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## SAN FRANCISCO THE LOGICAL SITE.

Though San Diego has made a plucky effort to secure the Panama Pacific exposition, it is evident now that unless she withdraws in favor of San Francisco, New Orleans will capture the federal appropriation and the coast lose the benefit of the exposition. The Pacific states must unite upon the strongest applicant, which means San Francisco, or else permit the south to get away with it.

The Pacific coast is the only section of the country tha can profitably hold a world's fair. Experience has demonstrated this. The mid-winter fair at San Francisco, the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland the Seattle-YukonPacific exposition at Seattle were all successes, both from financial and attendance standpoints, while the Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis and Jamestown expositions were failures.

San Francisco is the logical place in California for an exposition, and the Oregon delegation and Oregon influences should assist San Francisco capture the government appropriation.

San Francisco is 500 miles nearer Oregon than San Diego, and more people from the east will visit Oregon if the exposition is held there than they will if it is held at San Diego. Therefore it is to Oregon's interest that the eity by the Golden Gate secure the exposition.

## WATCH THE WEATHER REPORTS.

The Medford Mail Tribune has made arrangements with Professor P. J. O'Gara, assistant pathologist, department of agriculture, for daily forecasts covering the weather for the night following publication. Professor 0 'Gara has received the necessary instruments from the weather bureau and will be on the lookout for cold snaps. His warnings will be published at the top of page 1. By a little foresight orchardists need have nothing to fear through a lack of warning.

Professor O'Gara has also arranged with the local telephone office to send out the forecast up until midnight, and from now until the end of the frost season will take half hourly observations from 6 p . m. until midnight.

## NESMITH COUNTY

People of northern Douglas county and southern Lane county are making strenuous efforts to secede and form a new county. With this end in view, they have secured signatures to an initiative petition and will appeal to the people of Oregon at the next general election to crea
Nesmith county, with Cottage Grove as county seat.
Good arguments are made in behalf of the proposed county of Nesmith. The boundaries will be in strict adherence to the topography and natural watersheds. The segregation will not injure either Douglas or Lane county, but will be beneficial to the territory involved. The area taken from Douglas county will be 468 square miles, of which 209 is in the forest reserve, from which Douglas receives no revenues. The area taken from Lane will be 1472 square miles, leaving nearly 3000 square miles. The Bohemia mining district, now in the two counties, will be in the new division.
The main cause of Nesmith's discontent is that it is the tail end of both old counties, denied proper representation, and ignored in all matters of government. It has never been allowed a county judge or a county commissioner, is not represented in the legislature. It has the privilege of paying taxes, and that is all.

Nesmith will take 33 per cent of the present area of Lane county, 18 per cent of the population, 22 per cent of the assessed valuation. From Douglas county it will take 9.3 per cent of area, 4.4 per cent of population, 4.7 per cent of valuation. The population of the new county will approximate 10,000 people, now practically denied representation. It will contain 1940 square miles, and property assessed at $\$ 5,309,575$.

Counties in Oregon are generally too large. The larger the county, the less the development. Taxation and representation do not go hand in hand in large counties. The most densely populated and highest developed regions are the small counties, and the small counties, like the small farms, are the wealth producers.

Evidently the people of Nesmith are of a progressive wide-awake class. They wish to develop their region, but are denied opportunity. They want local self-government and as a matter of justice as well as of benefit to the entire state, should have it. In their ambitious effort for progress they have the sympathy of the public generally and there is little doubt but that the people of Oregon, be lievers in fair play, will give them the opportunity they erave.


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