



FEDERATED TRADES ASSEMBLY.

AFFILIATED WITH THE A. F. OF L.

PORTLAND, OREGON, NOVEMBER 15, 1900.

WHEREAS, Congress enacted a law, generally referred to as the Chinese Exclusion Act, prohibiting the coming of Chinese laborers to the United States for a period of twenty years, and

WHEREAS, The same will expire on the 5th day of May, 1902, and

WHEREAS, Unless the above mentioned law shall be re-enacted, our Country will be overrun by an overwhelming influx of these Mongolians, whom the law prohibits coming to our shores, and

WHEREAS, Unrestricted emigration of Mongolians to this country would work incalculable injury to white labor, and

WHEREAS, The measurable degree of peace, plenty and happiness, which the laboring classes of our country have hitherto enjoyed, would, if Mongolian emigration were not restricted, be changed to a state of want, wretchedness and despair, and

WHEREAS, Such changes in the condition of our laboring classes would make impossible the prosperity of our institutions, and bring on the gradual overthrow of our system of government, and

WHEREAS, The more recent influx of Japanese laborers is, even, a greater menace to white labor than the Chinese emigration to this country,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Chinese Exclusion Act should be renewed at the next forthcoming of Congress.
2. That the emigration and contract labor laws now upon our statute books be so modified as to make the emigration of Japanese laborers impossible.
3. That we hereby respectfully request our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use all honorable means within their power to procure the re-enactment of said law.
4. That each of our Senators and Representatives be furnished by the Secretary of this Assembly with a duly certified copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.
5. That our State Legislature be petitioned to memorialize Congress.
6. That all central labor councils be furnished a copy, and requested to co-operate and ask each labor organization within their respective jurisdiction to circulate petitions to Congress, urging re-enactment.
7. That these petitions be sent to President Gompers of the A. F. of L., before or during the forthcoming session of Congress.