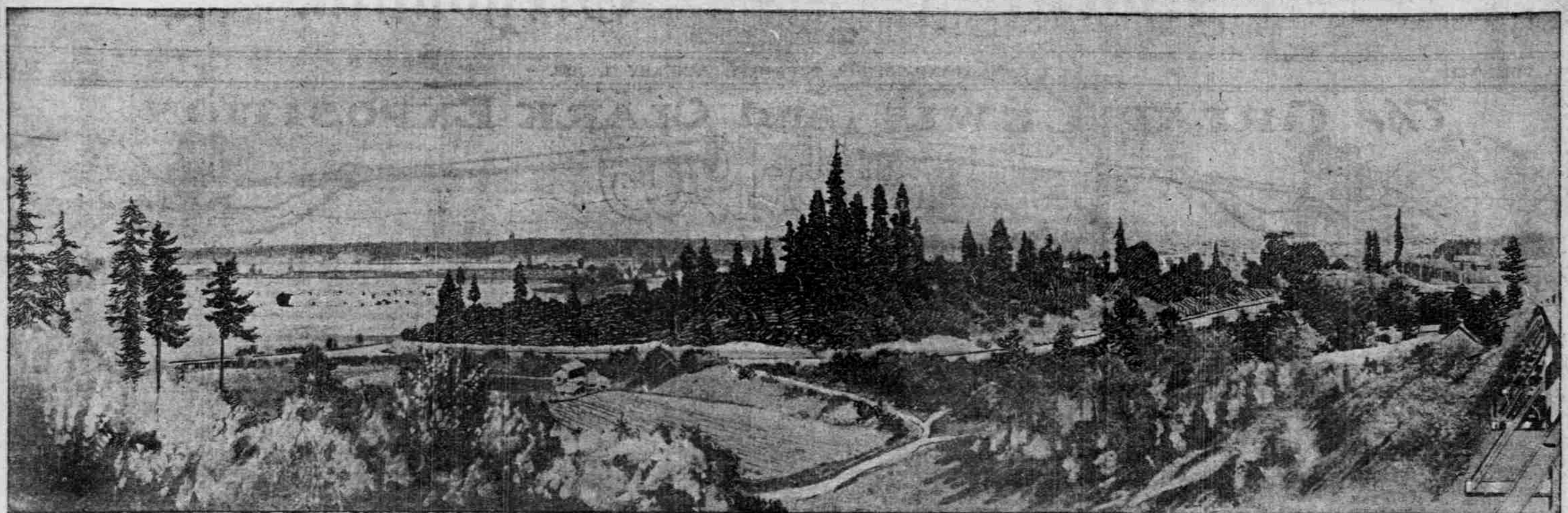


SITE OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION OF 1905—VIEW LOOKING EASTWARD FROM WILLAMETTE HEIGHTS.



GUILD'S LAKE ON THE LEFT AND THE MAIN PART OF PORTLAND ON THE RIGHT.

—Photo by J. F. Batschelder.

states here represented that this important and memorable exposition should be properly celebrated in 1905 as the Lewis and Clark Centennial, and be it resolved, in order to give proper significance to this great National event, that the Government of the United States be asked to make such adequate appropriation for a proper building and for the display of the products of our newly acquired possessions as will show to the world their condition and prospective future progress; further, be it

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives of the states along the route traversed and explored when a wilderness by Lewis and Clark be and hereby are requested to use all honorable means to secure such generous appropriation from the General Government as will testify our appreciation of the foresight of President Jefferson and of the heroic devotion of those pioneer explorers, and the importance of their achievement.

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"C. B. BELLINGER,
"C. W. FULTON,
"EDWARD EVERETT YOUNG,
"H. E. ANKENY.

"State Commissioners for Oregon.
"FRANK J. PARKER,
"E. M. RANDS,
"W. W. TOLLMAN,
"J. G. MEGLER,
"G. W. ROWAN.

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"J. H. RICHARDS,
"THOMAS KIRBY,
"E. W. JOHNSON.

"State Commissioners for Idaho.
"S. T. HAUSER,
"State Commissioner for Montana.
"HOYT SHERMAN,
"HIRAM CLAUSON,
"I. W. SHURTLEFF.

