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Details of Executive Board Meet Show Interesting Angles

A real historic meeting of the Executive Board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was held in Fort Worth, January 19. The outstanding features of the meeting were: the passage of a resolution asking that Congress take up the matter of the administration of the Federal Reserve Bank in the 11th District with a view of securing more co-operative work between member banks and management of said bank; a resolution asking Congress to leave the present Immigration Law intact; a resolution placing the organization squarely upon record as to opposing any effort to interfere with the titles to the school lands that had been sold to innocent purchasers; a resolution making vigorous protest to the use of the geographies that have been adopted by the State Text Book Commission, and opposing the making of a contract for these books by the state of Texas. The water rights question was referred to a special committee composed of Clifford B. Jones of Spur, J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls, Dr. P. C. Coleman, Colorado; W. P. Hallmark of Dublin and Major John B. Hawley, with instructions to give careful study to a compromise offer made by the Syndicate Power, and to have a referendum vote upon the recommendation of this committee.

Various reports of the manager, chairmen of the bureaus and others were heard with interest, and given hearty endorsement. All members who attended the meeting gave the entire day to the business of the committee and were the luncheon guests of Amon G. Carter, president of the Star-Telegram Publishing Company, in company with the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Association of Commerce, and the General Arrangement Committee of the Tenth Annual Convention.

Those Who Attended

The attendance was quite satisfactory considering the busy season of the year, and the distance to be traveled by many of the members present. Among those who answered to the roll call were the following: President R. W. Haynie, former presidents Clifford B. Jones, Spur; A. B. Spencer, Fort Worth and A. P. Duggan, Littlefield; P. B. Ralls, Ralls; F. W. Kennerly, Quanah; W. M. Massie, Fort Worth; J. P. Williams, Mineral Wells; Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth; C. A. Doose, Ballinger; Seth B. Holman, Hereford; Fred W. Turner, Santa Anna; C. T. Watson, Big Spring; John Q. McAdams, Winters; W. B. Hamilton, Wichita Falls; Sam Braswell, Clarendon; W. P. Hallmark, Dublin; J. D. Hamlin, Farwell; E. H. Riley, Fredericksburg; W. R. Keeble, Abilene; B. S. Huey, Cisco; Fred L. Haskett, Childress; Tom Bell, Crowell; H. L. Birney, El Paso; John W. Elliott, Kress; C. C. French, Fort Worth; M. K. Graham, Graham; J. A. Wheat, Seymour; J. E. Thompson, Breckenridge; R. L. Penick, Stamford; Houston Harte, San Angelo; A. M. Bourland, Vernon; V. A. Robinson, Post; O. P. Thrane, Snyder; Walter D. Cline, Wichita Falls; J. R. Key, Lampasas; H. G. Lucas, Brownwood, proxy for W. P. Murphey; Max Bentley, proxy for M. B. Hanks of Abilene. Others in attendance were Manager Homer D. Wade; Publicity Manager E. H. Whitehead; Agricultural Manager B. M. Whiteker; Oil and Gas Bureau Manager H. J. Adair, and a number of others.

Morning Session

President R. W. Haynie, having elected to take the airplane route to the meeting, was delayed in arrival, hence the meeting was called to order by the

manager, and Vice-President M. K. Graham of Graham was called to the chair. Without preliminaries, he called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. This having been accomplished, reports were called for. At this juncture President Haynie arrived and assumed his place as presiding officer. The president gave a short review of the work of the organization since the last meeting, speaking at some length upon the water rights question. He paid high compliments to the staff for its untiring work, and his opening remarks were given loud applause. The president then called for the manager's report, which follows:

Manager's Report

"To submit a comprehensive report of the activities of the executive offices since the last meeting held in Cisco, June 13, 1927, would take more time than should be given with the important program outlined for today's meeting of this board. It will, therefore be necessary to summarize and then only the most important items will be mentioned.

"It is a pleasure to say in the outset that every department of the organization is functioning in a satisfactory manner. In the membership work, increases have been shown in all towns at expiration periods, with the few exceptions. These exceptions were occasioned by local depressed conditions and not to any dissatisfaction. Fifteen new towns have been added to the list of affiliation, the total number at this time being approximately 300. If other towns yet undue renew in the same proportion as those that have been visited, I am sure in the prediction that by the time of the annual meeting the membership will be in excess of ten thousand. The organization will continue to maintain the