

# JAPANESE EXCLUSION LEAGUE WILL FINISH ORGANIZATION TO-DAY

**T**HE Japanese and Korean Exclusion League will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon in Unity Hall, 927 Mission street, for its third general session. The most important business before the meeting will be the selection of an executive committee of fifteen members, into whose hands will be intrusted the management of the campaign to be outlined by the league.

The convention will discuss the general work of the league for the campaign to be inaugurated. With the appointment of the executive committee the organization shall be completed, and the league will be ready for active and systematic work, to rent offices, open permanent headquarters, gather statistics, prepare literature, disseminate information, and place the question of Japanese exclusion intelligently and truthfully before the American people. Steps have already been taken to organize branch leagues all over the Pacific Coast and in the industrial centers of the Eastern and Southern States. Several branch leagues are being organized in California, Oregon and Washington.

A conference is to be arranged with the United States Senators and Congressmen from the Pacific States, all of whom are in favor of Japanese exclusion, and measures will be decided upon how to best restrict the influx of undesirable Japanese and Korean immigration.

Quite a number of organizations have been added to the roll during the week, and more are expected to join. Several instances have been reported of employers discharging Japanese help since the meeting of last Sunday, when resolutions were adopted to withhold patronage from establishments in which Japanese are employed.

O. A. Tveitmo, president of the Japanese and Korean Exclusion League, received a telegram from P. H. McCarthy, president of the State Building Trades Council and its fraternal delegate to the annual convention of the Structural Building Trades Alliance of America in session at Buffalo, N. Y., stating that the convention has unanimously adopted resolutions favoring Japanese exclusion from the United States, and will memorialize Congress in favor of an exclusion law.

The Structural Building Trades Alliance of America is composed of all the leading national and international building trade organizations, representing an aggregate membership of over 600,000 skilled mechanics.

# JAPANESE MEET IN CONVENTION

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## Delegates Come From All Parts of State to Fight Exclusion.

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THE Japanese-American League of California, composed exclusively of little brown men, is holding a convention in this city to consider matters of interest to the Japanese residing within this State. Delegates have come to the convention from all sections of California in which Japanese reside in any considerable number, and there were enough delegates attending the convention last evening to fill every seat, nook and corner in Lyric Hall, which so recently resounded with warnings against the danger from Japanese immigration, until the aisles were crowded. The proceedings were all in Japanese, and only natives of the Mikado's domain were permitted to pass the vigilant sentinels at the door. The ostensible business of the convention was to receive reports from delegates concerning the condition of labor in the different sections of California, as far as those conditions pertain to the Japanese.

Incidentally, the anti-Japanese movement was mentioned by some of the speakers, and their version of the situation must have pleased the audience immensely, judging from the applause which greeted the remarks. The burden of the arguments of the speakers was to the effect that the conditions in California demanded the help of Japanese, and as for their coming in numbers to alarm Americans; the speakers endeavored to prove that there is ample work for many more Japanese than are now in Cal-

ifornia. It was further demonstrated that the very fact of their being in California and that they prosper is proof conclusive that they are needed. Some speakers asserted, and with considerable emphasis, that but for the Japanese and Chinese laborers in the harvest fields, orchards and vineyards the crops of California would not be gathered.

Additional proof of the welcome presence of the Mongollans in California was adduced from the fact that all find work and that the demand for Japanese help is constantly increasing. It was further pointed out that the Mikado's subjects do not flock to any other country in any considerable number, showing that they go only where they are wanted.

The speaker had no fear that there would ever be an overplus of Japanese in California, saying that the Japanese Government placed enough restrictions about immigration to prevent a wholesale exodus from the Japanese empire at any time by limiting the number of passports issued to persons wanting to leave the country.

According to reports submitted by delegates the Japanese are flourishing in all sections of California, and their colonies are highly prosperous.

About 600 delegates attended the convention. Several preliminary meetings were held, but the number of delegates increased to such proportions that it was found necessary to secure one of the largest halls in the city to seat the entire body.