"State Commissioners for Utah."

THE FAIR AND THE STATES.

Great Interest in Project Throughout the Country.

THE OREGONIAN in November sent letters to Governors of various Western States and to Lewis and Clark Commissioners in Washington, Idaho and Utah, asking them to make a statement for the New Year's issue of the progress of plans for representation at the exposition in their several states. Replies have been received from several Governors. While all of them speak with a reservation that is to be expected from a state's executive when discussing any contemplated gubernatorial action, still there is much encouragement to be derived. It is obvious that the Lewis and Clark Centennial has already attracted notice in all the states of the original Louisiana Purchase, and there will no doubt be exhibits from many if not all of them.

From the State Commissioners very satisfactory letters have been received. For the most part, letters from the Washington Commissioners were written before the recent action of the Commission in recommending an appropriation of \$100,000. The letters follow:

OUTLOOK IN CALIFORNIA.

Governor-elect Pardee Takes Favorable Attitude.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Your letter in reference to the Lewis and Clark Exposition to be held in Portland and making the suggestion that I write The Oregonian a letter or statement expressing interest, has been received.

A short time since I sent a letter of this character to Hon. H. W. Corbett, of the committee of management. If that letter has not been printed it might serve your purpose as well as a new one.

I am by no means indifferent to the great enterprise in which the people of Portland are so much interested, and I will consider carefully your suggestion that I make reference to it in a message to the Legislature of California. Very truly yours,
GEO. C. PARDEE,
Governor-elect.

WHAT WYOMING WILL DO.

Governor Richards Says Appropriation is Likely.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 14.—(To the Editor.)—In relation to the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, I beg to say that it is impossible at the present time to give you any definite answer as to what our Legislature may do in reference to this matter.

Our people have become very much interested in the St. Louis Exposition of 1904, and, although no preparation has been made for a Wyoming exhibit there, still the general impression is that a small appropriation will be granted this winter.

I have promised some of the gentlemen connected with the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition to bring the matter to the attention of the Legislature, and it

will then lie with that body whether or not an appropriation shall be made.

Personally, I regret that these two expositions are coming so near to each other, because both are meritorious and will mark interesting epochs in the history of our Western States. Yours very sincerely,
DeF. RICHARDS,
Governor.

UTAH IS IN LINE.

Governor Wells Will Urge an Appropriation.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—Replying to your letters of November 19 and December 3, making a statement of the attitude of the State of Utah and its people toward the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, to be held at Portland in 1905, I have the honor to inform you that the last Legislature of this state, by concurrent resolution, provided for the appointment of a commission of three members to represent the State of Utah in all matters connected with the said exposition, and to recommend to the next Legislature the financial needs of the commission for a creditable exhibit. In pursuance of said resolution, I had the honor to appoint as such commission General H. B. Clawson, Hon. Hoyt Sherman and Hon. L. W. Shurtliff. The commission has made its investigations, is very favorably impressed with the enterprise, and will make a report to the Governor this month recommending that a suitable appropriation be made for a creditable exhibit from this state. I shall then take the matter up in my message to the Legislature, which convenes January 15 next, and endorse the recommendations of the commission and urge an appropriation.

There is no reason to doubt that a substantial appropriation will be made, as the people of Utah are conversant to the efficacy of fairs of such magnitude as a means of advertising the resources of their state, and in the case of Portland they feel a certain amount of Western pride in assisting to make the celebration a creditable one. Let me add that Oregon will be expected to retrocede when the greatest of all exhibitions is held in Salt Lake City in the year 1904, to celebrate the ratification of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, under which the territory now designated as the States of California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and parts of Colorado and New Mexico was ceded to the United States by Mexico. I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
HEBER M. WELLS,
Governor.

INTEREST IN MONTANA.

Governor Will Present Matter to the Legislature.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 20.—(To the Editor.)—I am in receipt of your favor of the 18th instant relative to the participation of this state in the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, and note what you say pertaining to the importance of the same. I regret that I am unable, at this time, to say what amount will be recommended. However, I will present the matter to the Legislature, and I feel confident that the Montana interest in the Exposition will be commensurate with its importance to the Northwest. Very truly yours,
J. K. TOOLE,
Governor.

MISSOURI WILL AID.

