

sition is one of its pleasantest features, and it is a gratifying fact that it commends itself to popular favor.

The arrangement of those portions of the building used solely for exhibition purposes is such as to give



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ample room for an attractive display by exhibitors and at the same time leave great "elbow room" for visitors, thus contributing to the satisfaction of both. The east and west wings have each a large floor space on the first level, with the gallery above, from which the floor below can be seen from amphitheatrical seats, back of which is ample room for large exhibits on all sides. The main floor of the east wing, as well as the gallery above, is devoted to general exhibits, and it is entirely within bounds to say that in style of arrangement and in quality and number of its displays, this hall has never been exceeded in any local exposition in America. To gaze upon it as a whole, noting the

general effect of color and design, is a pleasure, while an examination of the multitude of exhibits in detail is a most interesting and enjoyable effort, one that requires several hours to complete satisfactorily. A large colored engraving of such of this hall as can be seen from one point of view is given on the two pages in the center of this number, while several of the leading and most attractive exhibits are given separately on various pages. It is not the intention to describe here in detail the displays made, but to call attention to the main features of the exposition, which conspire to render it so exceedingly attractive and so extremely valuable as an exponent of the commerce, culture and industrial progress of the northwest. The conclusion one naturally draws from even a cursory examination of the displays is that the northwest is fully abreast of any other section of the union in the matter of luxuries and conveniences, in all the requirements of refined taste, in educational facilities, and in everything that is considered the adjunct of wealthy and cultivated communities.

The west wing is the same size as the other, and is its duplicate in everything save the nature of its contents. In this wing both gallery and main floor are devoted to the display of machinery, manufacturing industries, vehicles, implements and the products of the orchard, farm and dairy. Power is supplied for the working of all machinery that is desired to be shown in action, as well as for several machines used in actual manufacturing work. The display of agricultural machinery and vehicles is very large, and is of itself sufficient to testify to the commanding agricultural importance of the country tributary to Portland. Machines do not precede the plow, but follow it, and if almost every implement and device known to modern agricultural methods can be seen here, the inference is that a demand for them has preceded their arrival. However, the agricultural importance of the northwest is not compelled to rely solely upon this exhibit of machinery for evidence, since in one end of the gallery is a display of products of the soil that challenges the best that can be produced in the world elsewhere. An examination of the samples of grain, vegetables, wool, fruit and dairy products, neatly arranged and carefully ticketed with the locality whence they came, and the size, weight, quantity of yield, etc., will convince anyone of the agricultural supremacy of the northwest, especially when it is considered that these are not the products of one contracted locality, but represent a region four hundred miles square, in which are millions of acres of land of the quality from which these samples came.

Special attention is called to the exhibit of fruit of various kinds, since it is in the line of pomology that this region is making its greatest progress. The dis-