

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

### GENERAL:—

The printing and distribution of the primary sources of the history of the Pacific Northwest is calculated to promote the cause of the history in Oregon and throughout our country in several distinct and important directions.

Pioneers and their descendants will through this means be brought to an adequate appreciation of much valuable material not yet utilized. This will be preserved and rendered available to future generations of students.

The achievement of an intrepid, resolute, and capable people—the Oregon pioneers—will thus come to be truly and duly recognized.

A remarkable period of our country's expansion, one in which the national spirit was at its best, will be made instructive.

The youth of the Pacific Northwest must now draw his first historical inspiration from the exploits, struggles, and state-building of men on the far away Atlantic seaboard, yet his own home section of the common country was the scene of deeds as heroic and effective, animated by motives even more youthful. The whole course of development from discovery and exploration to the establishment of a self-centered republic was accomplished here as well as there and independently. The scale was in miniature yet the results were substantial and far reaching as they involved the destiny of the whole Coast and made us a truly continental nation facing both oceans.

These sources made accessible to the schools of the states of the Pacific Northwest will constitute a wealth of resources for historical parallels between the development of the east and the far west. The possibilities of historical instruction in American history in these schools will thus be revolutionized.

### SPECIAL:—

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