

INDIAN CONGRESS AT OMAHA

Detailed History of the Event and the Tribes Represented.

BEST FEATURE OF THE EXPOSITION

A Study of Tribal Characteristics, Arts and Ceremonies, Homes and Industries—Ethnologic Results Obtained.

Mr. James Mooney of the Bureau of Ethnology...

Mr. Mooney's paper is as follows: The Transmississippian and International Exposition, held at Omaha from June to October, inclusive, in 1888...

While in Omaha in October, 1887, the author drew up, at the request of the management, an elaborate plan of ethnologic presentation at the exhibition...

In anticipation of the passage of the bill the Indian office had sent out to the various Indian agents an explanatory circular setting forth the purpose of the appropriation...

It is the purpose of the proposed appropriation to make an extensive ethnologic exhibit of the modes of life, native industries, and other characteristics of the several tribes...

It is desired that the encampment should be a thoroughgoing one, and as practicable, and that the primitive traits and characteristics of the several tribes should be distinctly set forth...

The first Indians arrived in August, when the exposition was already half over, and they continued to come in by delegations and singly until the close...

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various from about 100 to about 200. Colored water for drinking was supplied to the camp, and daily rations were issued nearly equivalent to the regular army ration...

Tribe Represented. Omitting several delegations which remained about a short while, there were represented about twenty tribes...

Historical of the Tribes. We shall now speak in detail of some of the tribes, beginning with one of the most interesting. The Wichita, with their confederates, the Waco, Tawakoni and Kichai...

Within the historic period, which in their case dates back more than three centuries, they have ranged from central Texas to the Arkansas river, and then at least lived further eastward in Arkansas and Louisiana...

Unique Homes. Their permanent homes are of unique construction, being dome-shaped structures of grass thatch laid over a framework of poles...

The inside support was a substantial square framework of stout logs, about eight inches in diameter, planted upright in the ground, supporting cross-pieces of the same kind...

Of the Kiowa Apache delegation the most prominent member was the hereditary chief, White-man, now nearly 70 years of age...

Physical Characteristics. The Wichita delegation numbered thirty-eight, of whom fifteen lived in the house, while the remainder occupied several canvas tips adjoining. The party had been carefully selected, including a number of noted warriors...

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