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THE DIGNITY OF THE NATION.

Annual Report of Governor Squire.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Watson Squire, governor of Washington territory, in his annual report, says: The manufacturing industries of the territory have attained a highly gratifying degree of improvement, that of lumber taking the lead. In many places Indians are prosperously engaged in cultivating the soil, and it is believed the system of allotting a suitable quantity of land to them in severally can and ought to be encouraged. If they could be induced to concentrate and altogether abandon certain reservations, it would conduce much to the development of the territory by the settlement and cultivation of large tracts of valuable land now unproductive.

Touching the territorial law conferring upon women the right to vote, the governor says: Although many of our citizens are disposed to question the wisdom of this law, especially when attended with the requirement that women should serve as jurors, it meets with the approval of a large majority of the people, and the women of the territory are, for the most part, strongly desirous that the enactment be retained upon our state books. Thus far it seems attended with no important results unfavorable to the welfare of the people of the territory.

The report states that the value of assessed property in the territory is \$50,513,832, with one county to be taxed.

The territory is entirely out of debt, and July 1, 1884, had a balance of \$47,901 in the treasury.

The population of the territory is estimated at 150,000, and the governor, in conclusion, presents a number of reasons to support the claim of Washington territory for admission into the union as a state.

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