

# SOLID SOUTH IS WAVERING

New Orleans Opposed as Panama Exposition City.

## TEXAS FAVORS SAN FRANCISCO

Decided Falling Off in Enthusiasm in Lone Star State as Evidenced by Articles Appearing in Papers of El Paso and San Antonio—Swing in Line For the California City as the Logical Site.

While New Orleans is industriously claiming the endorsement of the Mississippi valley region and the middle west it is allowing the "solid south" to waver in its supposed allegiance and slip away.

A few days ago word came from San Antonio, Tex., that there was a decided falling off of New Orleans exposition enthusiasts in that city owing to the greed of the Crescent City in attempting to secure the National Bankers' convention for next year, after San Antonio had put in a bid for their entertainment. Such action was not considered neighborly, especially after the Texas city had been asked to support New Orleans in its struggle for exposition honors.

Now El Paso, Tex., has apparently swung into line for San Francisco as against New Orleans as the logical site for the Panama exposition, judging by the following in the El Paso Herald of Oct. 12:

"El Paso's Interest as to the location of the Panama exposition of 1915 all lies with San Francisco as against New Orleans. As one commentator says: 'There never was an exposition so successful as that at Seattle, and there never was one so forlorn a failure as that at Jamestown, Va., notwithstanding the fact that half the population of the country is within a day's or a night's ride of Jamestown.' An exposition at San Francisco will promote the development of the west and that is what we are after."

Sometime ago New Orleans secured an endorsement in St. Louis and that success appears to have induced the belief among the Crescent City boosters that the entire middle west was only waiting for an invitation to climb on the New Orleans band wagon.

Next New Orleans announced that Omaha was for it, but the announcement was premature. In its hurry to report result the New Orleans bureau at Omaha sent broadcast over the country that New Orleans had been endorsed as the exposition city by the Commercial club, the largest and most influential organization of business men there.

Immediately the Commercial club held a meeting, repudiated the alleged endorsement of New Orleans and endorsed San Francisco by an overwhelming vote. The city council of Omaha, by unanimous vote, passed a resolution also endorsing San Francisco.

Still asserting title to the sympathy and influence of the entire middle west section, the New Orleans boosters descended upon Chicago and requested an endorsement. The request was politely but firmly refused, but New Orleans, nothing daunted, continued to "claim" Chicago's support, confident in the belief that the

endorsement would come later. But on Oct. 7 Chicago showed unmistakably where she stood in the exposition fight when the National Business League of America adopted a resolution, which after setting forth the advantages of San Francisco, concluded, "That San Francisco be, and hereby is, strongly recommended as the proper site for the proposed exposition."

New Orleans suffered another rebuff when she sought the endorsement of Washington, D. C. Washington refused, whereupon the New Orleans promoters dismissed the subject with the remark that Washington did not count anyway.

New Orleans "hopes" to raise about \$8,000,000 for her proposed exposition, which will be entirely inadequate for so great an undertaking, but Senator Foster of Louisiana seeks to minimize the importance of having sufficient funds to insure the success of the enterprise. Admitting that San Francisco will have more than twice as much money for exposition purposes as New Orleans, he pleads that "it would be mean and unfair for congress to take that fact into consideration."

### California Solid For Exposition.

Supporters of San Francisco's claim to the Panama exposition in 1915 are confident that an overwhelming display of exposition funds will win government recognition to the fair it is proposed to hold on the Pacific coast. In California is as solidly united on this project as the utterances of California editors would indicate the representatives of that state will appear before congress this winter with a fund of \$17,500,000 raised through private subscription, city bonds and a state tax.

It may be that New Orleans will make some announcement of a heavy raise at the last moment, but the Pacific coast is disposed to believe that its showing will overshadow anything New Orleans can do in the way of furnishing the sinews of war and exposition.—Bisbee (Ariz.) Miner.

### Exact Definition.

A gentleman is a gentleman. A party is a man who gets his hair cut on Saturday night.—Topeka Capital.

### Evil in Neglected Legislation.

In Belgium, where education is not compulsory, 21 per cent. of the working people over ten years of age can neither read nor write.

### None to Do the Chores.

More than four million people are estimated to attend moving picture shows in the United States every day. No wonder it is getting so hard to find somebody willing to do the chores.

### To the Man of Honor.

Base gains are the same as losses.—Hesiod

### Congress Can Not Refuse.

Elbert Hubbard (Fra Elbertus) says: "The miracle of four years has taught the world a lesson. Congress and the president can not—will not—refuse the claim of San Francisco as the festival city of the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915."

### DENIES IT.

A responsible manager of the State Journal denies that the Journal refused to print the resolutions of the allied trades council endorsing Hitchcock and Maguire. He asserts that a reporter endeavored to learn what had been done at Sunday's meeting, but was put off by members of the allied trades. The Journal published the resolutions Tuesday morning.

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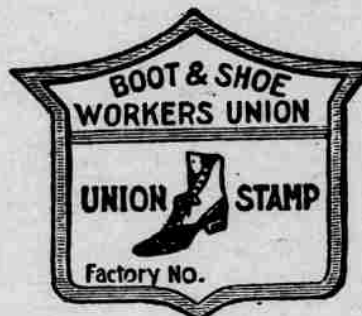
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