

# **R E P O R T**

of the

**Washington State Commission**

for the

**Lewis and Clark Centennial**

**Exposition**

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**December 30, 1905**



# **Report of the Washington State Commission for the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition**

Everett, Washington, Dec. 30, 1905.

To His Excellency,

HON. ALBERT E. MEAD,

Governor of the State of Washington.

Sir:—The Washington Commission for the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition, pursuant to Section 3, Senate Bill No. 15, 9th Session of Washington State Legislature, have the honor to report herewith the following summary of its administration, and statement of disbursements made: also double entry accounts and complete vouchers, No. 1 to No. 738 inclusive.

## **REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

To the President of the Washington State Commission for the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition, we, the Finance Committee submit the following report:

After carefully comparing all bills, vouchers and checks with the journal and the books of Executive Commissioner, Elmer E. Johnston, we find the books and accounts have been kept in a very satisfactory and business-like manner. We further find that there has been expended as follows:

Old Lewis & Clark Commission.....	\$ 1,003.50
Expenses of Present Commission ....	1,145.75
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	2,850.30
Social Department .....	73.70
Assistant Secretary's Office .....	1,503.87
Office, Telegraph and Mail .....	586.71
Salaries .....	4,383.00
Art and Scenery .....	630.80
Construction State Building .....	31,763.50
Maintenance State Building .....	9,466.60



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Horticulture .....	5,759.73
Agriculture .....	3,524.78
Forestry .....	873.90
Mines and Metallurgy .....	3,593.89
Fish and Game .....	2,530.80
Moving Pictures .....	230.30
Live Stock and Dairy .....	610.10
Poultry .....	569.25
County Exhibits .....	3,432.32
Education .....	2,812.34

And that there remains the following unexpended balance:

Cash balance in Executive Commissioner's hands .....	477.72
Balance in State Treasury .....	8,294.60
Bills Receivable .....	265.85

Total .....\$9,038.17

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARE,

GEO. H. MILLER.

The Ninth Legislature of the State of Washington, in regular session, passed the Lewis & Clark Centennial Appropriation Bill through its Senate, January 20th, 1905, and through its Lower House, January 23rd, 1905, which Bill was approved by Albert E. Mead, Governor of Washington, on January 25th, 1905, the said Act being in words and figures as follows:

An Act to provide for the collection, exhibition and maintenance of the products of the State of Washington at the Lewis & Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, 1905, at Portland, Oregon, making an appropriation therefor and repealing Chapter one hundred and eighty-eight (188) of the Session Laws of 1903, and declaring an emergency.

**Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:**

Section 1. That for the purpose of exhibiting the resources, products and general developments of the State of Wash-

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ington at the Lewis & Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon, in 1905, there is hereby created a Commission known as the Lewis & Clark Exposition Commission of the State of Washington. Such commission shall be non-partisan, and shall contain not more than seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor, and all shall be residents of this State. They shall hold their office from the date of this appointment to January 1, 1906, unless sooner removed for cause by the Governor, and in case of such removal, or their death, or inability or refusal to act, their successors shall be appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 2. Each of said commissioners hereby appointed shall serve without salary, but shall be allowed his actual necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of said Commission in the discharge of his duties, to be paid out of the money hereinafter appropriated, upon vouchers approved by the Commission.

Sec. 3. The members of said board of commissioners shall meet subject to the call of the Governor within five (5) days after this act becomes a law at such time and place as he may designate, and shall elect from its members a President, and Secretary, who shall keep a record of its proceedings, They shall fix all salaries of all persons employed by them in collecting, installing, and displaying the exhibit herein provided for, such salaries to be paid out of the fund hereinafter appropriated. They shall cause to be kept double entry accounts together with complete vouchers covering every financial transaction involving the disbursement of the fund hereinafter appropriated, and at the close of the Exposition period shall report to the Governor of the State of Washington a complete summary of their administration, and detailed statement of disbursements made. They shall appoint an Executive Commissioner, who shall be a citizen of the state of Washington. The said Executive Commissioner shall be and hereby is authorized and empowered to assume and exercise all powers and functions necessary to secure, install, maintain a complete and creditable display of the resources, products and interests of the State of Washington at the said Exposition. The said Executive Commissioner shall have direct charge of the solicitation, collection, transportation, installation and exhibition of all materials sent under authority of the State to the said exposition, and during the term of his office,



