



IN FURTHERING the interests of the World's Fair that will be held in this city in 1905, Portland people find their best opportunity to aid in the upbuilding of the great states of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and the other states of the Far West. As a movement that promises equal benefit to every part of the Pacific Coast states, the Lewis and Clark Exposition and World's Fair calls for the best support of all that part of the West which maintains trade relations with the tide-water ports of the Pacific Ocean, included within the limits of the United States.

This issue of The Oregonian contains much historical matter relating to Portland's wonderful growth. An empire has been founded on the civilization that followed in the wake of Lewis and Clark's single journey of exploration and discovery.

The people of the United States as a whole are awakening to an appreciation of the possibilities of the great fair that will be held in Portland in 1905. The results of this fair, as they may affect the future rapid advancement of that vast section of Uncle Sam's domains extending from the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains to the shores of the Pacific Ocean, will be far-reaching.

These people already know something of the promise of trade development by the Pacific Coast with the Orient. The growth of this trade during the next decade will be much greater, relatively, than the growth noted in the trade of the Atlantic ports. When these same people visit Portland in 1905 they will hear much about the promise of this trade development that will open their eyes to the possibilities of rapid growth of the Far Western States.

Visitors to Portland in 1905 will learn even much more than this. They will see how the business men of Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma have already captured the Oriental and other foreign markets for the export flour and wheat trade; they will note the mammoth cargoes of lumber that Portland and the other Northwest deep-water ports are now shipping to China, Japan, Siberia and South America; they will find back of all this export trade a country wide in expanse and rich in promise, that in the diversity of its matchless resources is the most favored part of the American continent. When to all this are added the charms of a perfect Summer climate, grandeur of the scenery of which a view is offered from any of the higher elevations of Portland, and the surroundings of an ideal home city, every visitor from abroad who may be in Portland during 1905 will carry home with him the fullest appreciation of the merits of the Pacific Northwest States, an empire that some day will be the seat of as dense a population as is now included within the limits of Massachusetts.

PUBLISHERS THE OREGONIAN—We, the following citizens of Oregon, hereby subscribe to the sentiments expressed herein. We commend this effort of The Oregonian to the recognition of people abroad who may want accurate information of Portland's great fair, and of the opportunities for rapid development which the Pacific Northwest States afford.

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