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YOU ARE WELCOME!

As Mayor of the City of Spokane, it affords me the greatest pleasure on behalf of the city and all its citizens to welcome this session of the Pacific Northwest History Conference.

Spokane is proud of its title, "the Friendly City"—we hope you will find it so in every respect and that your meetings will be harmonious and entirely successful.

Long before the coming of the white man to this great Pacific Northwest, Indians were wont to sit in council beside the Falls of the Spokane River. Just as the Indians first established this as a meeting place, so too they gave Spokane its name, which is derived from the word "Spokanee—Children of the Sun."

The sun of prosperity has shone on Spokane since those pioneer days. It promises bright prospects for the future. May its warmth envelope you and may you only leave us with good will that will urge you to return again.

Arthur Breeden

MAYOR

This directory lists certain telephone numbers you may have occasion to call during your stay in Spokane, as well as the official convention numbers.

We hope that the directory will be a help to you, and help to make your stay in Spokane a pleasant one.

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A LITTLE HISTORY

. . . of Washington State

Washington was admitted to the Union November 11, 1889, as the forty-second state. It had been a territory since 1853—before that it was a part of the Oregon territory.

What is now the State of Washington was first discovered by the Spaniards Heceta and Quadra in 1775 in their search for the Northwest Passage. Soon British Seamen were exploring Washington waters and by 1792 Capt. George Vancouver had explored Puget Sound and had given permanent names to most of the landmarks. Overland explorations began with the Lewis and Clark expedition which arrived at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1805.

British and American fur traders contended for control of the area for the next 40 years, but it remained for the land-hungry American settlers to claim the area for the United States.

The State's leading industries are lumbering, fishing, mining and farming. Western Washington, particularly the Puget Sound area, is also important for ship building and repairing, and airplane manufacturing.

The population of Washington State is 2,528,200. Spokane is the second largest city in the state, with a population of 178,000. Seattle, the largest city, has 548,000 people.

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