

Members of the Trans-Mississippi Congress, Which Held Its Sessions in the City Last Week in the Auditorium at the Exposition.—Photograph by Kiser Photographic Company.

NO OPEN DOOR TO CHINESE COOLIES OFFERED BY CONGRESS

Resolutions Adopted by Trans-Mississippi Commercial Body After Heated Debate.

FAVORS DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINING

Demand Made for Improvement of Rivers and Harbors, Coast Fortifications, Merchant Marine, Irrigation and Interstate Commerce.

The resolutions of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress adopted yesterday after the most interesting debate that has been heard in the 18 years the congress has been in existence were as follows:

"To the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress: We, your committee on resolutions, having fully and carefully considered all resolutions referred to it, respectfully submit the following report:

"Be it resolved by the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, composed of representatives from the several states and territories between the Mississippi river and the Pacific coast, at its sixteenth annual session, assembled in the city of Portland, Oregon, as follows:

Immigration Laws.

"Our foreign trade with China is at present suspended and unable to discharge its cargoes at Chinese ports and Hongkong because of the refusal of the Chinese to handle American products. This unsatisfactory state of affairs is understood to have been produced by the improper treatment to which the privileged classes of China have been subjected in the administration of our laws prohibiting the admission of Chinese laborers to the United States.

"There are now seeking admission to our country large numbers of persons from Europe, Asia and Africa, many of whom are undesirable and cannot be admitted without endangering the high standards of American citizenship. Therefore, we respectfully petition the president of the United States, to, if deemed expedient, reiterate his instructions for proper treatment of the privileged classes of China, to ascertain through the proper channels the reasons for the present boycott, and to appoint a commission to investigate and report to congress, with recommendations for a comprehensive immigration law framed to remove all unreasonable restrictions, and to exclude from the United States and our insular possessions, all undesirable persons from every country."

Rivers and Harbors.

"We earnestly recommend liberal appropriations under continuing contracts by the federal government for the improvement of the harbors on the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific coast. The largely increasing trade with Central and South America and the orient renders a more liberal policy toward these ports on the part of the national government, imperatively necessary.

The Deep Draft of the Vessels in Which the Commerce of the World is Now Most Economically Carried, makes it Important that the Galveston Harbor should have a uniform depth of not less than 35 feet of water at mean low tide, with a width and extension commensurate with its growing importance. The same recommendation is made, with reference to the improvement of the harbors on the Pacific coast.

"The jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river ought to be completed according to the plans of the government engineers in order that the products of the northwestern country may find a convenient highway to the markets of the world.

"In harmony with past declarations of this body, we declare that it is the plain duty of the national government to take hold of the important question of river improvement and flood control in an earnest and broad-gauge manner. The cost of necessary improvements to prevent the continued interruption of interstate commerce and an appalling loss of life and property should be met by the national government and the localities affected upon an equitable basis. The permanent improvement of the great Mississippi and Missouri rivers and their navigable tributaries ought to be an object of national concern. The conditions at and in the vicinity of menaced by devastating river floods.

Kansas City and East St. Louis, where commercial and transportation interests of the greatest magnitude are frequently emphasized the national importance of this question.

"We earnestly favor a liberal policy on the part of congress in appropriating money for the permanent improvement of the navigable waterways of the country, thereby decreasing the cost of transportation on the products of the farm, ranch and factory and increasing the general prosperity of the nation.

Coast Fortifications.

"We recommend that an additional naval station be immediately constructed on the Pacific coast at some point near the Mexican border to be selected by the navy department.

"We desire to direct the attention of the national government to the defenseless condition of the Pacific coast and urge that congress make the necessary appropriation to carry out the plans of the war department for adequate coast fortifications.

"We favor the protection of the seal wall built by the national government for the protection of its property at the port of Galveston in accordance with the plans of the United States engineers.

Mines and Mining.

"The mining industry of the United States having grown to such proportions and importance and being capable of such vast development if properly fostered by the government, we heartily favor the establishment by an act of congress of a national department of mines and mining.

Weekend Bills.

"The fundamental principle of the American republic is that of self-government, and no body of American citizens should be deprived of that right. We therefore recommend the early admission of all of the remaining territories as states, and the establishment of a territorial form of government for Alaska.

