



First City Meeting Full of Confusion

At Oklahoma City, there probably was more confusion and more dispute over location of streets and ownership of lots than in any other town following the great land run of 1889.

Angelo C. Scott was chosen chairman of a meeting called to straighten out some of the chaos. The meeting was held in an open space with several thousand men present. The chairman was hoisted to the top of a large goods box so the crowd could see him.

When it came to selection of members of a standing committee to supervise surveys of the townsite and location of streets and alleys, the people realized they were strangers to one another. They did not wish to vote for candidates totally unknown to them.

So when the first man was nominated, a voice called out: "Put him up and let's have a look at him." Thereafter, each man who was nominated was required to mount the big box beside the chairman, where everybody could look him over.

Chairman Scott then would call for an "Aye" and "No" vote without further ceremony. Among those who faced the crowd and who was voted down was Gen. James B. Weaver of Iowa, who had once been a nominee for president of the United States and who, later, was one of the chief congressional sponsors for the opening of Oklahoma to settlement.