OVER THE RIVER.

The Principal Work Done at the Barge Line Convention.

Who Were the Speakers and What They Had to Say.

And How This Desirable Object Can Be Secured.

Text of the Principal Address that Were Delivered.

SENATOR SAUNDERS. Hon. Alvin Saunders, senator from Nebraska, called on to address the convention, said that he was heart and soul in sympathy with the objects of the convention, a fact which no man knows better than you, Mr. Chairman (addressing Mr. Hogan). Turning to the delegates he said, I came to hear you talk and tell what you want me to do, giving a full expression of in February last, in a speech in the senate for an appropriation of one million dollars to be expended between Sioux City and the mouth of the Missouri. The committee reported in favor of \$1,800,000. We informed on this matter. I could name senators who didn't know that a steamer ever ran as high as this point. "How do steamboats get to Nebraska?" asked one. "Very easily," I replied, "on the largest river in the senator, "that the Missouri river was back of Kansas." But ignorance will be overcome. These resolutions and that the time that all the rest of usare rivers must be opened. They are the right of the country laws to make that the time into that I was born and reared in the ments with reference to the Mississippi valley, its present condition and future prospects, not for Senator Saunders and myself to read, but for Saunders and the with almost perfect unanimity, of Massachusetts, of Rhode Island, and the support of the myself to read, but for Saunders and myself to read, but for Saunders and myself to read, but all when the support of the myself to read the with almost perfect unanimity, of Massachusetts, of Rhode Island, and the support of the myself to reduce the support of the myself to read the support of the myself to read the support of the myself to rea congress to pass a law establishing this conclusion, that the greatest benmileage rates between our section and ed best and has been the greatest benthing more. I want to do everything have this canal, and it would be only would isolate the west. But it is just what the east wants. The east has water competition and low rates, and water competition and low rates, and we can have the same advantages if we go to work, not fighting plause.] Think how we have seized returning from Burlington the other said one word about the last ten years that railroads. river to cheap transportation, trained it and harnessed it to do our friend and I told him I was going to so as to enable us to compete, not work. For five thousand years the only with the markets of the old world, but with our own. We need and steam was useless in helping man bug." I told him that I did not supto open up communication with the south and give them our grain and complish. At last a Watts seized this said the grain would heat. I did not pork, so that they may use their ground little force of nature and we have the know, but I didn't believe a word in poverty, when we ought to be the richest people in the world. The place to begin is in local meetings, in boards of trade, and in conventions.

Again take the electric say that these barges carry this grain in a refrigerator virtually, then I understones the plaything of the philosopher, which amused the child deal hotter place than the barge. [Mr. Hogan: "No doubt about it."] The senator then referred to the market which should be opened up in Brazil. We buy fifty millions of that lion a year not because we do not raise wheat they want, but because we have no ships. What we do ship has have no ships. What we do ship has mostly to go via Europe. Now, start there barge lines, and lay our products alongside the sea vessels for Brazil, and we shall have one of the best markets in the world, almost at our doors. I did vote poly;" I voted in favor of granting a subsidy to Roach, to enable him to open a line from New York and New Orleans to that country. That to open a line from New York and Pabilities of this valley, my own opin-New Orleans to that country. That was the only means I could then see to give us of the west this important advantage. We want the minimum to tell what would be the products of the Mississippi valley one that we can justly claim a fair share sands on the seashore, or of the millions it spends, in aid of the stars in the firmament, richest valley on earth, which only congress. We have been slow in this pi valley. And now in our infancy, from Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska to-gether. Cease being slow in this thing. Wake up and go to work, and accomplishment.

has long been identified with its material prosperity from the time when I tor Hebard were on the outskirts of civilization in south-east Iowa; I say as one who has been identified with these interests and the material development of Iowa and the west, my whole heart goes out in these enter-prises. (Applause.) I hold it a sol-emn duty, Mr. President and gentlemen of this convention, of the governother river whereby these products may be cheapened. It may do good to resolve, but you must do something They will understand that the people are in carnest about this matter. We have 5,000 miles of railway in Iowa, but that was not enough to carry the surplus products during the last year. We are laying down a thousand miles

Therefore we find that in the near future—even in the present—we must devise means to get off our surplus for us. The time is coming when we shall have millions and millions of bushels of grain and the same amount of fine pork, and these must have are dependent on the present—we must do something for us. The time is coming when we shall have millions of bushels of grain and the same amount of fine pork, and these must have are dependent on the present—we must devise means to get off our surplus for us. The time is coming when we shall have millions of bushels of grain and the same amount of fine pork, and these must have are deviced that the people future—even in the present—we must devise means to get off our surplus for us. The time is coming when we shall have millions of bushels of grain and the same amount of fine pork, and these must have shall get it.

Numerous Reasons Why the Missouri Should Be Improved.

My the Barge Lines Ought to Be Established.