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shall have authority over the employes and assistants engaged in assembling, installing and displaying the said exhibit. He shall make report to the Commission as often as required, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the said Commission. The said Executive Commissioner shall be required to furnish a surety company bond in favor of the Treasurer of the State of Washington, conditioned that he will faithfully perform all the duties appertaining to his office, and will faithfully account for all funds coming into his hands as such Executive Commissioner: bond to be approved by the said Commission, in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or such greater sum as the Commission may require.

Sec. 4. All State bureaus, including the Bureau of Mining, Horticulture, Agriculture, Fisheries and others, are authorized and directed to co-operate with the said Washington Lewis & Clark Commission, and to forward to the Lewis & Clark Exposition all the collections and cabinets belonging to the State.

Sec. 5. After the close of the said Exposition, the said Executive Commissioner, or in case the term of office of the members of the said State Commission has expired, then the Governor shall have the power to sell such exhibits as the State may have interest in, and which is proper to dispose of, to the best advantage of the State and shall deposit the proceeds in the general fund of the State Treasury; and shall also return to the owners such exhibits as may be loaned for exhibition purposes, free of cost to said owners.

Sec. 6. All counties, districts and individuals desiring to send articles to said exposition may do so by having the same delivered in good order for shipment at a place or places to be designated by the Executive Commissioner, where they shall be received by him and carefully stored until the proper time for shipment to such Exposition, and such Executive Commissioner shall forward all such articles as shall be deemed worthy of exhibition to Portland, Oregon, the freight or expense charge to and from Portland shall be paid out of the fund hereinafter appropriated.

Sec. 7. The Commissioners appointed to make an exhibit of the resources of the State of Washington at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, in 1904, are hereby authorized and directed to save all suitable exhibits from the State of Washington and turn same over to the Commis-

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sion herein created for the purpose of having same used as a part of the exhibit by this State at said Lewis & Clark Exposition.

Sec. 8. To carry out the purpose and provisions of this Act, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The State Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the money to the Executive Commissioner from time to time upon the requisition of the State Commission by its President and Secretary, approved by the State Auditor.

Sec. 9. The Governor of the State shall issue a Commission as provided for in Section 15, Article 3 of the State Constitution to the person selected for Executive Commissioner of the Lewis & Clark Exposition.

Sec. 10. Chapter one hundred and eighty-eight (188) of the Laws of 1903, as approved March 21, 1903, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 11. An emergency exists and this Act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate January 20, 1905.

CHARLES E. COON,

President of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives January 23, 1905.

JOSEPH G. MEGLER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved, this 25th day of January, 1905.

ALBERT E. MEAD,

Governor.

Filed for record in the office of the Secretary of State the 25th day of January, A. D. 1905, at 3:22 p. m.

J. THOS. HICKEY,

Assistant Secretary of State.

Pursuant to provisions of Section 1 of above Act, Governor Mead, on January 26th, 1905, appointed as members of the Lewis & Clark Exposition Commission of the State of Washington, Senators J. J. Smith, Enumclaw; T. B. Sumner, Everett; Carey L. Stewart, Puyallup; Huber Rasher, Spokane, and Representatives Geo. H. Miller, Centralia; A. M. Blaker, Vancouver; W. H. Hare, North Yakima.



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Pursuant to Provisions of Section 2 of the above Act, the first meeting of the Commission was called by the Governor and held in the Executive Offices at the Capitol, in Olympia, on January 27, 1905, at which meeting the Commission organized, by the election of Hon. J. J. Smith, President, and Hon. W. H. Hare, Secretary.

The second meeting of the Commission was held pursuant to a call by its President at the Capitol on January 30, 1905, at which meeting by resolution unanimously adopted, the office of Executive Commissioner for the Washington Commission was tendered to Hon. Elmer E. Johnston, of Everett. At this meeting the office of Assistant Secretary for the Washington Commission was created and Mr. E. L. Reber, of Seattle, unanimously elected to said office.