Merchant Marine.

"We unqualifiedly favor the progressive national policy on the part of the United States of fostering and building up an American merchant marine by every available means, and respectfully urge upon the consideration of congress the national importance of this question in the development of our foreign trade.

Forest Reserves.

"We indorse and approve the maintenance of forest reserves under just and reasonable conditions. We, however, urge that the utmost caution be exercised in the extension of the present reserves and that no further extensions be made without due regard to the conditions and rights of the communities affected or to the location of homesteads on any tracts, large or small, which are capable of cultivation, and we further urge the repeal of all laws and orders of the interior department limiting the use or sale of the timber products to the state or territory in which the same may be cut.

Irrigation Work.

"This congress desires to express its high appreciation of the national irrigation law and hails with pleasure the opportunities afforded under its beneficent provisions for the American citizen to own his own home, and we express the hope that the several governmental enterprises now under contemplation, as well as under construction, be pushed to a speedy and successful completion.

"We declare that the use of the river waters of the trans-Mississippi states is of vastly greater importance when applied to irrigation than to navigation, and hence, when the demands of irrigation require such a volume of water of any navigable stream as to render it less navigable, such conditions should not be permitted to interfere in any manner with the prosecution and operation of any irrigation works.

"In the construction of river improvements to aid navigation or for the control of flood waters, we recommend that special investigation be given to the practicability of the construction of large storage reservoirs so as to store the waters during the flood season and thus minimize the danger of flood ravages in the lower portions of such river valleys.

Interstate Commerce.

"We insist upon the rigid enforcement of existing laws as the proper remedy for the unmitigated evil of rebates, discrimination in freight and express rates and special privileges to private car lines, by railway companies.

Good Roads.

"We recommend to the several states and territories the adoption of such legislation as will place the subject of permanent public road improvement under an intelligent and uniform state and county supervision.

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"We again earnestly urge such a thorough organization of our consular service as to secure the most efficient service to our business interests; and we believe that this can be best accomplished by besting appointments upon experience, ability and character, unbiassed by any political consideration, thus insuring that efficiency which is only attained by extended experience.

Pan-American Trade.

"We indorse the proposed Pan-American Trade college, or College of Commerce, upon the Gulf coast of Texas, in which the trade usages, customs and language of the Central and South American republics shall be exemplified and taught, as a project worthy of the favorable consideration of the congress of the United States.

"We approve of the calling of a national waterways convention to meet in Washington in the early part of 1906, and recommend to the members of this body that they take the necessary steps to secure a representation therein from their respective states and territories.

"We wish to record our indorsement of the Western Immigration congress as proposed by the State Commercial association of Colorado.

"In view of their rapidly increasing export trade we strongly urge that San Diego and San Pedro, California, be made ports of entry. Respectfully submitted.

FRED W. FLEMING, Chairman.
E. A. HAWKINS, Secretary.

SUFFRAGE PETITIONS ARE POPULAR

Local Association Finds No Trouble in Securing Required Signatures.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Equal Suffrage association was held at 135 Sixth street yesterday afternoon, and several addresses were delivered by women. Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe occupied the chair.

The first speaker was Dr. Luena G. Johnson, who gave a report of a series of meetings with the Federated Trades council, to whom she had presented the initiative petitions on the suffrage question. The petitions, she said, were cordially received and were signed by many members of the council. Other members promised to circulate blanks for additional signatures.

Mrs. Abigail E. Dunway presented a number of petitions, which were signed by members of George Wright Post, G. A. R., recently encamped at Gresham. Other women collected long lists of signatures, and reported that they had encountered no difficulty in securing them.

The signatures of Mayor Lane headed one petition. The mayor is an equal suffragist, and at the civic conference held at the exposition grounds declared he would do all in his power to secure suffrage for the women.

Thomas Burns, a Socialist leader, has taken charge of one of the petition blanks for the association, and has added his signature to the list.

A report was received that the Ladies' Medical club, at its last meeting, indorsed the equal suffrage movement by a unanimous vote, and in some circles the initiative petitions for signatures.

The association adjourned until 1:30 p. m. next Saturday. Weekly meetings are being held and they are open to the public.

