

The River Press
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The Chinese Must Go

NEIHART, December 15, 1885

Editor of the River Press:

An anti-Chinese meeting was held here on the 14th inst., and the following is a report of the proceedings:

Mr. G. R. Choate was elected chairman of the meeting and Stephen Pierce secretary.

The following resolutions were submitted:

Resolved, That all Chinamen in this district be ordered to leave within ten days from this date, and that a committee be appointed to notify them.

Resolved, That a permanent organization be formed and a committee be appointed to warn all the Chinese to leave; that a committee be also appointed to call mass meetings of the organization at any time they may deem necessary.

Resolved, That the committee on publication be requested to send copies of the proceedings of the meeting to the River Press, Rocky Mountain Husbandman and Butte Miner.

An amendment was offered to the effect that Tom Gong and Lee Sing be permitted to remain until May 1st, 1886, to enable them to dispose of their property.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted with the amendment, and the chair appointed a committee of five to wait on the Chinese and give them warning to leave the camp, and a committee of three on publications.

The meeting then adjourned.

I send you the above proceedings by request of the committee. Another meeting was held last evening, at which the warning committee reported that all the Chinamen in the camp had been warned to leave. Many of our citizens think the action of the committee too radical, and at present petitions are in circulation to use all peaceable and lawful means to rid the town of the Mongolians. Another meeting is called for Saturday night. Your correspondent is informed that several Chinamen will leave to-morrow. P.P.