

pearance, every one is a dupe and ready to fall a victim to her charms. Great preparations are also going forward for the coming-out party of the maid of sterling worth, St. Louis, and all are anxious to see how far she can excel her sisters.

Following that auspicious event, the twenty child of rugged mountains, sparkling streams and fertile valleys, the Northwest, will make her debut. She may be lacking in some of the graces of her sister sisters, but she is aspiring, and, considering how rapidly she has grown, she is wonderfully accomplished. She is gentle of disposition, too, and possesses that freshness and *naïveté* which is the growing glory of the very young. In beauty, she can hold her own with the fairest of them, and in dower she is more than most, possessing, in her right hand, fertile fields, deep streams, vast forests, safe harbors, bounding an untold wealth of treasures, hid away in the earth.

So in preparing a rare bouquet of your choicest flowers to offer at the shrine of this young daughter of the West, at the coming Lewis and Clark Centennial, in 1905.

Portland, Oregon, has been selected as the site most appropriate and best adapted for holding the celebration of the Lewis and Clark Centennial, possessing, as it does, easy access by both rail and water. Being also the center of the already large traffic between the Northwest country and the Orient, it is fitting that it should be the theater for display of the resources of this country for that traffic.

The City of Portland is also a point from which many places of interest to the tourist may be easily reached. In one direction lies the coast; in another, the peaceful, fertile valleys; in yet another, the widest, most rugged and magnificent mountainous country in the world. Beside there are numerous hot springs, waterfalls and sparkling trout streams, all in themselves wonderful and beautiful, and only piling before the stupendous grandeur of the future mountain and mountain scenery. Nearly all of these features are within a day's ride from Portland by either rail or water.

The location selected for the fair com-

mands a most beautiful view of both mountains and river, and being clothed with magnificent evergreen trees will be an ideal environment for the stately buildings.

With the brilliant achievements of what like good-failings in this country fresh in their minds, the men of the Northwest, nothing daunted, have taken hold of the project with an enthusiasm and practical thoroughness which cannot fail to make success of any and every thing, and without any labor in that Lewis and Clark Centennial shall suffer by comparison with the Expositions elsewhere.

So generally have the citizens of Portland contributed to the fund for the fair that already the sum stipulated by the Executive Committee has been exceeded. Many voluntary subscriptions have been made, one citizen (adding of his) a donation of \$30,000. Although a full report of soliciting committees had not been received at the time, the results of a three days canvass of the city as far exceeded expectations as to cause the prediction that when all are heard from the total sum will be almost doubled.

The amount raised by this canvass is the largest that has ever been collected for a public undertaking in the same time by any city on the Pacific Coast. It was very good, quick work, considering the strait that had to be covered, as Portland is a larger city territorially than Baltimore or Buffalo and nearly as large as San Francisco.

The object of the fair is to show to the world how rich and productive is the soil of this country, how varied its resources; how well adapted it is to manufacturing industries of all kinds, and what admirable facilities it has for commerce with the whole world, but in no especially with the Orient.

It will also afford an excellent opportunity which they cannot fail to recognize and embrace, for the vast, productive countries of the East to display their varied industries and attractive merchandising products, and it is expected that the fair will result in an intimate acquaintance and commercial relationship between the United States and the Orient.