DAYLIGHT DOWN COLUMBIA

On T. J. Potter, Queen of River Boats—Don't Miss It.

T. J. Potter sails for Astoria and North Beach as follows: August 22, 9 a. m.; August 23, 9 a. m.; August 24, 9 a. m.; August 25, 9:45 a. m.; August 26, 1 p. m. Don't fail to see the lower Columbia from the decks of this magnificent boat. Particulars and O. R. & N. summer book by asking C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent, Third and Washington streets, Portland.

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MORE DRILLS FOR OREGON MINES

Prospecting for Dredge Ground Continues Active in the Southern Part of State.

CALIFORNIANS EAGER TO BOND PLACER TRACTS

Interest in Important Mining Industry Grows Daily and Little Doubt is Felt That Much Dredge Work Will Be Done Next Year.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 13.—Another Keystone drill arrived in Grants Pass today for the company of which R. W. Hanford is general manager. It has been taken to the Evans creek district, where prospecting will be prosecuted on ground the company has under bond.

Another drill has been taken to the Appleton valley, where it will be put at work. Three different companies are in southern Oregon looking for dredging propositions, and owners of placer ground that is flat and has no indications have no trouble in bonding.

Local men are just beginning to understand that they may have ground, before regarded as valueless, which may bring from \$500 to \$1,000 an acre for dredging. The result has been to give new life to some of the old placer camps where work has been light for many years. Farmers and lumber manufacturers are confident that there will be many dredges built next year as a result of the prospecting work in progress.

GRANITE MILL GROWS.

Young Mine Has a Postoffice and Population is One Hundred and Fifty. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 13.—Granite Hill, the promising young mine near here, shows a postoffice, and the first mail was delivered Friday. L. R. Wickersham, superintendent of the Granite Hill mine, has been appointed postmaster, but L. Sills, who conducts a store there, will be in charge.

There are 150 people at the mine now. The company has the foundation laid for the additional 10 stamps which will be the past two years development work has been in progress and Superintendent Wickersham has ore blocked out to keep the mill running steadily. The main shaft is down 400 feet.

STAMP MILL EXPECTED.

Michigan Manager Confering With Directors Regarding Reduction Plant. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 13.—Manager R. L. Flowers of the Michigan mine left for Charlotte, Michigan, yesterday to attend a meeting of the directors of the Michigan Mining company who reside at that place. The meeting is called to determine what sort of mill and concentrators shall be put on the property. A hoisting plant which has a drum capacity of 2,000 feet, a 55-horsepower engine and a 90-horsepower boiler are at the mine. A patent roller mill was being discarded. It is expected that a stamp mill will be erected in the near future, as the development work is said to show sufficient ore to justify the improvement.

MINING NOTES.

Albany, Or., Aug. 13.—The Blue River and Calapalapa mining districts are attracting much attention here. J. C. Lee of Salem and D. L. Key of Ferrysdale recently took a claim on which they have uncovered a vein of free millable ore. Development is to be pushed steadily. Mr. Lee, who was here last evening, stated that his find was one of the best in the district. The Oriental Mining company of this city has several claims on the Calapalapa side and has let a contract for a tunnel. Dr. George Collier of this city left for the claims yesterday, where work begins at once.

Stevenson, Wash., Aug. 13.—The residents of this county are animated over the discovery of a lead of quartz showing high values in free gold. A sample was sent to David T. Day at the Lewis and Clark exposition which assayed

\$181. Robert Carr discovered the lead several years ago and sold to Olof & Lolin, who are working it.

Grants Pass, Or., Aug. 13.—Mrs. E. W. Dana of Springfield, Illinois, one of the principal owners of the Copper Stain mine on Mount Reuben, has arrived in Grants Pass to look after her mining interests. The Copper Stain is a promising prospect which was worked with a Tremain mill for a period. The owners will have the ground patented, the area comprising four full claims.

The Grants Pass Marble & Lime company has eight men at work at their quarry on Cheagy creek. The company is operating one kiln, which has a capacity of 150 barrels, has captured the local trade and has many inquiries from the outside. The Southern Pacific has made the lime company a special rate, and as soon as the new draw kiln is working it will commence shipping to

outside points. A contract has been made with a barrel factory for barrels.

