

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

Sixteenth Annual Session Will Discuss River and Harbor Improvements, Oriental Trade and Immigration Subjects.

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FORUM OF PUBLIC OPINION

Most Important Convention Held Annually by Allied Industrial Interests Convened at the Fair Wednesday.

PURPOSES OF THE CONGRESS.

Development of the Oriental trade by every means consistent with the integrity of the United States as a nation.

Trans-Mississippi States, through Gulf and Pacific Coast ports, to supply the Oriental markets.

Just transportation rates as a means to promote interstate commerce.

Liberal Government aid for river navigation.

The commercial supremacy of the American Republic in the Pacific Ocean.

American dominion over the Isthmian Canal as a guarantee that the commercial interests of the American Republic are properly safeguarded.

When the gavel of Rufus P. Jennings falls Wednesday of this week, calling to order the 16th annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress at the Exposition, Portland will number as guests a representation of the strong men of Western commercial, manufacturing, industrial, financial and shipping industries, such as have never before gathered at one time in the Oregon country, and whom it is expected will formulate during the next four days methods of procedure to solve questions of greatest importance to Portland and the whole territory between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean.

Called to Order.

Chairman Jennings, of the executive committee of the congress, will call the session to order, following an invocation by Bishop Earl Cranston, after which the gavel will be yielded to President Theodore B. Wilcox, of the organization, who will deliver his opening address. Delegates will be welcomed by the executives of the States of Oregon and Washington, United States Senators Fulton and Piles, Mayor of Portland, president of the Exposition, heads of the municipal and state commercial bodies, after which will be heard responses from Governors of California, Louisiana, Nebraska and David R. Francis, of the former Secretary of the Interior and former Governor of Missouri.

In no sense is this splendid organization for Western development sectional in character, nor would it under any circumstances become involved in local affairs. It is through non-partisan conduct that most effective co-operation has been rendered possible, and results have been achieved that were hardly considered possible by the most sanguine among the founders of the congress.

Founding of Organization.

Sixteen years ago, when a few far-sighted Western men, whose business relations gave them reason to apprehend the difficulties in development of great ports on the Gulf of Mexico and Pacific coasts, and the growing needs of domestic and foreign commerce destined to play a most important part in advancement of the country conceived the organization, it was with a purpose to bring about a united effort by people of the Western states and territories. Previously there had been no unity of action among members of the National Congress from the Trans-Mississippi region. Each state delegation was striving to secure what was demanded by constituency of its own division, and in most consequential matters seriously affecting the entire Trans-Mississippi States as a whole, little consideration was received in many instances.

Development of Harbors.

Galveston harbor, through which flows today a great volume of traffic originating in the great plains states and western portion of the trans-Mississippi Valley to the Pacific coast, the Rocky Mountains, and a depth of but 14 feet in its harbor. San Pedro harbor was then regarded as only the dream of a few citizens of Southern California, and deepening of the Gulf of California, Mississippi was not thought of as a problem of importance except to the people of New Orleans. Sixteen years of organization has brought united effort of members of Congress representing 26,000,000 of people, populating 24 states and territories, and Galveston harbor today has a depth of almost 30 feet of low water, with a ship channel 150 feet in width. San Pedro harbor receives and discharges cargoes from great trans-Pacific steamships, and transportation facilities of the entire region have been improved under the beneficent influence exercised. In the case of Galveston, united effort resulted in a single appropriation of \$2,200,000, outside the regular appropriation for rivers and harbors, establishing a precedent just now of special interest to the Oregon country.

Columbia as Gateway.

As the natural gateway for Oriental trade from the Northwest, the Columbia River will next receive the attention of this body, and the influence that has been instrumental in deepening the channel in Galveston Bay to a low-water stage of 30 feet it can be confidently expected will exert a less potent power in behalf of the great highway of international commerce of the Northwest.

Oriental trade will constitute the subject of first importance in deliberations of the four days session. Recent occurrences in connection with the boycott of American goods through operation of the Chinese guilds has probably been instrumental in bringing to attention of the public generally the importance of American commerce in the Far East to a degree not before approached, and the prominent part Portland has in this trade is recognized.

Two Topics Are Joined.

