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The Trans-Mississippi Congress, With Colonel Fred Fleming at its Head, Will Hear the Aldrich Arguments and the Hadley and Stubbs Side, Too.

The Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, which meets in Kansas City Nov. 14 to 17, will hear ex-Senator Aldrich argue his currency reform. It is the Monetary Commission's first public declaration to the people of the West, and more than four hundred bankers and financiers from over the nation will gather to hear the author of the plan, which he claims will make the country panic proof, explain the merits of its context. But everyone does not favor the bill, and the opponents will also be present to voice dissenting opinions, and express other ideas of ridding the country of its present financial tightness.

For this is what the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress is for—to discuss the things that are wrong and propose remedies. It is, in fact, the



COLONEL FRED FLEMING,

Vice-President of the Kansas City Life Insurance Co., Who is President of the Trans-Mississippi Congress and Will Preside at All Sessions.

Western clearing house for ideas, and the national legislators pay strict attention to the expressions of this clearing house.

The congress has assumed such importance and magnitude that the foremost statesmen, business men, law makers, farmers and financiers of the country attend it in order to catch the drift of public opinion. At this meeting will be at least six of the twenty governors who rule the territory covered by the congress. Governor Herbert Hadley of Missouri, will open the congress with an address of welcome, and in this address he will sound the keynote of the import of the meeting. Governor John Burke of North Dakota, who is president of the Missouri River Improvement Association, will speak on the Upper Missouri River. Governor C. A. Aldrich of Nebraska, will talk on The Regulation of Inter-State Rates and Their Relation to the Producer and Consumer. Governor O. B. Colquitt of Texas, Governor W. R. Stubbs of Kansas and Governor John F. Shafroth of Colorado, will make addresses. Nearly two hundred government heads, senators and congressmen will attend the meeting. Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, will speak on Life Insurance and Justice, and Fred



GOV. HERBERT S. HADLEY,

Of Missouri, Who Will Deliver the Address of Welcome and Serve as a Member of the Program Committee.

W. Fleming, vice-president of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company, is president of the congress this year and will preside at all meetings.

Champ Clark, speaker of the House of Representatives, who is talked of for president, will address the congress during its four-days' session, and he chooses his own subject. S. M. Sparkman, chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors, will also attend. Some of the speakers on the improvement of waterways are: Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City, president of the Kansas City-Missouri River Navigation Company; Charles W. K. Kavanaugh of St. Louis, Congressman William P. Borland and Congressman Charles F. Booher.

Senator William E. Borah of Idaho and Alva Adams, former governor of

Colorado, will speak on the reclamation of land by drainage and irrigation. David R. Francis of St. Louis, former governor of Missouri, and John L. Powell, president of the Southwestern Shippers' Association, will be among those who will talk on interstate rates.

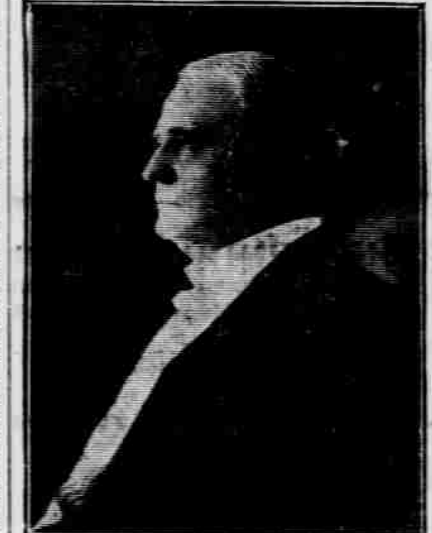
From every state west of the Mississippi River, and from Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands scores of delegates will come, ripe with ideas and suggestions to place before the congress. From each state of the Trans-Mississippi country, will come twenty delegates, created so by their governor's appointment, and from each commercial club, board of trade, chamber of commerce, clearing house association and any other business or industrial organization so desiring, not more than ten delegates will take part in the deliberations of this congress.

It is a "free Forum" of the West, in which all peoples and classes participate. Through its efforts millions of dollars have been appropriated for waterways and irrigation improvements in the West, and scores of laws have been passed by the national congress regulating the commercial conduct of the country.

The Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress was organized in 1891, though its real birth was in Denver in the eighties, when Governor Alva Adams of Colorado, called into session the deep waterways interests. Other organizations whose object was practical waterways were also existent. The West, though it had grown into a country of wealth and prominence, was unable, because of a lack of political prestige, to obtain appropriations from congress for improving its waterways. The East, skilled in using the power of politics, "got the money." Tiring of such treatment, Kansas struck the first blow for recognition by calling a Western States Convention to be held in Kansas City, April 14 to 17, in 1891.

Men of national prominence answered the call, and for an infant step the move was a success. Later in the year in Manitou, Colo., this organization combined with two others of similar object—the Trans-Mississippi Congress and the Deep Water Convention—and formed the existing Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress.

Always first with the congress is river improvements. This year it is especially anxious to father a resolu-



SPEAKER CHAMP CLARK,

Who Will Attend the Trans-Mississippi Congress and Deliver an Address. He is a Strong Probability as Democratic Candidate for President.

tion which will result in congress appropriating twenty million dollars for making the Missouri River navigable between Kansas City and St. Louis. The Kansas City-Missouri River Navigation Company, which is now running boats on the river, and the Missouri River Improvement Association are not going to allow the congress to adjourn without adopting a resolution favoring this appropriation. It is very probable that Governor John Burke of South Dakota, interested in the Upper Missouri as its president, will call a special session of the Missouri Improvement Association to meet here in conjunction with the Trans-Mississippi.

This is the third time that the congress has met in Kansas City. It got its swaddling clothes in Kansas City, and again in 1906 when it had assumed powerful proportions, it met here. Convention Hall is designated as the meeting place, though special meetings will be held every morning in downtown theaters. The hall will seat 15,000 persons. As a feature of the entertainment Congressman William P. Borland of Kansas City, has obtained governmental permission to have the Panama pictures exhibited at the congress. Lieutenant George Goethals, son of the head of the Panama work, will show the pictures and talk on the canal. This is the first time the pictures have been shown publicly.

As another feature of entertainment the Kansas City Commercial Club will spread a huge banquet in Convention hall on the night of Nov. 14, in its annual celebration of the John Jay Treaty, particularly appropriate in connection with the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress. Fifteen hundred plates will be spread.

Delegates may be appointed by Commercial Clubs, Mayors of cities and towns and boards of county commissioners. Reduced rates have been authorized by the railroads to Kansas City.

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