

TO MAKE DESERT PLACES BLOSSOM

That is Object of National Irrigation Congress Session.

CONVENES HERE AUGUST 21

Write Captains of Western Commerce Will Participate—Sections to Be Led by Authorities on Subjects Discussed.

Within a period of nine days in August Portland will entertain two of the strongest commercial and industrial bodies in the country...

"Save the forests, store the floods, reclaim the desert, homes on the land," summarizes the principles of the National Irrigation Congress...

Special interest attaches to the meeting of the irrigators at the Lewis and Clark Fair, because here is the first attempt made by the Government to exhibit its operations under the reclamation act of June 17, 1902.

Under provisions of the reclamation act money realized from sale of Government land in the arid states is devoted to a fund to be used for irrigation projects...

Through increased interest in matters pertaining to irrigation, interest in the progress has been so enlarged that the work of the forthcoming session will be systematized by dividing it into five sections...

In the various sections, information will be dispensed regarding the increasing production of irrigated lands...

Arrangements at Portland for entertainment of the convention are under direction of A. H. Devers, chairman of the local committee...

Organization of the congress includes Senators and Representatives in Congress, Governors of states and territories...

GOVERNOR GEORGE C. PARDEE



PRESIDENT NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

lives of foreign nations and colonies, members of irrigation commissions and state commissioners of agriculture and horticulture...

Donald Fletcher, of Tacoma, who is included among the citizens of the city that wants to be watched, is a frequent Portland visitor...

No visitor to Portland should miss viewing the majestic Columbia River scenery between Portland and the Dalles...

It is no longer necessary to take blue pills to rouse the liver to action. Carter's Little Liver Pills are much better. Don't forget this.

TOM RICHARDSON



SECRETARY NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

FARONS LIBERAL CHINESE TREATY

Theodore B. Wilcox Believes Limited Immigration Desirable.

ASIATIC TRADE IMPORTANT

Declares Cottongrowers of South, Wheat Farmers of West and Manufacturers of East All Equally Interested.

President Theodore B. Wilcox, of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, who, as president of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, has for 20 years directed the most extensive export trade in foodstuffs from the Pacific Coast...

"Our purpose is to have the subject covered, not only by members of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, whose viewpoint is that of the diversified interests appealing to trans-Pacific markets, but also to have presented to the congress the views of representatives from China and Japan...

"Japanese consumption of cotton has been increasing materially in recent years. It is not only a matter of increasing the price realized for the crops of Southern planters, but the amount required by the Oriental market was but a small fraction of the total cotton crop...

"Wheat, lands in the North Pacific States have been advanced from \$15 to \$18 an acre by reason of Oriental demand for grain products bought through Pacific ports...

"Construction of the Panama Canal, long anticipated as a future possibility, but now approaching speedy accomplishment, raises the questions of how new transportation conditions presented in the trans-Pacific routes are to be met...

"Chinese labor to perform the labor on sugar plantations is the pressing need of the Hawaiian Islands, and on the Pacific Coast the demand is just as insistent for clearing of lands, cultivation of sugar beets, fruitraising, hop-growing, and in certain branches of farming to perform classes of labor that will not pay the wages white labor commands...

"Chinese exclusion—treatment of travelers from China—is the serious danger that threatens growth of American trade in the Orient today. Either citizens of China must be treated with the same courtesy extended to those of other countries or China, possibly instigated by representatives of other commercial nations, may take steps that would injure the cottongrowers of the South, manufacturers of the East, farmers of the West and fruitgrowers of the Pacific Coast...

THEODORE B. WILCOX



PRESIDENT TRANS-MISSISSIPPI COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

procuring the necessary help, and much of this work is of a character that white labor cannot be procured to perform, although paying good wages, and for which Chinese adaptation makes that people peculiarly efficient and desirable.

"I take the position that a treaty should be made with China, as a matter of justice, and not through any fear of what China may do, providing for a registration of all Chinese now in the country, a distinction only of laborers and non-laborers, and by which the United States would admit to the Hawaiian Islands and to the Pacific Coast ports for a term of five years or a longer period a limited number of Chinese immigrants annually...

"It is not a question of politics, and the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress is a business, not a political, organization. I have no hesitancy in saying that most people on the Pacific Coast would not consider such a proposition good politics, but it is good business, and my observations have been that what is good business becomes good politics.

"European nations say to China: 'Come to our shores. We erect no exclusion walls around our ports, and you are welcome, and we want to sell you our goods.' China does not care to avail the offer of an open door for her population to countries where no opportunity awaits them and their labor cannot be utilized.

"As a means of subsidizing the trans-Pacific steamer, the treaty admitting a limited number of Chinese annually would be fully justified. Fifty thousand coming each year would increase the revenue of the Pacific steamship lines by \$2,500,000, or more than \$200,000 per month, and while

these would supply our immediate necessity for more Mongolian labor, their well-known proclivities to drift back to their native land would gradually reduce the number constantly. Many would only come to the Hawaiian Islands, and sugar planters there who have been vitally facing ruin would avert such a calamity. In the Western States the sugar-beet industry has been greatly retarded by lack of laborers to perform the necessary hand work of thinning, cultivation, harvesting, topping, and which comprises such a large part of the labor, and, with more Chinese labor procurable, this industry may be expected to increase to many times its present magnitude...

DAY BOAT FOR ASTORIA

Down the Columbia River Connections for Ocean Beaches.