Intimate relation existing between the deepening of the Columbia River channel to the sea and at the bar, and the development of this valuable trade, make the two topics so closely linked that consideration of the one naturally involves the other. American goods generally of the importance of Portland and recognition that the Pacific Northwest is entitled to recognition in this respect that the congress voted to add the sixteenth annual convention

in Portland. Major Langfitt, who has long been in charge of the work done at the mouth of the Columbia, and is more thoroughly familiar with the details of that work and what is necessary to bring to fruition the plans that have been mapped under his supervision, has consented to remain until after the meeting for the express purpose of delivering an address upon this subject. His wife will accompany him to the meeting, and will be authorized on the method that should be employed to increase the depth of water.

Will Lead Discussion.

As will be observed by reference to the accompanying programme, President Theodore B. Wilcox, for 18 years engaged in conducting an export business, will lead discussion upon the subject of Oriental trade. As the largest exporter of

foodstuffs on the Pacific Coast, whose finger has been constantly upon the pulse of commerce with the Far East, and who has observed the growth of that trade with an understanding such as could be gained in no less practical way, his utterance will be a valuable contribution to public knowledge of the subject.

John Barrett, United States Minister to Colombia, former Minister to Spain and who is more familiar with Oriental conditions in general than any other member of the diplomatic corps, will also be heard. James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, and head of the steamship company floating the largest carriers on the Pacific, is also expected to be present and speak on the second day. No transportation man of America has so long been a student of Oriental trade or so enthusiastic in the belief that within the next decade it will assume a magnitude exceeding that of any other division of export trade of the country, as the great magnate of the Northern railroads.

Division of Subjects.

Among divisions of the subjects to be considered may be mentioned:

- (1) The improvement of rivers, harbors and waterways.
- (2) The union of interests between Pacific Coast ports and 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 territories.
- (7) Interstate Commerce Commission and the betterment of rail and water transportation.
- (8) Preservation of the forests.
- (9) Co-operation in laws covering waterways, irrigation and navigation between the United States, Mexico and Canada.
- (10) Encouragement of the forests.
- (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 the development of the West.
- (14) The necessity for differentials favoring Pacific Coast ports in the building of naval vessels.
- (15) Parola post.
- (16) Good roads.
- (17) Irrigation and the reclamation of arid lands.

Officers of the congress are: Theodore B. Wilcox, president, Portland, Or.; John Noble, first vice-president, Salt Lake City, Utah; M. J. Sanders, second vice-president, New Orleans, La.; D. C. Frazer, third vice-president, Coffeyville, Kan.; Arthur F. Francis, secretary, Portland, Or.; George B. Harrison, Jr., treasurer, Kansas City, Mo.; executive committee—Rufus P. Jennings, chairman, San Francisco, Cal.; Tom Richardson, vice-chairman, Portland, Or.

Sessions of the congress will convene in the Auditorium, Lewis and Clark Exposition, and committees will have rooms in the adjacent public school building, which will be brought within the inclosure of the grounds for the gathering, and that of the National Irrigation Congress, which convenes August 21. The programme for the four days is given below:

Wednesday, August 16.

Music by the Exposition Band; Invocation, Bishop Earl Cranston; call to order, Rufus P. Jennings; opening address, Theodore B. Wilcox, Portland, president Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress; addresses of welcome, George E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon; Albert E. Mead, Governor of Washington; Charles W. Fulton, United States Senator from Oregon; Samuel H. Piles, United States Senator from Washington, representing the Pacific Northwest; Harry Lane, Mayor of Portland; President Good, of the Lewis and Clark Exposition; H. M. Calk, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; E. L. Allen, president of the Portland Board of Trade; W. D. Wheelright, president of the Oregon Development League. Responses by Theodore B. Wilcox, Governor of California; N. C. Blanchard, Governor of Louisiana; David R. Francis, former Governor of Missouri, and former Secretary of the Interior; John H. Mickey, Governor of Nebraska, and others representing the vari-

ous states and territories of the Trans-Mississippi region. Special arrangement of committee on resolutions and permanent organization.

Thursday, August 17—Morning.

8:30 to 9:30 presentation of resolutions; 9:30 John W. Noble, of St. Louis, Mo., presiding; address, "The Columbia River," Major J. G. Langfitt, Corps of United States Engineers, E. S. A.; address, "Oriental Trade," Theodore B. Wilcox, president Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress; John Barrett, American Minister to United States of Colombia, James J. Hill, St. Paul, Minn.; Kang Yu Wei, New York City.

Thursday Afternoon.

Address, "Future Markets in the Orient," F. B. Thurber, New York City; address, "The Pacific Ocean Trade as Affecting the West," E. W. Purinton, of San Francisco, director of the Pacific Commercial Museum; "Alaska," W. A. Kelly, Sitka, vice-president of Alaska, presiding; discussion under the direction of the official representative named by Governor John G. Brady, of Alaska; address, "Ex-

positions and Their Influence Upon the Development of the Country," David R. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Friday, August 18—Morning.

