Future Seat of Government
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, un-
til he has undergone a proper examination.—*The Boston Chron-
icle*, January 11, 1763.—(In the newspaper collection of the His-
torical Department of Iowa.)