

PREFACE.

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The statistical facts collated with other arguments carry their own force of reason to the thoughtful citizen of this section, and to the broad-minded statesman of every section of our country.

The hope is cherished that they will give some aid to secure the needed Congressional Legislation, and thus confer a common benefit upon this prospective empire of the Pacific Northwest, and upon our country.

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