8:30 to 9:30 presentation of resolutions; 9:30 President Theodore B. Wilcox, presiding; special order, selection of places for holding the next session; address, "The Department of Mines and Mining," J. H. Richards, of Boise, Idaho, president of the American Mining Congress; Colonel T. W. M. Draper, San Francisco and Edward H. Benjamin, San Francisco, president of California Mining Association; address, "The Panama Canal," Hon. Hugh Craig, San Francisco.

Friday Afternoon.

Address, "American Scenery and Its Effect Upon Travel," Dr. Roland D. Grant, Vancouver, B. C.; address, "The American Consular Service," Charles Trux, Chicago; address, "The Merchant Marine," Aaron Vanderbilt, New York City, chairman of committee on Merchant Marine of the Chamber of Commerce, New

York; George W. Dickie, San Francisco; John M. Thurston, Omaha; address, "The Preservation of the Forests," R. L. McCormick, Tacoma, Wash.; address, "Recreation in Canada," United States and Mexico, Herbert Strain, Great Falls, Mont.; address, "The West the Best," B. C. Wright, San Francisco.

Friday Evening.

7:30 "The Yellowstone National Park, Illustrated," by Barry Buckley, under the auspices of the Interior Department.

Saturday, August 19—Morning.

8:30 to 9:30 presentation of resolutions; 9:30 John Henry Smith, Salt Lake City, presiding; address, "Department of Commerce and Labor," John W. Noble, St. Louis, formerly Secretary of the Interior; address, "Home Manufactures," H. D. Loveland, San Francisco, president Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association; W. B. Heyburn, United States Senator, Idaho, chairman Senate committee on manufactures; address, "The Live-stock Interests of the Trans-Mississippi Region," T. M. Tomlinson, Denver, secre-

ary American Stock-Growers' Association; address, "The Reclamation Service," F. H. Newell, chief engineer, and Edmund T. Perkins, Washington, D. C., under the auspices of Interior Department; address, "The Future of the Trans-Mississippi Region," George H. Maxwell, Chicago, chairman National Irrigation Association; address, "The Relation of Floods to Irrigation and Navigation," Thomas L. Cannon, St. Louis; address, "The Experimental Station," a Factory Commercial Development," James Withycombe, Corvallis, Or.; address, "The Improvement of Rivers," P. Van Loben Seis, San Francisco, of the River Improvement and Drainage Association of California; address, "The Improvement of Rivers and Harbors," Blanchard, Governor of Louisiana, formerly chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors; address, "The Duty of the General Government to Protect the Banks and Improve the Missouri River," Stewart S. Wood, Secretary of the Clark, Omaha, president of Missouri



KAPPA SIGMA CONVENTION

GREEK LETTER COLLEGE FRAT MEETS IN PORTLAND.

Western District Assembly to Bring Members From Principal Universities and Cities.

Next Friday, August 18, the western district of the Greek letter college fraternity, Kappa Sigma, will hold its annual convocation in Portland. This district includes Stanford University and the state universities of California, Oregon and Washington, in each of which there is a chapter of the fraternity. Undergraduate members of the order are expected from each of these colleges, and in addition a large number of alumni, at present residing on the Coast and in the Middle West. A special train will bring a large delegation from Seattle, Tacoma and other South Coast cities. San Francisco, Los Angeles and Denver will also be represented and the members of the fraternity residing here will swell the number and attend to the reception and entertainment of the visiting Kappa Sig.

Since the convocation is not the annual National gathering, to which all the chapters throughout the country send delegates, and fraternity business of National importance is transacted, a short business session Friday morning is calculated to suffice for the transaction of such business as may be before the Western district body, and the rest of the day will be spent in sightseeing and pleasure seeking, the day's programme concluding with a reunion around the banquet table.

Stanley W. Martin, of Virginia, one of the grand officers of the fraternity, will be the guest of honor and lend dignity to the occasion. Mr. Martin is coming across the continent to be present at this gathering as the representative of the grand council of the order.

First P. E. O. Chapter in Oregon.

The organization of the first P. E. O. Chapter in this state was completed yesterday at the home of Mrs. John E. Aitchison, 683 Wasco street; Mrs. E. F. Ekelman, president of the Washington grand chapter, acting as organizer, Kate W. Hull, Chapter K, Oskaloosa, Ia., and Mrs. Myrtle G. Ferguson, Chapter N, Minden, Neb., all now residents of Portland.

