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To librarians and trustees of Nebraska libraries:-

Your attention is called to the enclosed circular which announces the 27th annual meeting of the American library association at Portland, Oregon, July 2-7, 1905.

Arrangements are to be made for those wishing to go from Nebraska to join the main party from the east at St. Paul, and proceed west over the C.P.R., coming home individually by any preferred route. The railroad fare will probably not exceed \$52, a Pullman berth from St. Paul to Portland not more than \$15, and meals a la carte. The trip from eastern Nebraska points to Portland and return, including 6 days in Portland will not cost more than \$100.

Trustees are requested to help their librarians to attend this conference. Such libraries as are able to pay the librarian's expenses outright, are asked to take the matter under consideration at once. Several libraries are accustomed to do this each year. The advantages accruing to the library from contact with the profession on the part of the librarian are too obvious to require argument. Nebraska libraries do not pay salaries that permit librarians to attend the national meetings, but it is an entirely legitimate and laudable expenditure of public library funds to send the librarian.

Trustees are eligible to membership in the association and are urgently requested to join and attend its meetings. The trustees' section will hold interesting meetings at Portland.

Will you kindly notify the Commission, through the Secretary whether you contemplate taking this trip and whether any of your family or friends will accompany you? Mr. Faxon, of the travel committee will be in Lincoln on March 3d, and we wish to be able to give him an idea of the probable size of the party. If you wish booklets describing the Yellowstone or the Lewis and Clark trip, mention that fact in your reply.

Your attention is also called to the following pamphlets, which will reach your library in a few days:-

List of 1000 of the best novels  
 Library commission number of ~~the~~ "Public libraries"  
 Buying list no. 13

We have also, for such libraries as have not already been supplied, copies of four booklets, as follows:- Emergencies, Poisons, Accidents, Care of invalids. The four will be sent to any Nebraska library upon receipt of 10 cents for postage.

We should like photos, interior and exterior of any library buildings that we have not already pictures of.

Sincerely,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.