegible]terity a trade, in which they [illegible] scarcely have a rival? Our [illegible] compared with those of Europe and many portions of the United States are not only short but mild.

Are not the mesquite and other grasses peculiar to Texas sufficiently strong, nutritious and abundant [illegible] only to sustain, but to bring to [illegible] and full maturity the Short Horn, the Hereford, the Polled Angus, the [illegible]