

CUBANS TO VISIT

Members of Cabinet Among the Number.

TWELVE STATE BUILDINGS

Commonwealths Are Planning to Erect Fine Structures and Install Elegant Exhibits at Lewis and Clark Fair.

TWELVE STATES IN. It was announced at Exposition headquarters yesterday that 12 states and territories were to erect buildings on the Centennial grounds. They are: Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Utah, California, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, and Arizona.

J. W. Flanagan, general agent of the Southern Pacific at Havana, Cuba, advises the Portland Commercial Club that after a conference with leading citizens of Cuba, he can promise a large party to the Exposition, including among others Hon. Carlos Ortiz Collazo, secretary of state and perhaps some other members of the President's Cabinet.

He further writes that the Exposition will be given special notice in all the Spanish editions printed by the Southern Pacific Company, and the outlook is that the road will be well repaid.

The Commercial Club began several months ago making arrangements with leading department stores throughout the United States for the adoption of a plan which would allow the most popular school teacher in several of the large cities of the country to visit the Exposition and see the resources of the commonwealths. One of the great stores of the Missouri Valley has determined to take this matter up on the most elaborate scale, with the most elaborate and extraordinary advertisement of the Exposition and this part of the United States.

Favorable replies are being received from many great stores, and the benefits that will accrue through this arrangement are almost beyond estimate.

WHAT THE STATES WILL DO

Fine Buildings and Elaborate Displays Are Promised by Each.

Twelve states are to erect buildings for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The majority of the state pavilions costing more than \$5,000 each. This announcement was made at Exposition headquarters yesterday afternoon upon reports from Commissioner McIsaac, who has been working throughout the Middle West, and who is at present in Minnesota.

The Oregon building, of course, will be the most pretentious of all state buildings. Mrs. Jefferson Myers will be hostess, and entertainers will be given on a grand scale. It will be the object of Mrs. Myers and her husband, the president of the State Commission, to make every Exposition visitor welcome at all times to the State of Oregon building, where the resources of the commonwealth will be displayed through photographs, drawings and literature.

The State of Washington building, for which an ample appropriation has been made, will be one of the handsomest on the grounds. Entertainments will be the feature at this building, and Oregon's sister states will make an effort to display resources in a manner that will appeal to guests.

The California building, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, will be in the center of the old missions in that state, with a huge dome in the center, in which will be placed a chime of mission bells. Those who have seen plans of the contemplated state buildings declare that the building to be erected by the State of California will be more beautiful and unique than any of the others. Appropriate ceremonies will be held, and the Californians will capture the Fair by storm.

Idaho, the little sister of Oregon, whose financial state was not too poor to admit of an appropriation of \$5,000 to have a building that will reflect great credit on that state. Idaho is taking the Exposition seriously; she recognizes the opportunity which presents itself, and will do all in her power to give every Exposition visitor know there is such a place as Idaho.

Utah is to have a building of unique design, in which will be displayed a number of the displays from that state, and where natives will be entertained during their visit to the Centennial.

Missouri is to have the site first granted the State of Washington, and will construct thereon a building that will cost \$20,000. Missouri will attempt to repay Oregon's interest in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and will also attempt to capture prizes by the score.

The Illinois building will cost \$20,000, the remainder of the appropriation from that state to be used as an entertainment fund. This state will make no display or exhibit, but all Illinois people who visit the Centennial will make their state building their headquarters during their stay in the city. There has already been arranged a special excursion from Chicago, composed of four sections, the first leaving Governor Deneen and his staff, together with prominent politicians, which will arrive in Portland in time for the celebration of the day.

Wisconsin will have a creditable building, in which a part of her display will be housed. Governor LaFollette will be present on the opening day, and has stated that the interests of Wisconsin and Oregon are identical in so many respects that Wisconsin cannot but do her best to make the Centennial a success. Wisconsin is expected to furnish a full quota of visitors during the Centennial, and present indications are that many thousands will come to Portland from that state.

New York is to erect a fine building, and Pennsylvania will do likewise. Bids for the construction of the New York building have been received and forwarded to the New York State Commission, and the contract will be awarded within the present week. New York's executive commissioner is now on his way to Portland to superintend construction of the building.

Massachusetts will have one of the finest state buildings on the grounds. Executive Commissioner Fairbank is at present in Portland making arrangements for the construction of his building. The bids for this work will be opened tomorrow afternoon, and construction will begin at once, some of the material being

already on the Exposition grounds. Arizona will have but a small building, but will be interesting and reflect the resources of the territory.

COMMISSIONER M'ISAAC'S WORK

He Telegraphs of the Prospect of States Making Appropriations.

Colin H. McIsaac, special commissioner for the Lewis and Clark Exposition, in a telegram sent to President Goode yesterday, gave the information desired concerning the participation of states throughout the Middle West. The message of Mr. McIsaac is very encouraging to the Exposition officials.

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The bill introduced in the Legislature of Illinois for the appropriation of \$25,000 for a building to be maintained at the Centennial has passed the Senate and will be ready for passage in the House.

The committees of both House and Senate are in favor of a representation, and Governor Deneen has personally asked the Legislature to make the appropriation. Governor Deneen will visit the Exposition with his staff and members of the General Assembly on Illinois day, the date for which has not yet been fixed. The appropriation from Illinois is for a building and entertainment fund only, no exhibit being made. The Illinois building will be used as headquarters for visitors to the Exposition from that state.

During the present week, pending the decision of the Missouri Legislature, Commissioner McIsaac will visit Blount, N. D., for the purpose of conferring with the state commission regarding details of the representation from that state. From North Dakota he will go to Oklahoma, where he will endeavor to induce the legislature to make a suitable appropriation for the Fair. He will then return to Minnesota to see the bill through its passage, and the following week will devote his energies to making Kansas, Nebraska, see the light. It is thought that these latter states will make a representation when notified that sister states have done so.

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His principal work will be confined to Omaha, St. Paul and Chicago at this time. Later the work of the bureau will be extended farther East and South.

Exposition Notes. Bids will be received until noon Tuesday for the wiring of the Mining and Metallurgy building and the Machinery and Transportation palaces, bureau will be in charge of livestock, and is at present entering upon his duties. He will correspond with exhibitors with a view of sustaining interest in the livestock competition to be given in connection with the Centennial.

San Francisco day has been selected for the second week in June, the exact day yet to be determined. The California