May ship his produce to market wherever hemay wish, such as the demands of the whole world; we do not want a market to Liverpool via the great lakes and New York alone, but we want a market there via New Orleans and the mouth of the Mississippi river. We want a market to the South Apprican states and Mexico to And, how the mighty waters sweep.

May ship his produce to market wherever the right-of-way in the early times when the earth was without form and void, but was beginning to take shape. He it was who furnished the motive power freely to the sons of men, and a power exhaustless in supply. The steam power of rail-way in the early times when the earth was without form and void, but was beginning to take shape. He it was who furnished the motive power freely to the sons of men, and a power exhaustless in supply. The steam power of rail-ways is the result of toil, not only in sustaining it but in digging into they think it a mighty good farm. [Laughter.]

South Apprican states and Mexico to And, how the mighty waters sweep. word views. Mine are pretty well known. I took grounds in the senate in February last, in a speech in the water-ways of the country. (Great brethien who live outside of this every gentleman here who was in the

got only \$300,000. Congress is not that I was born and reared in the ments with reference to the Missis- improvement of this river, will agree rivers must be opened. They are the up to the necessity of devising some government is an unwarranted ex- Why is New York opposed to the imonly free highways that the people means by which we could get off our pense to the nation. It seems to me provement of others' commerce? She them with great enthusiasm, and the next day we come out to denounce them as monopolists. This is all wrong. If the railroads abuse their countries, and see how it is powers and their trusts we have our that men have succeeded in advancing remedy in the courts, and the legistate of their own interests, and in advance take it with those gentlemen, (a voice; porting place of the Western valley, latures and in congress. But there ing the nations and peoples in which "Just so." and make our appropriare some things which we of the west they toil to bring them on toward civ- ations continually. But we would cannot afford to demand of congress, ilzation and toward analyzation of like to have a recognition of this won-We only cut ourselves off from the ad- what man can do. And now from derful Mississippi valley from those this thing a little. We have heard a vantages they give us when we ask such a study every one will rise with who live outside of it. congress to pass a law establishing this conclusion, that man has succeed- I don't know that I can say anythe great markets. Such a policy efactor who has in some way seized I can to make these rivers navigable and open the first one and then another force and day I met a very good gentleman for cotton. We are nothing if not an steamboat, and the railway system of it, and when I heard Mr. agricultural region. If we cannot find and the thousand uses that man makes Hogan explain that matter and market we are cut off and must live of steam. Again take the electric say that these barges carry this grain country and sell them but five mil- for man and then we had the tele- times doubt that they are clever fel

advantage. We want the privilege of doing the best we can with fair play. Delegates of the convention, we of Nebraska will give you a helping hand; and let us unite and show congress that we can justly claim a fair play. blades of grass on the prairie, needs an outlet and a market. Follow as to tell what would be the foodup your demands till you are heard by products of this great Mississipmatter. I received more thanks for new people, hardly used to the meth-the efforts I made from St. Louis than ods and forms of conventions, so that our worthy chairman was almost compelled to coax us to make motions. We are becoming oppressed with the your object will soon be in fair way of burthens of our surplus product. The railroads cannot do a tithe of the work that must be done for the . Mississippi Gov. Gear was then called for by the convention and spoke as follows:

I am, as a citizen of Iowa, one who with railroads that make them efficient. I don't want to be quoted as against railroads, for they do their was a boy, from the time when my friends, Senator Saunders and Sena work well, but they are not enough. From the very nature of a railroad they have to be operated by one as a company that acts together as one man. Rivers are not so used, but a railroad always must be owned and operated by one and it is an impossibility that a railroad shall ever be a free highway. Another difficulty with regard to railroads is that until man can learn (an impossibility) how tree in the weatern counties water all the time, then by filling man. Rivers are not so used, but a ment to improve this river or any other river whereby these products can learn (an impossibility) how two here in the western counties water all the time, then by filling trains, one coming west and one going we have the finest canal in the banks from this low water he will banks from this low water he will east, shall meet and not have a col-lision, there can never be free passage upon the railroad. We are a young, vigorous and make a channel for the floods that come so that there will be no more overflows destroying this beauti-ful values and in the make a channel for the floods that come so that there will be no more overflows destroying this beauti-ful values and its illumitable products

more now, and when the present crop why, just before us is a mighty river is the greatest church of the United Nebraska Land Agency to their utmost capacity. As a distin-guished railroad man said the other shores of states and territories. On is Wall street. Don't blame Illinois, day, the time is not far distant when there will be a railroad built every five miles, but even with that we still forces of nature and use them. God Wall street. Wall street is fighting want these natural highways which have been given by God himself, upon made the preliminary survey for this are strong, but we have a Wall street which every man can launch at pleasure his own craft, whether it be a cance, steamer or barge line, that he may ship his produce to market wher-South American states and Mexico to And how the mighty waters sweep meet the great lines of railroad, down continually when you and I and ting ahead of you in Iowa. We are our demands on congress until they to use it. Why have we so long swept the on our plains and we have built a

it shall be for one or five or for fifty colleague in the senate when I say with all your might. millions of dollars. These two rivers that he and I do not need any instrucand their tributaries penetrate thir- tions for five, twenty-five or fitty milteen states and if it can be shown that lion of dollars if it is necessary to dethese are necessary for cheapening the products of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Saunders: "Not a bit of it!"] And ment in connection with what my Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and all other no man can persuade us that we ought friend Chase has said about Wall states, then it is the solemn duty of to give ten millions of dollars for the street and about New York. The the congress of the country to make Four Bigbee river and exclude the principal antagonism of importance this appropriation year in and year Mississippi and other local affairs, to our great commerce comes mainly water-ways of the country. (Great applause.)

