The Flora and Native Grasses of Oregon The Dalles, June 19, 1875. Mr. Edrror: As I intend spending a few days in obtaining specimens of
our natice grases and the fora of Eastour natice grasses and the fora state ex hibit at the coming Centennial in " '76," co-operation of ladies and gentlemen who can, by combining pleaswe. profitable employment and useful study, materially assist in making a success of so laudable an undertaking. This department, placed in charge of Dr. E. R Geary, of Albany, can, by a little assistance from individuals in various local ties who love to gather rare plants and
wild flowers, be made not only useful wild fiowers, be made not onstructive to contributors, butalso in the flora of the Centennial Exhibi tion a lasting credit to our state. The process of preserving flowers, leave and cuttings, by pressing them between the leaves of books, thick paper or card board, is familiar to most of us, an with trifling expense and a little outlay of time the native leaves, flowers, herbs and plants of our State can be obtained, scientifically arranged and classand botanists from all parts of the world Our ferns, lichens and mosses ar wmateur naturalist and deserve a prominent pace in the collection,
All cases or packages of specimens designed for the exhibition forwarded to our address at Portland, or to C. E DuBois, of the same place, will receiv the best of care, and, after being passed upon by the State Centennial advisory ticles to Philadelphia and placed onex hibition in the Oregon department in the name of the donor.
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