

PREFATORY.

THE publication of a periodical work of a statistical character, on the resources of the Pacific Coast, has long been contemplated by the compiler of the present volume; but the want of success of similar enterprises in other sections of the Union has deterred him from prosecuting his intention in the form originally designed, and induced him to adopt the title and plan of the present volume as the one more likely to secure popular attention and patronage.

THE PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY is intended to be a biennial publication, which will contain the name and post office address of each merchant, manufacturer, and professional engaged in business in the States and Territories bordering on or in the immediate vicinity of the Pacific Coast, with such information connected with the resources of that section of the country as will best exhibit their variety, character, and extent; together with any other data of general interest that will add to the value of the work as a useful manual of reference.

A work of the above description, if faithfully prepared, will be of essential importance to the interests of the residents of the Pacific Coast, for it will be the aim of the compiler to furnish in each volume an exhibit of their advance as a people, and the progress made in the development of the valuable and inexhaustible resources placed within their reach. The necessity of circulating information of this character is universally admitted, and the success of THE PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY, it is believed, will accomplish much in that direction.

In accordance with the above plan, the present volume has been prepared, and a brief reference to its contents will show the varied character of the information embraced therein. The first part of the work contains the organization of the different departments of the Federal Government on the Pacific Coast, and the officers thereof, with a variety of useful data of a general character; the organization of the different States and Territories on the Pacific Coast, and the officers attached thereto, with appropriate references to the various departments of each; and a carefully prepared exhibit of the resources of the States and Territories included in the plan of the work. In this department the agricultural, the mineral, the commercial, and the manufacturing interests have each received careful attention, and a large amount of valuable information, including an important contribu-