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4/ offered substantial prizes in the next 40 years

to push exploration up to the headwaters of the

Missouri River. The prizes were not earned, however,

due to the great problems involved. But the Spanish

did build fur trade posts in east Nebraska while

George Washington was president of the United States.

They also intermarried with the Indians and con-

tinued the peaceful relationship with the Indians

which the French and Canadians had enjoyed so many

years.

When the United States bought Louisiana Territory