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With the return of peaceful conditions following America's wars with England, the energies of the people were soon directed intensively toward the development of the natural resources of the country and to the extension of its western frontier. An awakened sense of nationality and destiny, as well as a sense of the immensity of the task of material exploitation, had begun to influence all classes.

As a recent historian has pointed out:

Over the mountains the great valley two thousand miles wide, with its unified river systems four thousand miles long, opened an empire such as man had never seen.

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