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Illinoisans Get Together

Former residents of Illinois, now in voluntary exile in Washington, have formed in Seattle the Illinois club of Washington, with a membership of more than 400. The society is unique in its organization and purposes.

The United States census shows that there are more than 25,000 natives of Illinois who now call Washington home. The number is larger than that of any other state in the Union, which seems rather remarkable in view of the excellent country which these people left to come west.

A large proportion of the Illinoisans in Washington came from Chicago, being attracted by the hustle and bustle of Seattle, a city which is like Chicago in many ways, and which may some day rival it in size. Seattle has now, with its suburbs, which soon will be annexed, 220,000 inhabitants.

The Illinois club has sent out to erect on the campus of the state university, part of which will be used as the site of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which is to be held in Seattle in 1909, a replica of the statue of Lincoln which adorns Lincoln Park, Chicago. The movement was started by Edmund S. Meany, a Chicago man, professor at the University of Washington, and enthusiastically endorsed by the club. It is intended that the statue shall be a compliment to one of Washington which will be erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The present club came into being at about the time of the raising in Seattle in a single day of \$650,000 for the support of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition and its existence now is merged with the fortunes of the air. The Illinois club hopes to have Illinois represented by a building and display in 1909, and will extend cordial welcome to all from the Sucker State who visit Seattle during the fair, and before the fair. It is planned that there shall be downtown headquarters, where fellow-suckers may get together, and where there will be a register, and likewise lists of names and addresses, so that one coming west may have no difficulty in locating those who have preceded him a few months or years.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, a \$10,000,000 enterprise, is to be held for the purpose of exploiting the resources of the hitherto little known Northland—Alaska and the Yukon territory.

Alaska has come to occupy of late a conspicuous position in national affairs, and its resources make it worthy of more consideration than hitherto it has been accorded. The country cost the United States \$7,200,000, and it has added to the federal treasury nearly \$11,000,000.

"Can any of you mention the greatest gastronomic feat on record?" asked the teacher of the history class.

"Yes, sir," said the young man with the wicked eye. "It was when meum et tuum."

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"You know, Mr. President," he said, "that you are proposing to make me a Ph. D. Now, I have a specialty of spelling reform and I always spell philosophy with an f. I therefore called to ask you if you could not make my degree F. D. instead of Ph. D."

"Certainly, my dear sir," replied the president of Harvard. "In fact, if you insist we shall make it D. F."

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Many men who are talking about their visions are referring to nightmares.

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