

JAPAN WILL COME

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GIVE ASSURANCES AT BANQUET

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Mr. Klueth's Eloquent Plea. Mr. Klueth first predicted a liberal exhibit from his country when he stated in concluding a very happy response to his toast:

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These manifestations of friendship and interest were repeated by the two Consuls. Each of them was greeted with applause by those who heard the friendly statements, and in their remarks the Portland men who spoke cemented the bond of friendship which had sprung up.

Mr. Klueth had been invited to Portland by the officials of the Lewis and Clark Exposition for the purpose of interesting him in the coming Fair. Being on his way home after having taken the initial steps toward a display at St. Louis, the time was most propitious, and Mr. Klueth responded to the invitation in the spirit in which it was forwarded him.

While Mr. Klueth did not say so in his address at the banquet, in a private conversation wherein he reviewed the results of his trip he insisted that Japan should make a display at Portland as large and as effective as would be made at St. Louis. Speaking of this, he remarked:

The banquet at which Mr. Klueth, Mr. Nakamura and their party were received was an elaborate and well-planned affair. The menu was one of the best ever served at a banquet of this kind in this city. The decorations of the private banquet hall in which the banquet was served were such as to create an immediate feeling of cordial relationship and hospitality on the part of every one.

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"I do not suppose the time will ever come when our nations are at war. One flag and one government, but it is possible and the tendency of the age seems to be in the direction of a commercial and business federation of the world. The nations are growing together, and their difficulties in a peaceable manner.

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will yet be borne the mightiest commerce of the world, and the completion of the canal at the American isthmus will turn toward the East ports that have taken the opposite direction from Asia and Europe, the ports of Europe, and even of America. It is a splendid panorama that unfolds to the imagination.

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