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## THE WESTERN CONGRESS.

Transportation, and Improvement of Water Works, etc.

KANSAS CITY, April 17.—At the Congressional session for yesterday the unfinished programs were taken up, the subject being "Transportation and Improvement of Water Works, etc." The Gull and similar party, A. S. Thomas, Secretary of the Commercial Can of Duluth, Minn., advocated improvement of the water ways, scalding the channel, dredging, etc.

Another Orator of Mississippi argued that an increase in the water supply, however great, would not decrease the railroad business, but would increase it.

J. M. Murphy of Iowa spoke on the Benicia Canal.

Counsel for Denver delivered an address upon

## DEBATION.

It was estimated that there are one million square miles of arid land in the West which could be made productive by irrigation. At the minimum price of public lands \$12 per acre, this land had a value of \$12,000,000,000. The cost of irrigation at moderate estimate of the value when irrigated, will be \$100,000,000. If these lands were properly provided with water, irrigation would compete with all other sources of production and wealth it would contain.

After a long debate President Franklin called the resolution out of order.

Gresham (Oregon) then offered a substitute, which was adopted, and it was adopted. It was then voted to postpone the motion to adjourn, and it was adopted.

Franklin then moved to adjourn.

Mr. Riddle of Oregon moved to adjourn.

Mr. Smith of Oregon moved to adjourn