Senator McDill was called and addressed the convention as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION:—When I tell you that I was horn and reased in the convention and reased in the convention and reased in the convention and reased in the convention.—When I tell you ments with reference to the Missis
much with us as with our say as Senator Saunders said, and overy gentleman here who was in the last session of congress, when the bill was passed appropriating some two and one-half or nearly two and three-quarter millions of dollars for the first attempt of any magnitude for the improvement of this river, will agree the mount of his improvement of this river, will agree.

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I believe, for "mono- culty to meet and the forces man has through the valley, He intended it

EX-MAYOR CHASE'S SPEECH. Ex-Mayor Chase being called for rese and said he had taken part years ago in similar conventions to the present one, and he thought he had perhaps more experience than any man braska and Kansas, it said, "I have in that assembly. They ought to have means of transportation that would enable the farmers to accumulate something to support their families and put by for a rading day. This river belongs had come into the valley of the Missto the United States, and if they won't issippi, would there have been any improve it let them give it to us, and New England? (Laughter.) I believe we will improve it in double quick

He thanked Council Bluffs for getting up this convention, and said he this country would become the might extended the hand of friendship to lest empire under the sun. them without one particle of jealousy. The river navigation would not in-

canal. (Applause.) The river always | brought up the grain we had to eat, but man, always discontented, tried to make something

which are being projected there. We all of us shall be dead and gone. sending more wheat to market than must agitate this matter and reiterate. There is no difficulty in finding how you. We have got thousands of catgrant these just requests. The people upon our privileges and upon our duwho pay the taxes and support the
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this Lean speak for my friend and great fight and we want you to help us be carried out. I don't care whether think I can speak for my friend and great fight and we want you to help us Notice to Contractors and Builders

> EX-CONGRESSMAN HOGAN'S SPEECH. Hon, John Hogan, being enthusi-

and their occupation, sir, will be in some measure gone.

great deal lately on the subject from New York, their vast trade, exchanges, Now, gentlemen, I ask why is it in

said one word about this paying canal, which was a source of immense revenue. Why has this cry been raised suddenly. The writing has been seen on the wall, and they who saw it have stood and trembled like Belshazaar trembled when he saw the handwriting on the wall. "The barges! The barges!!" They are coming to take the western Gentlemen, we have got the produce. means of transportation and we have got the knowledge how to increase the means of transportation so that our means of transportation shall be adequate to the demands our great people are making upon it.

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The north didn't object much, the

east didn't object much and they passed the bill. They passed it because they believed it a humbug. They said as soon as you get it done we will then pay you. He accomplished it and they began to haggle about paying, but perseverance and indomitable will said it shall be done. When the Mississippi opened its big mouth right up here at Illinois, Negot a big open mouth, come and fill it." Do you ever think of the marvelous actions of Providence? Suppose the pilgrim fathers and others had come into the valley of the Missif facilities were given to send their illimitable productions to the markets of the world through these rivers,

I am very glad that you have taken The river navigation would not interfere in any way with the railroads; slight mistake in the report which I every single bushel of grain would have to be brought by them before being shipped. We are building up the railroads when we open up the river river is the most perfectly capable of improvement of any river anywhere that from Sioux City, to the mouth of the Missouri, twenty miles above St. Louis, there is not an obstruction of a water all the time, then by filling to resolve, but you must do something more than resolve. Unless you do more than this you will never get anything from congress, and I am glad to see these honorable senators and members of congress here meeting with the people to know their wants, because they will understand that there is something beyond the mere resolution. They will understand that the people of the winds of the carnings. Therefore we find that in the near future—even in the present—we must have it, we are bouled to have it the same as Destroit, Milwaukee and other places. Mr. Reed's little system for Kansas of the working of the carnings. Therefore we find that in the near future—even in the present—we must have it, we are bouled to have it we are bouled to have it the same as Destroit, Milwaukee and other places. Mr. Reed's little system for Kansas of the working of the carnings. Therefore we find that in the near future—even in the present—we must do something about this project but we and there is no more reason why we should not have it the same as Destroit, Milwaukee and other places. Mr. Reed's little system for Kansas of the working of the carnings. Therefore we find that in the near future—even in the present—we must.

The government must do something about this project but we are bouled to have it we are bouled to have

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