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THE RESOURCES OF MONTANA AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT.*

IN casting about for a theme for discussion at the opening of this the second meeting of the Montana Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, it seemed appropriate to follow some of the ideas suggested in my preceding address, and elaborate more fully the ideas advanced. This is all the more necessary since the work of the academy is yet in a formative period, and the members to a large extent have no means of communication save by mail. They have to a large extent not grasped the idea of the necessity of individual effort to do something definite in original work. This is not surprising from the fact that one easily loses enthusiasm and interest in the absence of kindred spirits with whom to talk matters over and thus keep alight the spark of interest.

The state of Montana, the state of grand mountains, whose snow-clad summits pierce the clouds, and whose hidden treasures are of untold richness; the state of blue sky, clear sunshine, pure air and crystal water; the state rich in mineral wealth, rich in timber resources, and with great possibilities for agriculture; the state with beautiful lakes, foaming rivers whose waters teem with the finny tribe, and with broad and fertile valleys rapidly filling with happy and prosperous people; the state in which are raised the finest and fleetest horses of the world; the state with its five millions

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