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The coast line of Oregon and Washington was known to maners generations before the aterior was explored, and maps from time accurate were mado from time to time, Spapish, Dutch, Britioh and, Ryasian navigators vied with each other in exploring the coast, but practically no attempt was made to explore the interior of the country until Presidpnt Jefferson, a hundred years ago, sent Meriwéther Lowis and William Olark from $8 t$ Louis up the Miegouri river to its headwaters, across
the mountains and plaing and down the Colaubia river to to mouth.
Brteven after Unole Sam, with that rare Yankee shrewdness which he is supposed to possess, had penetrated this great unkn $\rho$ wय territory, bifecting it fromgide to sjde, it was more than forty years before anything like a definite intonintention of setllergept and cofrom the joournal of Lomis from the journal of Lewis and Clark and the diapiey of some of their men it way disfinetly evident that "the Oregon Oountry" Was a land magnificently opulent in promise, a land erying for settlors and developers oven as babies, ory for pitchers of milk, fall two score yeara passed before a nation finally took possetsion of the region, "colonized" it and began to make it a part of the civilized world.
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