

# PLANS FOR THE FAIR

### Idea Submitted by Attorney L. B. Cox.

## MUCH WORK MUST BE DONE

### Legislatures of Northwestern States Should Be Asked to Pass Resolutions Favoring the Project.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(To the Editor.)

As I have not been able to attend the conferences which have been held on the subject of the proposed exposition for 1905 or 1906 I am writing you to express my views through your columns. The first question is whether we want to undertake the enterprise at all, beyond which is that as to date.

My immediate interest is in connection with the action of the Oregon Horticultural Society and its plan for the erection of a monument to commemorate the Lewis and Clark expedition. The occasion seems to propitious for combining with this movement the idea of an exposition that I think it ought not to be neglected, and as a citizen of Portland I am anxious to see that the project is not thrown away.

In connection with the erection of a monument to the Lewis and Clark expedition it has been learned that such men as Governor Rosevelt, James J. Hill, Colonel Daniel S. Lamont and ex-Governor Hanson of Montana, are interested in the movement, and the doubtless represent a very large sentiment throughout the country.

Now as to the advantages and disadvantages attaching to the two years, as the industrial exhibition will be directly concerned. We must have Congressional aid and the co-operation of other states, while the other side of the enterprise will be to attract the Oriental nations with which the Pacific Coast is seeking to establish extended trade relations.

Those who think we can commence now and launch an expedition in 1902 seem to me to have a more realistic idea of the magnitude of the undertaking.

When we cannot get a dollar from Congress to relieve the congested condition of the Pacific, a government institution is idle to the purpose. We can now get an appropriation for an exposition, and yet upon this will absolutely depend the whole question of success or failure.

The legislatures of all the Northwestern states meet this winter and again until 1903. None of them, not even that of Oregon, will be prepared now to make any appropriation to aid the exposition.

Let us try to secure from the Legislature of each state during this winter a resolution approving of the exposition and authorizing their respective Governors to appoint a commission to represent the state; let the other states (including California), be invited to participate in the exposition on equal terms in every respect with Oregon; let the commission report with Oregon; let the commission arrive at a concerted plan of action, and then present the matter to the people of their respective states and seek to arouse a favorable public sentiment.

One of the prime objects of the scheme from a total standpoint will be to establish in the minds of the Oriental delegates the importance of Portland as a seaport. We certainly will not be left with a dilapidated jetty and the river channel in their present state.

# NEW ALASKA ELDERADO

### DISCOVERED ON CHESTOCHINA RIVER, SOUTH OF YUKON.

### Digging Are in Country of Living Glaciers, and Are Eight to Twelve Miles Above the Tree-Line.

There is every indication that the third Eldorado to succeed the Klondike excitement has been discovered. The history of Alaska and the far Northwest is contained in three words—Dawson, Alton, Nome. A handful of men have passed this camp and shown them their gold believe a fourth "pay" has been found: Chestochina. It is the name of a river in central Alaska, south of the Yukon and tributary to Copper River, which rises in the great Alaskan range and the volcanic peaks of the Wrangell group, and flows south into the Gulf of Alaska about 200 miles west of Mount St. Elias.

"You can't predict an Eldorado," they say in the North, "until some one has gone wrong in the top of his head, picking out nuggets." There has been no such luck yet on Chishna River, but with less work than was expended on Klondike River, and labor done in less time, though under greater difficulties, the new Chestochina country has proved itself better.

In other words, it has produced more gold than was produced in like time on the Klondike creeks. Since the strike, less than three months ago, 35 men, un-equipped for practical mining, in an un-known and unmaped region, where up to a year ago only the fewest "colors" could be found, have given undeniable evidence of greater general wealth than exists in any other mining district in the North.

The clean-up showed \$20,000 in gold. The public had accurate reports of the finds. This is distressingly small to those who have read "3500 to the pan," after mining had been going on around the Klondike for over a year. It is small compared to what people in the States will read of this same new country after the reporters have met the new arguments on the dock at Seattle. In no excitement has the public had accurate reports of the finds.

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# DEMOCRACY AND WEALTH

### SOME ERRORS OF BRYAN POINTED OUT BY A BRYAN ORGAN.

### The Real Party Recognizes No Hostility to Plutocracy—An Unwarranted Apprehension Created.

Replying to a correspondent who had addressed him the subject of his recent defeat, Mr. Bryan took occasion to say that "the fight of democracy against plutocracy would go right on in spite of the disastrous result of the election," says the Chicago Chronicle.

So far as the populist and socialist wing of the political alliance which has been under the leadership of Mr. Bryan and has lately styled itself Democracy is concerned, it is possible that there is a fight against plutocracy, but the genuine Democracy recognizes no such hostility.

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There is a great difference between hostility to a wicked system which may create wealth and hostility to wealth itself. Gambling is a source of wealth to some men. We may pursue the occupation of the gambler with all the rigor of the law, and when we have done so, and we may in many other ways show our dislike for wealth and position gained in such a manner, but we do not menace property by so doing.

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# A VOICE FROM ROSEBURG.

### Eject Fulton, Drop Nicaragua Canal and Restore Clayton-Bulwer Treaty.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 28.—(To the Editor.)—As many are having their say as to the proper person that should be elected to the United States Senate in place of Mr. McBurney, I thought I would write through the medium of your valuable paper to say a few words on the subject.

It has been well said that we want a man of good standing, with influence to bring results; we want a man that is something more than money collector, or a worker in committees; we want a statesman, an orator, one who can plead for the nation's best interests.

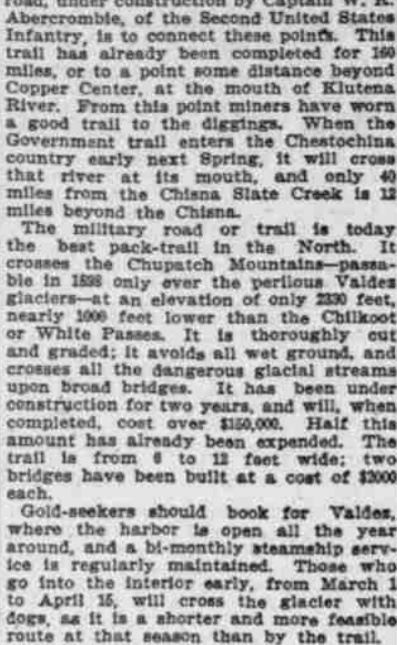
These things are all of the greatest importance to the state and the Nation; and the people of Oregon who are so proud of their state and the Nation, should bend every energy to the full fruition of the same.

In view of these facts and things that may happen, I think the best interests of Oregon and the Nation will be served if the Legislature should elect Senator Fulton to the United States Senate.

In regard to present incumbents of our seats in the Senate little has been done, and if the man most spoken of should be elected, less will be done, for his intelligence and the money he has collected in Portland, and his prejudices are so strong against the State of Oregon, that he would not ask for aid for its improvement or expend it properly if he had it.

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# MAP OF CHESTOCHINA DISTRICT—COMPILED FROM DRAWINGS BY RECORDER DEMPSEY AND HANS OLSEN.



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# AN IDEA, AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

### Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The Oregon Historical Society proposes a commemorative exposition at Portland in 1905 of the centennial anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Pacific Coast. Invitations will be extended to the Governors of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, to share in the interesting historical festival.

The reflection is fascinating that every notable and great achievement in the history of the world has been the result of a bold idea. It is in the mind of one person. The fact is interesting that the thought which led up to the Lewis and Clark expedition, and to which are attached the history and the romance of the Pacific Northwest, came into the fertile mind of Jefferson when that eminent statesman was serving as United States Minister to France.

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