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THE FOURTH CENTENNIAL OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

The minister of state of Spain, Moret, has informed the American minister to the court of Madrid that Spain takes a great interest in getting up a celebration to commemorate the fourth centennial of the discovery of America by Columbus four years hence, or in 1892. To this end Spain will take the initiative and will invite "all nations who people the territories discovered by Columbus to take part." On the other hand, Spain, according to the same authority, is ready "to take part in any celebration or solemnity which may be undertaken on the American continent, commensurate with the great event." If this programme is carried out there will be a celebration in Spain as well as America. The former probably thinks that the leading part should be assigned to it.

The indications are, therefore, that there will be two celebrations—perhaps even three. If the Spanish-American states accept the invitation of Spain, there will be a latin celebration in Madrid. But if the feelings of their revolutions be still strong upon them they may get up one of their own. The people of the United States may conclude to celebrate likewise, and invite all the others to participate. An American celebration—that is to say, a celebration of all the American states of the two continents—would seem to be the best way to commemorate the event. By reason of the great preponderance and power of the United States, the leadership ought naturally to fall to it. An assemblage of all American states would have a tendency to promote the fraternal feelings which should prevail among them.

A congress of American states was the conception originally of James G. Blaine. Had it not been for the untimely taking off of president Garfield it is probable that it would long since have taken place, and that the result would have been closer commercial relations, and a general agreement on the subject of silver in connection with the money standards. President Arthur, too timid to venture on any external policy presenting any novel feature or new question, threw cold water on the scheme. Frelinghuysen, who occupied the position of secretary of state under him, had, perhaps about as much as he could do to handle the routine of foreign relations and discharge acceptably his social obligations to the exacting society of Washington, without encouraging any new departure in any direction. His successor, secretary Bayard, appears to be pretty much in the same condition, with the exception that he has a great deal of harder and more difficult work to perform.

It would seem that an exclusively American celebration of the discovery of America in the United States, provided an acceptable place for it could be hit upon, would be fitting and proper. A convention of all the American states, to consider mutual interests, such as tariff and finance, immediately thereafter, would follow in the most natural way. Spain's interest in the discovery of America is at this time merely historical. No part of her vast possessions in the New World remain to her but a portion of the West Indies. That nation lost its hold on this continent by misrule, tyranny and oppression. There does not appear to be any common standing-ground for her and the Spanish-American communities. The sentiments of justifiable revolution on the one side and unnatural rebellion on the other could not be wholly excluded from such concourse.

But the most difficult thing, if a centralized celebration should be attempted in the United States, would be to select the place. Chicago, loud-voiced, would be to the fore, clamoring for all that was in sight. Where Chicago puts in an appearance St. Louis would be quite sure to be not far behind. If the locality to be selected should bear some sort of relation to the event to be commemorated, Charleston, or, perhaps, Savannah, would be the locality. There would be no special historical aptness in designating Philadelphia or New York. These great cities are associated rather with the contests between Great Britain and France, the war of the revolution and the formation of the constitution of the United States, than with the earlier events in the history of the new world. On this coast, belonging as it does to a part of the continent of which no one had any conception until the straits of Magellan were passed, we waive any claims that we may be supposed

to possess to be selected as the scene of the celebration.

The discovery, or rather the rediscovery of America by Columbus, was one of the great events in the history of mankind. It furnished a new world for experiments in government which could nowhere else have found so fair a field. At the time Columbus set out there were traditions among seafaring men of a western continent of a more fixed character than the dreams of the poets in relation to the gardens of the Hesperides. That Columbus became a devout believer in the notion his subsequent conduct proved. But he was not, in fact, the discoverer of America. Icelandic Sagas furnish proof that Eric the Red in the tenth century reached the coast of Labrador and worked as far south as New Jersey, to which even in these early days the name of Vineland was attached. There is tolerably good proof that the Welsh were in South Carolina in the twelfth century, forced there by stress of weather, in their frail boats. There is some testimony also of still earlier discoveries but so far not considered entirely conclusive. It is to the effect that the Irish were in the south as early as the sixth century. There is also said to be a proof in the archives of Peking, of the journey of a Chinaman down through California to the City of the Montezumas in the fourth century. That there was communication between Mexico and the Mediterranean at a still more remote epoch, is supposed to be established by the discovery of the story of the Noahic deluge among Aztec traditions. Columbus refound the continent so often visited and again lost, at least to the Old world.

The editor of the Oregonian trusts that no one will ever think of him for the United States senate, or for any other office. Certainly he never will think of anything of the kind for himself. He is sufficiently satisfied with his present occupation, and would on no account step down from it into the senate of the United States.

This is not sarcasm; it is the simple truth, tersely stated. No newspaper man, if he be a thorough newspaper man, firmly established in his profession, can afford to "run" for office, or stoop to the arts and allurements necessary to such questionable success as election to office implies.

A Railroad to Astoria a Benefit to Portland.

Much has been said against the construction of a railroad to Astoria for the reason it is claimed that it would be of incalculable benefit to Astoria. The fallacy of this theory becomes apparent when we consider that it has been proven that a long haul railroad line cannot compete for freights with a long haul steamboat line. As an instance of this, we refer to the recent complaint made by the managers of the Oregon & California railroad line that it would prove a loss for them to attempt to carry freight from Portland to San Francisco at the rates charged by the Pacific Steamship company. This alone would virtually disprove the theory of the Astoria railroad injuring the commerce of Portland in any way whatever. Through freight to San Francisco would continue to be shipped direct from Portland at a lower rate than it could be possibly sent by rail to Astoria and then transferred to a vessel to be shipped to San Francisco. The completion of a railroad to Astoria would add much to her importance as a business center, and at the same time would be of material advantage to Portland.—E. P. Vindicator, 10.

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The canneries opened in 1868, and incorporated in 1881, W. T. Coleman taking charge of the shipping business. The firm had from 600 to 800 employees, mostly women. All kinds of fruit and vegetables were canned. It is estimated by outside parties that the liabilities will reach \$200,000. Coleman & Co. have endorsed much of the canning company's paper floated in the East. The entire crop of Coleman & Co. have been contracted for, and if the canneries are closed serious results may entail. It is thought, however, that the assignee will carry on the business until matters can be straightened out. This is said to be the largest cannery in the world.

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