The chapter is composed of the fol-

GREAT ORGANIST COMING

Clarence Eddy to Give Two Inaugural Recitals at New Trinity Church This Week.

The Portland musical season opens auspiciously this week, Thursday and Friday evening, with two grand pipe organ recitals. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the occasion by the committee in charge and only a limited number of tickets will be sold so that there will be no uncomfortable overcrowding. The organist is no less than the world-famous Clarence Eddy, the mere mention of whose name is assurance of the very best in pipe-organ music. On this occasion the grand Kimball pipe organ, by far the finest in the West, which has just been installed in Trinity Church by Eilers Piano House, will be heard by the public for the first time. Mrs. Grace Morel Dickman, the contralto soloist of Rutgers' Church, New York, will sing. It is also hoped that A. L. Alexander, who won many friends during his stay in Portland last winter, will reach Portland in time to sing. Mr. Alexander has been pursuing his vocal studies in Paris for some months and those who have heard him can feel assured of a still greater treat. He is expected to arrive in Portland about the middle of the week.

81.20—BUFFALO AND RETURN—81.20.

On August 14 and 15 the Great Northern Railway will sell excursion tickets to Buffalo and return at rate of \$1.50 for the round trip, tickets good going via Great Northern Railway, returning same or any direct route, stop-overs allowed on return trip, limit 30 days east of Chicago, 30 days west.

For additional information call on or address H. Dickson, C. P. & T. A. Great Northern Railway, 122 Third street, Portland, Or.

LOW EXCURSION RATES TO THE EAST.

On sale August 14, 15, 24 and 25, also September 14 and 17, the Rock Island Railway will sell round-trip tickets to Eastern points at greatly reduced rates. For full particulars call on or address A. McDonald, general agent, 16 Third street, Portland, Or.

STITCH BROKEN KNEE-CAPS

ONE OF THE MOST DELICATE OPERATIONS PERFORMED.

Fifty-Three Surgeons Witness Operation on Miss Ella Wilson at Hospital.

One of the most delicate and serious of operations known to surgery was performed upon Miss Ella Wilson at the Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday morning in the presence of 53 prominent medical men of Portland. Both knee-caps were recently broken and had to be stitched together.

After completing the difficult operation, it was pronounced a success. The operating surgeons give it as their opinion that Miss Wilson will be able to resume her work as an actress.

Before performing the operation, a lecture of about ten minutes' length was delivered by the surgeon in charge to which the assemblage listened with intense interest. This being the second case of the kind on record, the occasion was of great importance, and the work of the skilled men, as they performed the delicate task, was followed closely by all present.

If the hopes of the surgeons are realized, Miss Wilson will be able at the expiration of six weeks to resume her theatrical work. This is most remarkable, when it is known that under the old style of operation, she would be doing well could she take up her work within one year.

Miss Wilson will be given a benefit performance at the Baker Theater one week from next Tuesday, at which time she acts from the city theaters. She will be on the programme. She is one of the most popular members of the profession in the city. She is an honorary member of B. P. O. E. No. 1, New York.

Art Treasures in French Churches.

Jewelry's Circular Weekly.

According to a report just issued by the French Minister of Fine Arts, the churches of France, and not the Louvre, the Luxembourg, the Musees de Cluny and Carnevall, contain the art treasures of the nation. The art treasures in the public galleries and museums are but a comparatively small part of the artistic wealth of France. It is estimated that if brought under the hammer the pictures, tapestries, statues, carvings and other works of art would realize the fabulous

sum of six milliards of francs. The Little Roman Church of Conques, lost in the mountains of Aveyron, is possessed of a treasure which was on view at the exhibition of 1903. It was of such marvelous beauty that a syndicate of art dealers offered for it the sum of 2,000,000 francs. It contains the finest enamel in the world, reliquaries given by the early kings of France, and Roman statues in gold and silver. Fortunately for France the art syndicate did not buy it.

WHEN INDIANS PLAY BALL

Bloodshed, Battle, Murder and Sudden Death Follow.

Kansas City Star.

A game of ball, resembling lacrosse, in Indian Territory is a peculiar, fascinating and a bloody game. It is as much the National game among each of the five civilized tribes as baseball is ours. The game is played on a square almost like a gridiron. There are two goals 150 yards apart, and the object is to pass the ball between these goals. The balls used are like base balls. They are made by the Indians of yucca and covered with deer skin. A stick about two feet long with a spoon-shaped end and the back of this spoon laced with things is used. In this spoon the Indian must catch the ball. He is not allowed to touch it with his hands. He catches and throws with the stick. There are 20 players on a side.