President Smith announced the appointment of a Finance Committee comprising Commissioners Rasher, Hare and Miller, and a Building Committee consisting of Commissioners Blaker, Sumner and Stewart.

On February 4, 1905, at the call of the President, the Washington Commission met in Tacoma and directed its Secretary to publish a call for the submission by architects of suggestive plans for the Washington State Building to be erected on the grounds of the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition.

On February 19, 1905, at a meeting called by its President, the Commission met in Tacoma, where consideration was given to suggestive plans submitted by many prominent architects, and those of the firm of Heide & DeNeuf, Seattle, were unanimously selected, approved, and adopted by the Commission. The Secretary was authorized and directed to advertise a call for sealed bids for the construction of a building according to said plans, said bids to be addressed or delivered to President Smith.

On March 4, 1905, at the call of its President, the Commission met in Tacoma. Eight bids for the construction of the said building were considered, and the tender of F. J. Linne and John D. Carroll, of Seattle, was favorably considered as the lowest and best bid. The Building Committee was thereupon authorized and directed to prepare and execute a contract with the successful bidders, F. J. Linne and John D. Carroll, which contract was duly signed and executed

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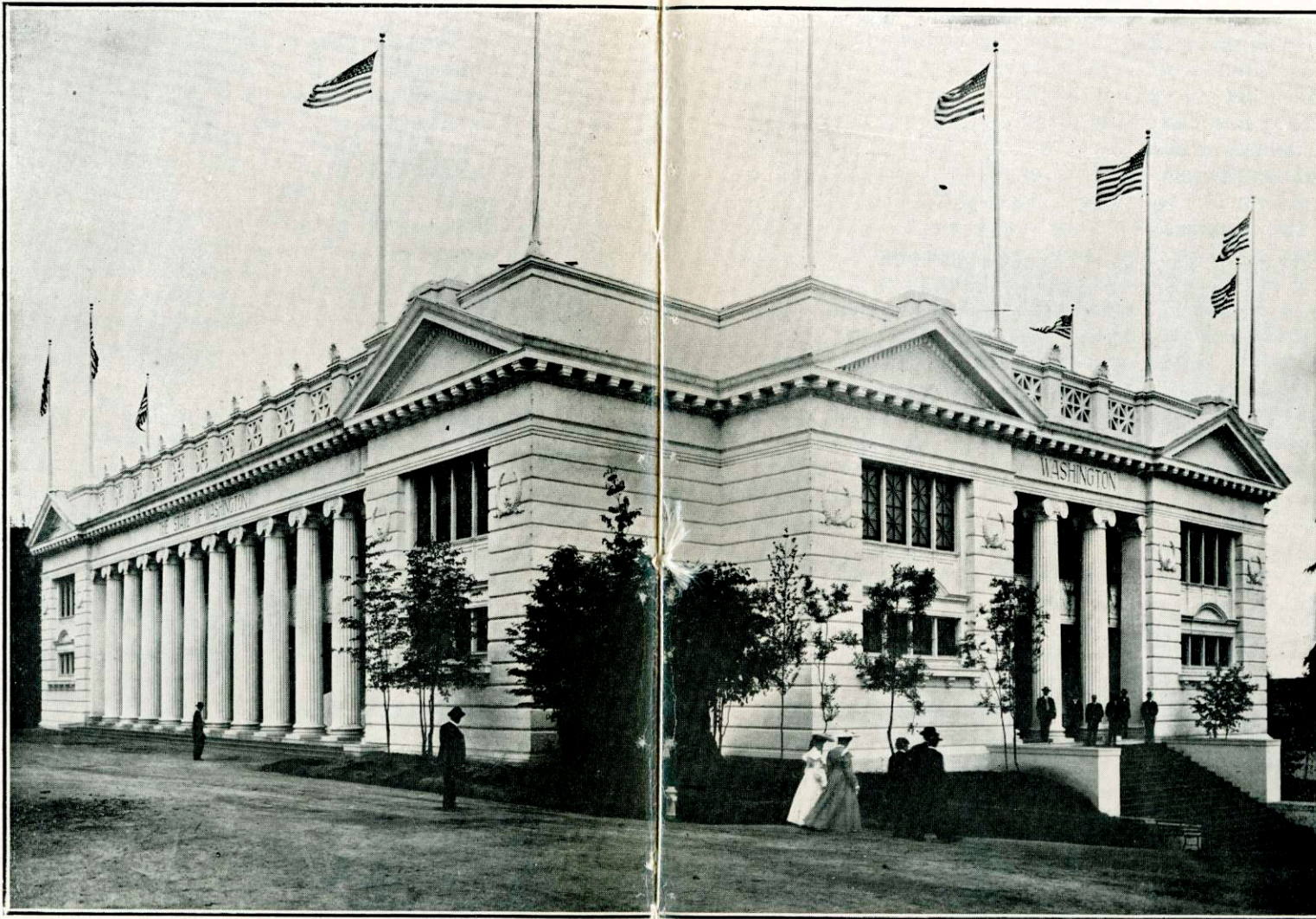
on the 7th day of March, 1905, for the completion and readiness of said building and site May 15, 1905, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars. (\$30,000.00.)

