

1903.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE.

NOVEMBER 11,

Mr. MITCHELL introduced a bill (S. 276) to provide for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the exploration of the Oregon country by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark during their expedition from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean in the years 1804, 1805, and 1806; and to authorize a commission representing the United States to hold at the city of Portland, in the State of Oregon, a national, international, and oriental exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures, and the products of the rivers, soil, mine, forest, and sea in said State, and to provide and assist in the erection of a memorial building in said city of Portland, to be known as the Lewis and Clark Memorial Building, and to authorize an appropriation for all said purposes; which was read twice by its title.

Mr. MITCHELL. I ask that the bill may lie on the table, and I shall at a very early date ask the courtesy of the Senate to permit me to call it up for the purpose of making some remarks in explanation of the measure before it is referred to the appropriate committee.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from Oregon that the bill shall lie on the table? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE.

NOVEMBER 16,

By Mr. WILLIAMSON: A bill (H. R. 2870) to provide for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the exploration of the Oregon country by Capts. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark during their expedition from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean in the years 1804, 1805, and 1806, and to authorize a commission representing the United States to hold at the city of Portland, in the State of Oregon, a national, international, and oriental exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures, and the products of the rivers, soil, mine, forest, and sea in said State; and to provide and assist in the erection of a memorial building in said city of Portland, to be known as the Lewis and Clark Memorial Building, and to authorize an appropriation for all said purposes—to the Select Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE.

DECEMBER 7,

I trust that the Congress will continue to favor in all proper ways the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. This Exposition commemorates the Louisiana purchase, which was the first great step in the expansion which made us a continental nation. The expedition of Lewis and Clark across the continent followed thereon, and marked the beginning of the process of exploration and colonization which thrust our national boundaries to the Pacific. The acquisition of the Oregon country, including the present States of Oregon and Washington, was a fact of immense importance in our history; first giving us our place on the Pacific seaboard, and making ready the way for our ascendancy in the commerce of the greatest of the oceans. The centennial of our establishment upon the western coast by the expedition of Lewis and Clark is to be celebrated at Portland, Oregon, by an exposition in the summer of 1905, and this event should receive recognition and support from the National Government.

From Message of the President.