

PROBLEMS FOR THE CONGRESS

Questions Which Will Come Up for Final Action at Session.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ticket Is Reported by the Nominating Committee With David R. Francis at Its Head, and Election Comes Today.

FOR OFFICERS OF CONGRESS. New officers of Trans-Mississippi Congress, recommended by committee...

For an appropriation by Congress to build a power dam across the Missouri River at the foot of Des Moines Rapids...

For a consular service, based on experience, ability, character and loyalty, unbiased by political considerations...

For a waterway from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico...

For improvement of Coos Bay—Peter Logg, of Oregon.

For improvement of Columbia River bar—Tom Richardson, of Oregon.

For promotion of reciprocity—T. H. Tomlinson, of Denver, Colo.

For enlargement of powers of Interstate Commerce Commission—H. D. Loveland, of California.

After three days of prepared speeches, the Trans-Mississippi Congress will plunge into the debate stage this morning...

Immigration Resolution. The most important resolution is that calling for restriction of low-grade immigration from Europe, Asia and Africa...

Deepening the Columbia. Another noteworthy resolution asks Congress to appropriate adequate funds for deepening the Columbia River bar...

New Officers to Be Chosen. New officers will be elected by the Congress today on recommendation of the committee on permanent organization...

Objects to Osler Theory. Francis was nominated by Edward E. Yates, of St. Louis. Baker thought the selection of Loveland would be better than that of Francis because his men in control of the Congress would drive out young men of energy...

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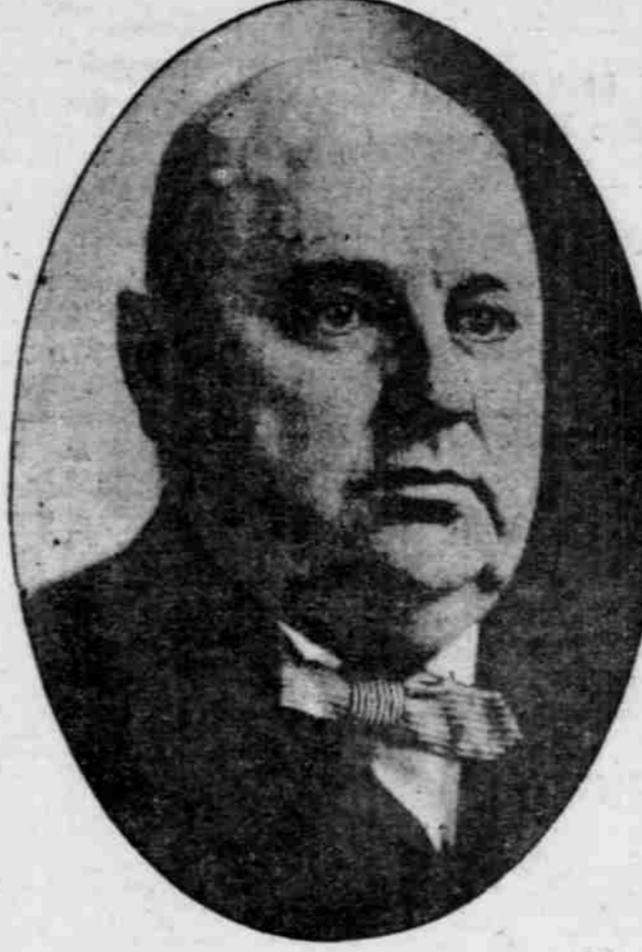
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Standards of Competition. Standards of international competition were fixed at the Exposition at St. Louis...

For Unity of Action. The Pacific Coast and the Middle West might well combine their effort for deeper streams, he said.

Strength of Mining Industry. Colonel Draper continued the subject on similar lines, saying that though the Government had done little to assist mining, the industry had advanced by leaps and bounds...

RESOLUTIONS TO COME BEFORE THE CONGRESS TODAY. For issuance of \$200,000,000 bonds for improvement of rivers and harbors...

For exclusion of undesirable immigrants from foreign countries—T. R. Wilcox, of Oregon. (This is the Chinese exclusion resolution, to be reported by the committee on resolutions this morning.)

For Department of Mines in executive branch of National Government—L. Bradford Prince, of New Mexico. (Favorably reported.)

For storage reservoir at headwaters of streams—Hill, of Colorado. (Favorably reported.)

For adequate National appropriations for improvement of rivers and harbors—E. A. Hawkins, Jr., and B. F. Harvik, of Texas. (Favorably reported.)

For proper maintenance of forest reserves—A. L. Black, of Washington. (Favorably reported.)

For improvement of the proposal to convolve representatives of Western States in an Immigration Congress next January to consider immigration matters—John T. Burns, of Colorado.

should be assembled in all the lines of their enterprise. The city of St. Louis devoted \$10,000,000, he said, to the international competition, and some of us devoted six years without receiving any commercial return, but we feel that we have been more than compensated for all our expenditure of treasure and effort.

Exposition's Beautiful Setting. The speaker adverted to the "beautiful setting" of the exposition at Portland and proceeded to discuss the work of the Trans-Mississippi Congress. He suggested that the congress would make its influence more felt if it would confine its deliberations to fewer subjects. First of the subjects that he considered important was that of deepening waterways. The

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Compromise Resolution Is Reported by Committee to Congress.

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IMMIGRATION LIVE THEME.

Colorado Desires Congress of Western States to Consider It.

For a Congress of western states to consider immigration, a resolution is before the Trans-Mississippi Congress, introduced by John T. Burns of Denver, endorsing the plan of Governor McDonald of Colorado and President Packard of the Colorado State Commercial Association, for such a western gathering at Denver in January.

Mr. Burns presented the resolution to the committee on resolutions which will take up this morning. "No more vital movement has been suggested in the West," said Mr. Burns last evening, "and the Western Immigration Congress is bound to occupy a great place in the history of the western states as the National Irrigation Congress now occupies. The new movement will in no wise interfere with the Trans-Mississippi or the Immigration congresses, but will work with both organizations in full sympathy and support of the important measures before those organizations. The energies of the new congress will be given entirely to matters pertaining to the increase of population of our states and will in a measure relieve the other congresses of certain duties which are now being forced upon them by the fact that some such organizations must take the initiative in all matters of public welfare."

West is people to till the soil and build up commerce and our people in Colorado earnestly believe that a properly managed movement of this kind can double the population of the states interested, in the next fifteen years. Several western Governors have personally promised to make active part in this proposed movement and we hope that the people of the entire West will recognize the importance of the work and will not make it necessary to struggle for many years for success, as we are now with the National Irrigation Congress."

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