Contribution is Likely From the Great State.

JEFFERSON, Mo., Nov. 24.—(To the Editor.)—It is not practicable at this distance from the contemplated exposition for the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition, to be held in Portland, Or., in 1905. What effort has been made to have the Governor make mention of the matter in his message to the Legislature, I am unable to say at this time, but as there are three members of our commission, also members of the Legislature, it is fair to presume that they have brought the matter to the attention of the Governor, and that he will in his message make favorable mention of an appropriation for that purpose.

As to whether or not the State of Washington will have a separate building largely depends upon our appropriation, but

to be held in your city in 1905 to state definitely what Missouri will do in the way of a state exhibit. The Legislature to be elected in 1904 will determine that question.

Missouri has made an exhibit of her resources at nearly all of the expositions which have heretofore been held. However, I am unable to say what may be done in 1905, but I assume that inasmuch as Oregon is the "child of Missouri," this state would likely contribute something to the success of the exposition. Very respectfully,
A. M. DOCKERY,
Governor.

IT LOOKS ALL RIGHT.

Washington Commission is Working Diligently.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—I am very much encouraged, and no doubt each member of our commission is so encouraged, at the progress you gentlemen in Oregon are making, for upon your efforts and progress largely depends and determines the amount of the appropriation the Legislature of Washington will make during its coming session. As to the work we have been doing must say it is but little, because everything we do is on the individual responsibility of each member. We have had no funds at our command for the purpose of furthering the cause, but for myself I can say that at the county convention of the Republican party of Cowlitz County a resolution was adopted favoring a liberal appropriation

for myself I cannot see how this state can make a display of her natural, hidden and developed wealth in the small space the State of Oregon might be able to assign the State of Washington in the



George C. Pardee, Governor-elect of California.

Editor.)—As far as I have heard from the rest of the commissioners they feel that it is necessary for the State of Washington to make a liberal appropriation. Whether the sense of the January meeting will be for a separate building can only be decided when we meet.

Three of the commission are members of the coming Legislature, two in the Senate and one in the House, and they will do all they can to carry out the recommendation of the commission.

The only recommendation I can suggest to you is an early appropriation by the Legislature of the State of Oregon, as it will be no doubt a guide for our state.
J. G. MEGLER,
Commissioner for Washington.

GOOD WORDS FROM IDAHO.

Promise Made of an Ample Exhibit and Representation.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Nov. 24.—(To the Editor.)—We shall bring to bear on our coming Legislature all the influence possible for an ample appropriation to make for this state a creditable exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition to be held in your city in 1905, and I have every reason to believe, and promises that justify me in saying that you will not only be proud of Idaho, but have excellent cause to say that Idaho has outdone herself. The name of Idaho will be on the lips of thousands of Eastern people as well as on foreign tongues; the magic of gold has set a mul-

titude on the roads leading to this state, and the times and conditions are ripe for a rapid growth and development of this great intermountain state. We expect to put up such an exhibit that Idaho will be on the New Yorkers' tongues, as well as Chicago and Pittsburgh. It will be Idaho in Minneapolis, Salt Lake, Denver and the large cities, on railroad maps, and the people of overcrowded Eastern states will then have a chance to see our great resources.

Portland need not fear as to the success that will crown her efforts in 1905. We expect the advertisement that our exhibit will get through the exposition will bring thousands more to our great young

state. Capital will seek investment, and touching our dead industries with life, well may our state pride herself with an ample appropriation when such rich returns will follow. Already trains groan with weight of cattle, hogs, sheep and grain. Towns are springing up on every hand; railroad construction is under way in a dozen different directions within our borders. New mining camps are being discovered and will be developed, and the spirit of progress is evident on every hand, and we will keep it so by our efforts at Portland in 1905.

All the times and conditions point to a successful exposition. Not only will nearly all of the people of the great West be there, but the Eastern people will be glad to see what the Western people are good for, and we will not disappoint them. We shall endeavor to put up our own building.
THOMAS KIRBY,
State of Idaho Commissioner.

What action the Legislature will take upon the report I am unable to say. Our Legislature meets January 15 next. It is the purpose of our committee to meet prior to that date and agree upon a report. Without having seen the other members of the committee for some time, still I am practically sure that the report will be extremely favorable. We shall recommend a substantial appropriation and the appointment of a commission to collect and take charge of the Utah exhibit.