Do not miss this daylight ride, say the Columbia in all her grandeur, every foot of which is associated with Lewis and Clark, the daring explorers from the Willamette mouth to Oregan Beach, View Coffin Rock, the burial place of the now almost extinct Indian tribes; Pillar Rock, near which the explorers camped, where Clark shot a buck and Lewis passed one historic old Cathlamet, closely associated with Lewis and Clark's trips, the memories of the fur traders. After viewing all these sights you will be pleased, and can do so by taking steamer Lurline daily, except Sunday, at 7 A. M., from Taylor-street Dock.

Officers of the congress are: Theodore B. Wilcox, president, Portland, Or.; John W. Noble, first vice-president, St. Louis, Mo.; Samuel Newhouse, second vice-president, San Jose, Cal.; J. M. J. Sanders, third vice-president, New Orleans, La.; Dr. T. C. Frasier, fourth vice-president, Coffeyville, Kan.; Arthur F. Francis, secretary, Portland, Or.; George B. Garrison, Jr., treasurer, Denver, Colo.; executive committee—Rufus P. Jennings, chairman, San Francisco, Cal.; Tom Richardson, vice-chairman, Portland, Or.

In addition to these officers there is an advisory board of five members, one a congressional committee of a like number, one vice-president for each of the 24 states and territories, a number of whom are Governors of the American Asiatic Association and an executive committee consisting of two members from each of these divisions.

Advises received by Secretary Francis and the chairman indicate that the attendance will be approximately 200 to 300. There will be present for the session the following Governors: George C. Pardee, California; J. K. Toole, Montana; Jesse F. McDonald, Colorado; L. B. Prince, New Mexico; Albert H. Reid, Washington; Fenimore Chatterton, Wyoming; Governors Newton C. Blanchard, Louisiana; John C. Culler, Utah, and T. F. Gooding, Idaho, are also expected. Acceptances have not yet been received. President Roosevelt has been invited, and if not present in person a representative will be sent. It is hoped to be entertained that the President will visit the Exposition and attend the congress. Judge Grassop, of the United States District Court, of Chicago, is expected to participate and introduce for discussion and commendation the plan which he has proposed as a compromise measure following the hearing of the Chicago packers' case, that the Interstate Commerce Commission be constituted a judicial body from which appeal may be taken only to the Supreme Court.

Upon the question of Oriental trade and changes in present immigration laws, it is expected that Hans Yu Wei, special envoy of the Imperial dynasty of China, will deliver an address discussing the subject from the standpoint of his countrymen, and that an equally prominent Japanese representative will attend, both educated, English-speaking delegates, who will be able to speak entirely new ideas on these topics. John Ford, of New York, secretary of the American Asiatic Association, engaged in promotion of commercial relations with Asiatic countries, will deliver an address.

BIG CONVENTION WILL ASSEMBLE

Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress During Month of August.

CLEARING HOUSE OF IDEAS

Oriental Trade, Transportation, Merchant Marine, Isthmian Canal, Forestry, Irrigation, Alaska Problems to Discuss.

Commercial interests of the Trans-Mississippi region must be kept alert to the mighty movements directly affecting the future of the western portion of the American continent. There has perhaps never been a time when more of importance commended thought and co-operation from the brainiest men of the country in order that questions being solved shall be answered right than the present. As the clearing house of business ideas for the country lying between the Father of Waters and the Pacific the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress has wielded power effectively for benefit of the commercial interests of the territory from which its members come. Its annual sessions are devoted to securing intelligent conclusions that may serve as a guide to representatives in the legislative councils of the Nation in discharge of public duties, hence unusual interest centers at this time upon preparations for the 16th annual session which will be held in Portland August 16 to 19, inclusive.

Strongly advocating development of Oriental trade, the commercial supremacy of the American Republic in the Pacific Ocean and American domination over the Isthmian Canal, these will be leading topics for discussion in the deliberations of the body. Increasing demand for a department of commerce and mining in Washington, the secretary of which shall be a member of the Cabinet of the President, has caused the executive committee also to call attention to these matters. Subjects for recommendation and consideration will be:

- (1) The improvement of rivers, harbors and waterways.
- (2) The union of interests between Pacific Coast ports and ports of the Gulf of Mexico.
- (3) The Isthmian Canal and its effect upon commerce.
- (4) The merchant marine.
- (5) The consular service.
- (6) Statehood for the Territory of Alaska.
- (7) Interstate Commerce Commission and the betterment of rail and water transportation.
- (8) Preservation of the forests.
- (9) Cooperation in laws covering waterways, irrigation and mining between the United States, Mexico and Canada.
- (10) Encouragement of home manufacturers.
- (11) Expositions and their influence upon the development of the country.
- (12) Technical schools and experimental stations for the West.
- (13) American scenery and its influence upon travel.
- (14) Alaska.
- (15) Livestock interests of the Trans-Mississippi region.
- (16) The necessity for differentials favoring Pacific Coast ports in the building of naval vessels.
- (17) Parcel post.
- (18) Good roads.
- (19) Forestry and the reclamation of arid lands.

While any question that has direct bearing upon objects of the congress may be introduced, it is the pertinent discussions to subjects of general interest that are strictly pertinent to commercial affairs, and not political. Representation is provided for by appointment of executive officers, by the American Asiatic Association, cities and business organizations, Governors, members of the National Congress and ex-presidents of the congress are ex-officio members.

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