

Future Seat of Government

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and report them, with all their boundaries and conditions, to the president of the United States, one of these sites to be selected by a vote of the whole people for the seat of government. Of course speculation would run high after the selection should be made, but it seems as if some such plan as is above outlined, would be successful in keeping the question of location out of the hands of manipulators.

Will it be accomplished, and how soon? There is a chance for some talented western congressman to immortalize his name by originating the scheme and carrying it through to realization. But, at the shortest, it is a work of years. A decade may pass before it shall be well begun. The hand that pens these lines will doubtless be stilled, but some of those who read them may witness its consummation. Strange things have happened in this little strip of territory since it was wrested from the Red Man. It has seen two embryo cities of grand proportions, like meteors, flash up and fade away within its limits. It is quite among the possibilities of the future that it may yet witness the building up of a greater city still—a permanent and enduring city—the seat of power and the pride of the whole country, the NEW CITY OF COLUMBIA!

We hear there is now depending in the General Court a bill for preventing any person from practicing physic or surgery, until he has undergone a proper examination.—*The Boston Chronicle*, January 11, 1763.—(In the newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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