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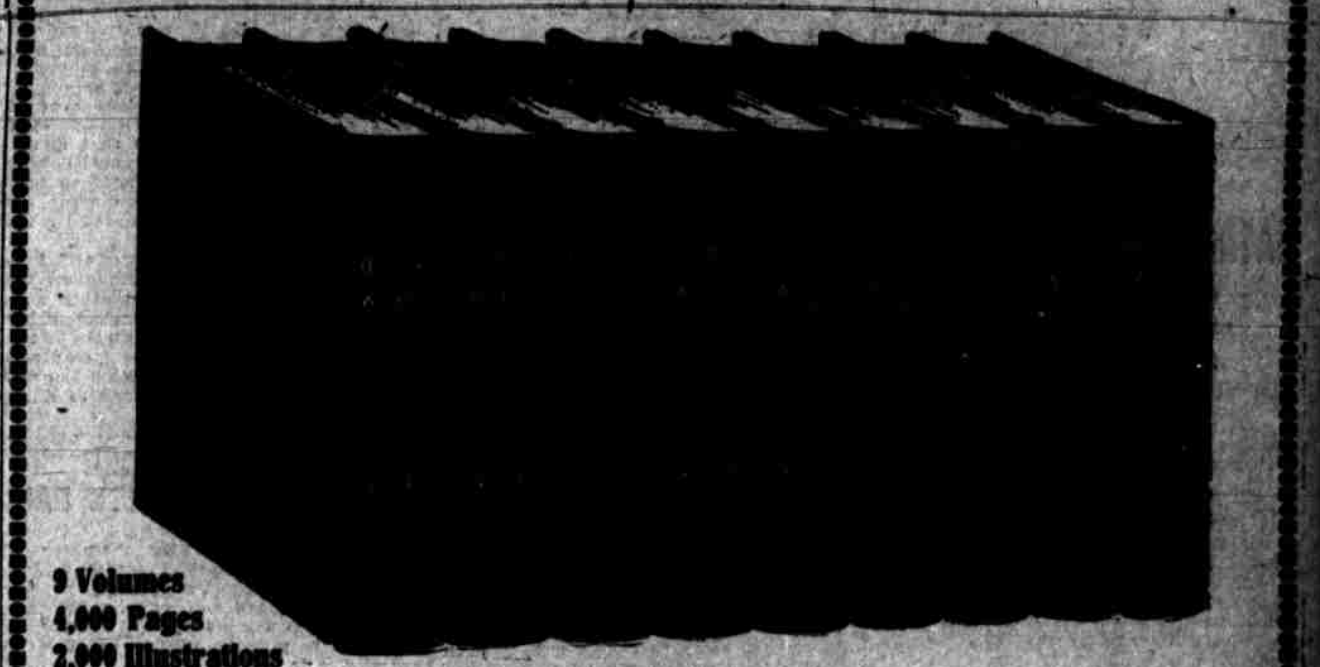
When the government a few months ago changed the uniform of its soldiers from khaki there were 80,000 suits on hand at the Presidio, San Francisco. These cost Uncle Sam \$2.75 each, at wholesale, but were sold to W. Stohus Kirk at a much less sum. He has brought a large quantity of them with him to Portland, and in Merrill's

closet, Seventh and Oak, beginning about next Wednesday, will sell them at \$1.30 the suit, or 45 cents the garment. The clothing is first-class in every particular, as all government clothing and

tailor work has to be, and if sold at retail by the clothing merchant would cost the purchaser \$2.50 to \$4 each. They come in two parts, trousers and coat, and the latter is exceedingly appropriate for ladies on automobile or outing trips. These suits are made of genuine army khaki, and the material was dyed in the yarn and will not fade or shrink. They are as near waterproof as possible, and will wear like leather. This is the chance of a lifetime to procure this high quality khaki clothing at exceedingly trifling prices.

Mr. Kirk will also sell a marvelously large stock of Springfield rifles at \$1.75 each, and a mass of army swords, bayonets, caps, canteens, helmets, etc. The rifles are absolutely as good as new, are of .45 caliber, and cost the government over \$14 each. They were discarded because the government adopted a gun of smaller bore.

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