At this meeting the Executive Commissioner reported plans and preliminary drawings covering the installations of comprehensive exhibits in the Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Mines and Metallurgy, Fish and Game, Live Stock and Dairy, Poultry, Climate and Scenery, Manufacturers and Art, and an outline for the conduct of the Social Program and Department, apportioning the funds to these several purposes and Departments. These plans were gone into in exhaustive detail, and worked up and approved, as the policy, plan and scope, for a practical and creditable representation, in keeping with the dignity of the occasion, and calculated to accomplish maximum good results.

Thus, six weeks subsequent to the passage of the Appropriation Bill, active building operations were begun on a most carefully and thoroughly considered building plan, and a well organized and efficient campaign commenced in nearly every township in the State for the rapid assembling of a comprehensive collection and representation of the State's natural products, resources, advantages and conditions, all working from one central office, along well considered and perfected plans covering every detail of each Department, which quiet and systematic campaign, worked orderly and simultaneously throughout the State, according to one plan, and toward one end, without confusion or discord, resulted in the procuring, assembling, transportation and timely completed installation of a composite assemblage of a physical exhibit, regarding which (while the province of this report may not be laudatory) it may be proper to record here the fact, that it never had an adverse critic.

June 1st, 1905, was an epochal date locally, and marked the inauguration of a bold, stupendous, exploitation enterprise (presaging abundant benignant results if successful, and portentous and foreboding if unsuccessful) by far more fruitful and consequential than any previous industrial event in the history of the Pacific Northwest; a Centennial celebration and tribute to the valor of the intrepid heroes and explorers, Lewis & Clark; a joyous festival gathering of the inhabitants of the Pacific Northwest laden with the bountiful products of the soil, mines, forests, and sea, in which a dozen Federal





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States and various foreign nations participated grandly, and to which all the World was invited.

Washington participated creditably in the auspicious event by dedicating on the opening date, on the most eligible site, a magnificent building, unsurpassed in stately proportions, architectural beauty, grace and dignity of outline, and elegance and harmony of finish and furnishings, filled to overflowing with a matchless exhibit of natural and finished products, covering the entire range of our diversified and prolific wealth of resources, all in a completed state of installation and readiness for the occasion.

The June meeting of the Commission was held in the Washington State Building on the opening date, all members being present, accompanied by the Governor, supported by his Staff, State Officials and a military band, and two companies of cadets from the Washington State College. The opening and dedication were held on the East porch of the Washington Building. The Building was formally presented to Governor Mead by President Smith; Governor Mead responded, congratulating the Commission on the character and finished condition of the Building and exhibit contents, and felicitating the State on the showing made. Vice President Fairbanks, commissioner to represent President Roosevelt, on the occasion, spoke on behalf of the Federal Government's interest and participation in the Northwest Exposition. President W. H. Good, President of the Lewis & Clark Exposition Corporation, extended a welcome to Washington interests and citizens. United States Senator Sam. H. Piles delivered an oration in behalf of Washington's commercial and business interests.