The Indian catches the ball in his spoon club and starts to run with it. He is immediately tackled by his opponents, and what follows very closely resembles a "down" in football. He runs as far as he can and then throws the ball out of his stick. The opposing players try to stop him. They strike his stick if they can and if they cannot hit the stick they hit the player, and the are not particular where nor how hard they make the game bloody and the players are often killed. This is especially true when the game is between rival towns. Women often play in the game with men. Women are allowed the privilege of using their hands to throw the ball. With this advantage they frequently win over an opposing team of men, as they are as fleet as their opponents. There is no time limit to the game. The game consists of 21 points and the play continues until the ball is put through one goal 21 times.

SPECIAL EXCURSION RATES.

Very Low Ninety-Day Tickets East Offered by O. R. & N.

August 24, September 15, 17, the O. R. & N. sells 90-day special excursion tickets to Eastern points; stopovers granted going and returning. Particulars of rates, C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent O. R. & N. Co., Third and Washington streets, Portland.

DELEGATES ON WAY

Various Cities Want the Next Session of Congress.

Resolutions Committee Will Have Pruning of What Delegates Introduce for Guidance of the Committee.

Kansas City is sending a large delegation to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress and they are now on their way to Portland. Three rooms have been set aside in the Hotel Portland as headquarters for the delegation, which will be in charge of Colonel Fred W. Fleming. It is expected they will arrive here next Tuesday morning.

One of the important papers to be read at the congress, and which is being looked forward to with much interest, will be that by A. B. Thurber, president of the United States Export Association on the subject, "Future Markets of the Orient." Mr. Thurber was private secretary to ex-President Grover Cleveland and is now a man of affairs in New York City.

Mr. Thurber sees a glorious future for the Pacific Coast country and believes that routes of commerce are shifting from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He believes, and right in this direction lies the future arena of the world's struggle for commercial supremacy and he believes the United States is just entering upon a period when this country will be supreme in the commerce of the world. This portends greatness for the Pacific Coast cities and Portland is expected to play an important part in this movement.

Resolutions Will Be Abundant.

One of the hardest-working divisions of the congress will be the committee on resolutions. This committee will hold sessions day and night to consider the many resolutions that will be presented by delegates. It is the duty of this committee to wade through the resolutions and finally get them in shape to be presented for adoption or rejection. Those finally adopted will be placed in the hands of the Congressional committee and the latter body instructed to do all in its power to get them acted upon by the Congress of the United States.

Forestry Subjects.

Preservation of forests is another vital subject to be treated by the congress. There are many arguments to be presented as to why the forests in every state should be preserved to a larger extent than formerly and advocates of forest preservation will be on hand to support their contentions. Forest preservation enters largely into the subject of irrigation and will also be discussed at the coming meeting of the National Irrigation Congress.

A pretty contest will come up in the convention over the next meeting place. Several cities desire the next session, among which are Denver and Duluth. The yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans has probably taken that city out of the race, but it is possible that it will have no bearing on the case as the epidemic will no doubt have been long stamped out when the time comes for the meeting of the next congress. It is not denied, however, that the chances of New Orleans have greatly diminished.

WORK OF EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Gratifying Progress is Reported at Meeting of Society.

At the meeting of the Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association held yesterday afternoon at Mrs. Mallory's parlors, 193 Sixth street, much interest was manifested in the encouraging reports concerning the initiative petition for a referendum vote at the forthcoming June election.

Mrs. Henry Walden Coe, president of the association, is conducting the work in a manner highly satisfactory to her constituents whose numbers and enthusiasm are increasing at a rate pleasing to her co-workers.

Among the workers who have reported gratifying progress were Dr. Freya Myers, Dr. Esther C. Pohl, Dr. Mary Thompson, Mrs. M. C. Cartwright, Mrs. A. S. Dunaway, Mrs. Moreland Harvey, Miss F. E. Gotshall, Dr. L. G. Johnson, Dr. A. C. French, Mrs. Judge Galloway, Mrs. Judge Waldo, Mrs. J. P. Wagner and many others.

It was voted to request the newspapers throughout the state to publish the full text of the initiative petitions, in connection with the letter of instructions, which accompany it; and all papers complying were thanked for their courtesy in advancing them.

The association also publicly thanks all who assisted in making the convention of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association such a successful success, and particularly the business men who contributed so generously to the expense of conducting it.

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