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Heber M. Wells, Governor of Utah.



Alexander M. Dockery, Governor of Missouri.



De Forest Richards, Governor of Wyoming.

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Oregon State Building. Therefore I have not counted on any other plan than that the State of Washington will have a separate building second to none other, except the State of Oregon. And while I believe the people of Washington feel kindly disposed toward the people of Oregon and favor the exposition, yet I do not believe one building will be large enough to hold the exhibits of the two states at that time and place.

GEORGE W. ROWAN,
Secretary of Washington Commission.

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Washington Commissioners in a Position of Influence.
BROOKFIELD, Wash., Nov. 22.—(To

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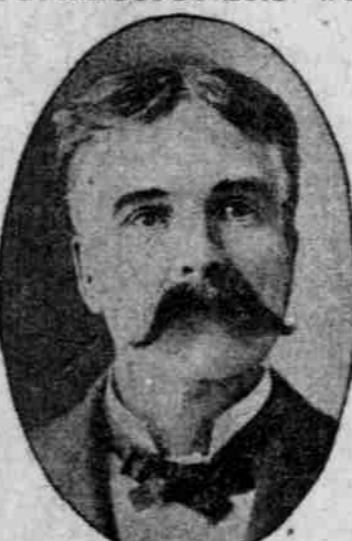
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE COMMISSIONERS WHO WRITE ABOUT THE FAIR.



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George W. Rowan, Commissioner for Washington.



Thomas Kirby, Commissioner for Idaho.



F. J. Parker, Commissioner for Washington.



Hoyt Sherman, Commissioner for Utah.

SUM ASKED, \$100,000.

Washington Commissioners Make Their Recommendation.

THE Lewis and Clark Fair Commission for the State of Washington has agreed to recommend an appropriation in the sum of \$100,000 for an adequate exhibit at the exposition. There are five members of the commission, and three of them are members of the Legislature. The report of the commission to the Governor is in part as follows:

Washington, as the principle state in population, commerce and industry of the old Oregon country, has a large and direct interest in the 1905 Fair. We believe that the fact that Lewis and Clark, in their trip of exploration, passed through the State of Washington, traversing its mountains and plains, and sailing upon its water courses, and that the territory now embraced within the state was a part of the original Oregon Territory, entitles us to as great a share in this undertaking as the State of Oregon has accepted. We further believe that, on account of our varied and great mineral resources, this state is in a position to reap more actual benefit than is Oregon herself, and that the influx of homeseekers and of capital for investment which must surely follow the holding of a successful exposition will repay many fold to the people of this state the money they may expend in securing a proper and creditable display of the resources of the state at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition.

The material progress of Washington in the four decades ended with 1900 was remarkable. From an isolated and obscure territory in the northwestern corner of the United States we have grown to be one of the wealthiest and most prosperous commonwealths in the Union. In 1850 there were 1200 people within the present boundaries of our state. These were living in the counties of Lewis and Clark, then a part of the Territory of Oregon. From 11,594 people in 1860 we had grown in 1890 to a population of over 518,000, and our present population is not far from 600,000. Our growth in other lines is significantly shown in the following table of comparisons:

	1860	1890
Population	11,594	518,103
Improved land in farms, acres	61,389	2,465,969
Wheat, bushels	32,669	21,187,527
Wool, pounds	30,720	5,239,088
Hops, pounds	28	6,813,839
Railroads, miles	2	2,548
Coal product, tons	124,350	2,390,612
Lumber, value	\$1,172,520	\$36,250,220
Flour and meal	78,800	6,651,672
Agricultural products	34,827,495	1,408,000
Manufactures	1,408,000	86,726,061
Real estate and personal property	2,618,672	251,000,000
Value farm property	3,698,125	144,049,547
Orchard products	23,779	1,333,786
Animals slaughtered	105,103	1,168,892

A distinguishing feature of the 1905 Fair will be exhibits of the life, customs and industry of the Orient and Oceania, the purpose of which will be to show the true relation of the United States to the new trade field on the other side of the Pacific Ocean.

The State of Washington is especially