

MONUMENT TO EXPLORERS

ARGUMENT FOR UNIVERSITY PARK AS A SUITABLE SITE.

Farthest Point Inland Reached by the Great Expedition of 100 Years Ago.

ing events that ceaselessly sweep a great nation from destiny to destiny. It will probably pass without dispute that the commemoration of so great an event as the Louisiana purchase and its exploration should be made both permanent and personal. In fine, a magnificent monument should be erected within the limits of Portland to the memory of Captains Lewis and Clark. Of Lewis, Jefferson said:

"He endeared himself to his countrymen by his self-sacrifice and success in endeavoring to extend for them the bounds of science, and to present to their knowledge that vast and fertile country, which their senses are destined to fill with us, with science, with freedom and happiness."

"We had already come to the conclusion from having carefully read the history of the great expedition, that Captain William Clark, while deserving no more credit than his superior in command for the success of the expedition, was the leading spirit of the party; hence it was gratifying to our vanity to read from such authority as John Fieke that:

Clark was really the principal military director of the expedition, materially assisting Lewis in the scientific arrangements, keeping a journal, and whose intimate knowledge of Indian habits and character had much to do with the success of the expedition."

"General Greely says of him:

"He proved so efficient a conductor that his name will ever be inseparably associated with that of Lewis."

"I recently received a letter from the Hon. John H. Charles, president of the Scientific Association of Sioux City, Ia., informing us that the grateful and enterprising people of that city had erected a \$200,000 monument to Sergeant Charles Floyd, who died and was buried at that place in the early weeks of the expedition. Too much praise, therefore, should be accorded to the people of Sioux City for this noble act; but how much more is it incumbent then, on the people of Oregon to erect a monument that will be a credit to our state, to our people, an honor to the heroic deeds it would commemorate, and an enduring token of gratitude to Captains Lewis and Clark, whose every step advanced us 3000 miles of a hitherto untrodden wilderness, and added greatly, as Mr. Blaine has said, 'in sustaining our title to the Oregon country. How can it be done? Many of us, let every citizen, however humble, feel it an honor to add what he can in this worthy cause. Let the orator speak from pulpits and rostrums, in its behalf. Let the poet sing, and the editor, the correspondent and the essayist write. Let the pioneer, whose slivery locks tell us he is acquainted with the dangers and perils of the trail, and whose memory we now seek to honor, aid in this noble work. The cause is one with his and will remain inseparable through all history. Finally, let every citizen of this great nation may properly organize this grand move, which we feel, would insure its complete success, and have the monument erected in the heart of the nation."

"The question of site is neither material at present, nor to be selected arbitrarily, had one the power. But no one should forget the many beautiful prospects at University Park which assure us of yielding wholly to sentiment, local pride or selfishness when we consider the spot which history has made memorable in the history of our nation. It requires but a slight effort of the imagination to enable the mind to leap back over almost a 100 years, and pass today between the Pacific and the Father of Waters, and behold again the wild expanse of virgin wilderness about to receive these brave explorers. It is an easy matter now to follow this little band across the hitherto trackless portion of our country. We see them as they enter the dense forest of the west, as they are introduced to the presence of civilized life, and acquainted only with wild animals and barbarians. We see them rowing their crude but sturdy boats up stream for hundreds of miles, now shooting dangerous rapids or tugging their boats over by means of cords and things, now carrying boats and burdens from the banks over dangerous heights. We see them again and again, wading cold mountain streams to their waists. We see members of the little band, in the middle of the night, camped at night, eating to sleep without cover or shelter. We see the whole party again and again, reduced for sustenance to the wretched food of the savage, or as often happened, satisfying their hunger on the flesh of horses and dogs. We see the little band enter and explore almost a man's eye every day, a new and more difficult obstacle and mastering every difficulty. Their ancestors turned not back when they met the terrible trials of the interminable wilderness."

"But it was not all unrequited hardship. The poet has said:

"To who in the love of Nature, holds Communication with her visible forms, she speaks a various language."

"And it is impossible to conceive that these intelligent men, who were engaged in the struggle with the elements of the strange, wild life that surrounded them, and the countless changes nature presented in her ever-varying forms, for years on end, in the vast and desolate height from which they viewed the prospect over, some promised land which, as we now know and enjoy it, they too were to enter."

The Journey to the Pacific

"Thus, for weeks and months, and even years the weary thread of this strange life outspan, now wintering among the friendly Mandans, now cautiously pursuing their long journey across the treacherous Snake, now quieting the rising suspicion of the Snake, now purchasing peace and good will toward our government with their rich store of trinkets and gewgaws, and now going through the mockery of making flags, bestowing medals, and presenting flags among long-winded tribes with their unpronounceable names. And yet all this was but the scene of Valley Forge, renewing its pilgrimage way, this time past the Father of Waters, along mighty streams over vast plains and lofty snow-clad ranges, through strange, dark, benighted, slumbering lands which were to become ere long the abode of a nation, in a constellation of imperishable states. And, although the splendid civilization attested by the handwork of the teeming millions now busy in a thousand worthy vociferous along this historic route will forever remain the best monument of a grateful people to the memory of these toll-worn, daring adventurers; nevertheless, it is meet that we of the present day should show to all succeeding generations that we are not unmindful of the debt of gratitude we owe our fathers."

Trodden wanderers, although the story of their wanderings never fails to touch our sympathies, both because of their brave defense of their loved but fallen Troy, and their homeless wanderings without a country, nevertheless encountered fewer difficulties than those who first scaled the Rockies, fought with grizzlies, and dared to face many hardships of the mercurial expanse of thousands of miles from all possible aid. While, too, measured by beneficent results, the adventures of Aeneas and that of the Trojan wanderers, both the same in the distance between the shores of the Pacific, and give us China and Japan for our daily customers. Let it say that while the Atlantic States can forever understand us in their much nearer European markets the West is looking well to the Orient. Let it say with Benton, 'There is the East! There is India! and there are offering to us more than to any other source of wealth and power. Let it say in tones of thunder to the capitalists of both East and West that it is inconceivable, not impossible, for us to conceive that these great sources of wealth should be left almost unexploited to the enterprise of other nations."

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SMUGGLED IN A WATCH

GEMS ALMOST ESCAPED A LYX- EYED DETECTIVE.

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MR. TESLA WAS BORED.

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