The work of the Commission being inaugurated late in February, at a season when the mines were shut down on account of winter snows, with Agriculture and Horticulture Exhibits difficult or almost impossible to obtain, with but ninety days to plan, construct and build, and procure, assemble, transport and install an exhibit therein, considerable misgiving and apprehension was exhibited throughout the State as to the ability of the Commission to make a creditable showing on June 1st. Consequently all sections and interests of the State were much gratified by the quantity and quality of exhibits, and beauty of the completed building and contents on the opening date. This feeling of satisfaction and

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commendation on the part of Washington citizens and taxpayers ripened into a splendid enthusiasm during the period, and the consequent hearty co-operation on every community, section, and interest, in the State, resulted in the assembling of such an exhibit from the crop of 1905, as to seriously tax the capacity of the Building to accommodate, an exhibit exceeding in quality, quantity and variety the demonstration of any State participating on the occasion. The utmost harmony prevailed among the employes and attendants from the start, and backed up by an unsurpassed exhibit, encouraged and supported by enthusiastic commendation of the tax-payers, the Washington demonstration gained in popularity and grew in power and effectiveness from day to day, until at the close of the period, from throughout the State of Washington came an almost universal demand that the Exposition be continued another season, for the expenses of which a sufficient balance of our appropriation remained unexpended. On Washington Day, September 26th, Governor Mead voicing this sentiment on the part of Washington citizens, very earnestly suggested the wisdom of such continuance, but which, however, was found impractical by the Exposition Company, due to various obstacles and complications.

The following named employes of the Washington Commission and Representatives from various Counties, rendered efficient and valuable services throughout the Exposition period:

Elmer E. Johnston, Executive Commissioner.  
E. L. Reber, Asst. Secretary and Press Agent.  
Lewis Clark, Secretary to Executive Commissioner.  
A. E. McDonald, Superintendent of State Building.  
Prof. Henry Landes, Supt. of State Mines Exhibit.  
Prof. Milnor Roberts, Asst. Supt. State Mines Exhibit.  
L. Wernecke, Attendant on State Mines Exhibit.  
Prof. B. W. Johnson, Supt. State Educational Exhibit.  
Mrs. Olive S. Brown, Supt. State Art Exhibit.  
F. D. Harm, Supt. State Forestry Exhibit.  
Prof. Trevor Kincaid, Supt. State Fisheries Exhibit.  
J. M. Stevenson, Attendant on State Fisheries Exhibit.  
Chas. H. Ross, Attendant on State Agriculture Exhibit.  
W. L. Wright, Attendant on State Horticulture Exhibit.  
(June 1st to August 31st.)



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Geo. H. Farwell, Attendant on State Horticulture Exhibit  
(Sept. 1st to October 15th.)  
C. J. Harrington Asst. Attendant on State Horticulture Exhibit.  
L. E. Rader, Asst. Attendant on State Horticulture Exhibit.  
Harry H. Collier, Attendant on State Poultry Exhibit.  
A. F. Cox, Foreman of Agriculture Installation.  
Robert E. Wood, Scenic Painter.  
John A. Snyder, Night Watchman.  
Emmett H. Holmes, Porter.  
J. D. Moody, Representative for Snohomish County.  
H. A. Graham, Representative for Chelan County.  
C. W. Shumway, Representative for Clark County.  
C. Knight, Representative for Clark County.  
J. M. Medler, Representative for Lewis County.  
H. R. Crozier, Representative for Stevens County.  
W. H. Brownlow, Asst. Representative for Stevens County.  
M. W. Teeple, Asst. Representative for Stevens County.  
A. L. Smith, Representative for Spokane County.  
A. R. Cannon, Asst. Representative for Spokane County.  
Chas. W. Hall, Representative for University of Washington.  
T. Bailey, Representative for Pacific County.  
J. Wayland Clark, Representative for Whatcom County.  
E. L. Adkins, Asst. Representative for Whatcom County.  
John W. Gosser, Representative for Mason County.  
Elias J. Payn, Representative for Thurston County.  
L. E. George, Asst. Representative for Thurston County.  
C. W. Hensel, Representative for Douglas County.  
Ed. Yarwood, Representative for Lincoln County.  
John Blaauw, Representative for Pierce County.  
M. P. Dickson, Asst. Representative for Pierce County.  
W. A. Steel, Representative for King County.  
Edw. H. Baker, Asst. Representative for King County.  
John H. McLean, Representative for Whitman County.  
S. W. Maxey, Representative for Kittitas County.  
C. L. Whitney, Representative for Walla Walla County.  
N. G. Blalock, Representative for Walla Walla County.  
M. McDonald, Representative for Walla Walla County.  
D. C. Mooring, Representative for State College.

