

STORY OF THE EXPOSITION.

Project Had Its Inception in an Editorial in The Omaha Bee.

MANY THOUGHT IT A DREAM AT FIRST.

Unanimous Endorsement of the Trans-Mississippi Congress, Hated Up Enthusiastic Workers—Original Stock Subscribers.

Now that the first really formidable obstacle in the way of Omaha's great exposition has been surmounted, it is of interest to review the work that has been done so far and the efforts that have already been made by public-spirited citizens in behalf of the great enterprise.

A TRANSMISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION.

The construction of the transcontinental railroads gave the first powerful impetus to the development of the transmississippi country. Twenty-five years ago the population of the states and territories west of the Mississippi was 6,435,167, and the states and territories west of the Missouri with a population of 1,492,896.

The marvelous resources of this vast empire were only in a measure displayed at the World's Columbian exposition in Chicago. It was the development of the west and territories west of the Missouri and territories west of the Mississippi which attracted the attention of the world.

The main question before the promoters of the enterprise at this time is to secure the necessary capital. It was the opinion of Congressman Mercer, as well as Senators Thurston and Allen, that the best way to secure the necessary capital was to issue bonds.

The Transmississippi congress, which convened in this city during the latter part of the year 1890, was the first step towards the realization of the project.

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LIKE A GIANT INSPIRED.

Lincoln's Address at the Organization of the Republican Party in Illinois.

Graphic Description of a Famous Convention Held in 1856 to Start a New Party—Notes of a Long Lost Speech Discovered.

There is in the history of state political conventions one of more dramatic interest than that at which on May 29, 1856, the republican party was born in Illinois.

The events of the days just before the convention had sealed the weakest of them. Kansas was in the hands of the mob, her governor a prisoner, her capitol in ruins, her voters intimidated.

Man after man was called to the platform to speak, and many noble speeches were made. The speaker looked at the speaker.

He began his speech, then, deeply moved and with a profound sense of the importance of the moment, he said to the world.

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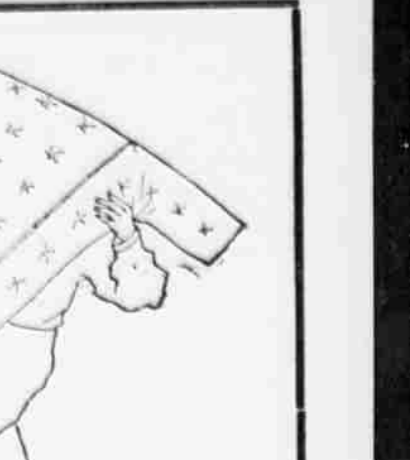
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