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W. H. Lawrence, Representative for State College.  
M. R. Klepper, Representative for State College.  
J. T. Burns, Representative for Columbia County.  
S. S. Moritz, Representative for Columbia County.  
Col. E. B. Wise, Representative for Klickitat County.  
A. W. Montgomery, Representative for Klickitat County.  
F. Walden, Representative for Yakima County.  
N. Rudebeck, Representative for Okanogan County.  
C. E. Lauck, Representative of Spokesman-Review.  
Ezra Meeker, Private Exhibitor in State Building.  
W. H. Stewart, Private Exhibitor in State Building.  
D. Spurbeck, Private Exhibitor in State Building.

The State of Washington is abundantly satisfied with the practical benefits already manifest resulting from its participation in the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition, and the thousands already added to our population, the accelerated activity in all branches and lines of business, the increased selling price of our lands, the enlarged knowledge of and markets for our products, and a general better knowledge throughout the East of our climatic conditions and opportunities, and the wealth and diversity of our resources and products: all of this the fallow crop so to speak. The Exposition period we have regarded as the seeding season, the real harvest to be expected in the fruitage from such seed as was fertile, and found fertile places.

According to railroad statistics upward of one hundred and fifty thousand people from East of the Rocky Mountains visited the Exposition. We may probably assume that at least one individual from every community in the Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys were represented in this number, and from personal observation, facilitated by the opportunities of the Exposition, have gained a fairly accurate and thorough knowledge of the conditions of the Great West, and all of whom have been favorably impressed, and many have returned enthusiastic over the resources, products and opportunities of the Northwest. The reports and influences of this army of walking delegates upon their return to the thousands of communities from which they came, will operate as so many portions of leaven, and will constitute a mighty potent exploitation agency; we believe the material results yet to accrue, when the seed this season sown shall have



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ripened unto the harvest, no one at this time can adequately measure, and when added to the great benefits already accrued in some, and some benefits in most sections of the State, will together round out such a flowing measure of good results, as to justify the cost and effort, entirely overlooking those educational and beneficent results, not reducible to terms of dollars and cents.

Perhaps the most wholesome and salutary influences and benefits of a twentieth century exposition (which is a kindergarten of object lessons in the intellectual and manual achievements of the race; an encyclopedia of the best fruits of human endeavor; a high school of the liberal arts and sciences; a clearing-house for inventive genius and handicraft; an inspiration and spur to universal higher achievement) lies in the educational uplift and stimulation of the energies, enterprise, intelligence and patriotism of the people, whose lives are broadened and brightened; and the added radiance and halo of home and national life, rather than in any monetary benefits, measurable in dollars and cents.

Another secondary result and benefit accruing to the State through the expenditure of the fund appropriated for this Exposition is a collection of preserved and non-perishable exhibit material, six carloads in quantity, representing a comparatively comprehensive exhibit of the Mines, Fisheries, Forestry, Agriculture and Horticulture resources of the State, which were returned from Portland to the State Museum for permanent installation. The value of this collection from an educational and advertising standpoint is large, and represents a material asset of the State, and forms a nucleus for a State Museum collection, which, if properly supported and attended, should soon become of great credit and value to the section.

The Washington Commission is under obligation to each of the employes above named for faithful and efficient services rendered; to the Counties, Cities, Chambers of Commerce, School Officers, Mills, Factories, Fisherman, Farmers, Orchardists, Stockmen and Dairymen, for hearty and valuable co-operation; also the Railroad companies and employes for

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concessions granted and prompt and painstaking attention to our numerous wants and requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SMITH, President.

W. H. HARE, Secretary.

A. M. BLAKER.

GEO. H. MILLER.

C. L. STEWART.

T. B. SUMNER.

HUBER RASHER.