

# World's Fair In a Forest

Ideal Location and Meritorious Features of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition to Be Held at Seattle—The Show That Will Be on Time and Open the Door to a New World.

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OF expositions there is no end. Since our initial one at Philadelphia in 1876 we have held them at Chicago, St. Louis, Atlanta, Omaha, Nashville, Buffalo, Portland and Jamestown. We Americans have the exposition habit. It is a good habit to have, since it indicates that we are alive. These world's fairs may be described as the flowers on the plant of progress. After a period of growth we blossom out, so to speak, and invite mankind to come and see us in our glory. Moreover, these festivals of industry bring us together and get us acquainted. They unify our life, impart to us a common spirit and stimulate us to a healthy emulation. The pessimist who grumbles that the era of expositions is over is a calamity wailer and not a prophet. He needs an injection of the serum of construction. He has failed to catch the American spirit. The exposition has a legitimate place in our life and has come to stay. We are becoming more and more a nation of travelers determined to see the world. These fairs congregate the world for us in one point and show it to us in miniature. Instead of requiring us to visit distant lands, they bring the distant lands to us. The mountain comes to Mohammed. Expositions furnish a cosmopolitan viewpoint, a universal education. They are panoramas of ad-

owns Alaska. It was she that awakened Japan and maintained the integrity of China. She controls Hawaii and the Philippines. She has furnished the model and the democratic spirit for the governments in Australasia.

### The New Pacific Empire.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle is meant to symbolize all this. It is more than a mere fair; it is the visible sign of a great idea, an open door to a new world. It says to mankind: "Here are the future highways of commerce, the coming theater of history. Here the east and the west join hands to form the world's greatest civilization. The circle of progress is complete. It has passed from east to west about the earth to reach its highest statement where the ends meet." It is perhaps a happy omen that this new and greater civilization is to be called the Pacific. It may well be pacific in a double sense, and the thousand years of peace may reign upon these shores.

The forthcoming exposition has inspired the "Chinook poet" to sing. He has one verse to each of the words in the hyphenated title, one to Alaska, one to the Yukon, one to the Pacific and one to the exposition. They are perfectly good verses, that to the Pacific being worthy of quoting. The "Chinook poet" is not the first to sing of the seas. Byron in a magnifi-

some of our Swedish Americans in the northwest were trying to make merry at the Jap name. Whatever its official title may be, however, the affair will be known as the Seattle exposition. Seattle has made it and is entitled to the honor. One of the meritorious new features of the enterprise is that it has not asked the United States government for a cent, while the other expositions have yelled for loans from Uncle Sam or appropriations outright. Seattle is financing this affair herself. In one day she raised \$650,000, or \$150,000 more than the management had called for. That is the Seattle style. During the past ten years it has grown faster than any city of its size on earth. With such a town behind it the exposition cannot be other than a success.

Another grateful departure in the A.-Y.-P. is that it is going to open actually on the opening day. Some other expositions have opened when they were half done and did not get ready to appear properly in polite society till a month or two later. Seattle has advertised this as "the show that will be on time." That settles the matter, for Seattle makes good. When President Taft presses the button on June 1 he will start the machinery in a completed plant. That is assured, for it is practically completed now. This house will be built before the date for the occupants to move in. It will start right and depend on that fact to help it finish right.

Still another improvement over past expositions is the fact that many buildings are to be permanent. They will be turned over to the State university, on whose campus the fair is held. This saves a useless waste and shows good business judgment. One of these permanent buildings is that of forestry, which is to be made wholly of logs from the gigantic trees of the northwest. Most of the other buildings are in the French renaissance style. That of New York state is a facsimile of the home of William H. Seward at Auburn. There is also to be a fine statue of Seward, the man who purchased Alaska at a time when the wise blockheads of the day grinned and called it "Seward's iceberg." People who look far ahead are always derided by those superior worldlings who cannot see an inch in front of their noses.

### A Temperance Festival.

A fourth upward step made by the Seattle fair is that it is to be "dry." The state law provides that liquor shall not be sold near the university, and the law will remain in force, though it is not because of the statute alone that intoxicants will be prohibited in and about the exposition grounds. The new departure will be a recognition of the great and growing temperance sentiment throughout the country. Thus the enterprise is to be made a prophecy of the future in more ways than one. The experiment will be watched with interest, and friends of temperance will doubtless see that the fair does not suffer because it has dethroned King Alcohol and banished him from its domain.

Every exposition has had its midway, where the barker barks and Coney Island shows are in evidence. In St. Louis this was "the Pike." In Seattle it is to have a name still more original, "the Pay Streak." Any one who has ever traveled the midway and has seen the dimes and quarters melting through his fingers will recognize the appropriateness of the title.

There are to be many other novelties. For one thing, a Siberian village will show to civilization a really primitive people. The human race is supposed to have had its earliest home in Asia, and it can readily be imagined that these Siberians have not changed their modes of living since the distant days of the first man. They live in tents, kill their game with rude weapons, allowing none of the blood to escape, pray to the devil and propitiate him with blood offerings and slay their own hopelessly sick, aged and cripples. The village that has been brought to Seattle had one child born since its advent. This young Siberian and others will be features of the village.

Another unique feature is a fox farm, the exhibitor being a man who has actually started such a farm, on which foxes are bred for their furs.

### "Seward's Iceberg"

Perhaps the greatest spectacular feature of the exposition is a gigantic cyclorama of Alaska. The enterprise was originally started to exhibit to the world the possibilities of Uncle Sam's arctic possession of the Yukon valley both on American and Canadian territory. The popular idea of Alaska is a land of "cold and gold." As a matter of fact, it is a country with great possibilities in agriculture. It is no farther north than Finland, and the climate is even milder than in the extreme north of Europe. It is now realized that some day "Seward's iceberg" may be the home of prosperous millions, and it is for the purpose of hastening that time that the A.-Y.-P. was originally planned. Then the Pacific idea was added, and all countries bordering the great ocean were invited to participate. It will be a strange blending of the polar and the tropic, of the Eskimo and the Tagalog. In it the

American people will be given an opportunity to become acquainted with "the little brown brother." There will be a Philippine exhibit such as never has been beheld at any other fair. This is likewise true of Hawaii, a section of one of whose famous parks is to be reproduced. Japan here will give by far the fullest display of her industries and life ever beheld at an exposition, including not only the wonderful Nippon of today, but that even more romantic Nippon of the old days of the samurai. Essentially all the Pacific countries will be represented, as well as most of the American states and some of the European nations.

In a scenic way the location of the fair is ideal. It is located between two lakes, giving it more than a mile and a half of water front. It is literally a fair in the forest, the buildings arising in a picturesque manner among the giant trees of the northwest. After a visit Charles Dana Gibson, the artist, enthusiastically declared it "the most beautiful exposition ever planned."

### The Mountain Climbers' Convention.

In the near distance arise the three great peaks Mount Rainier, Mount Baker and Mount Constance. One or the other of them is in constant view from all parts of the grounds, thus furnishing a combination of water, greensward, forest and height to charm the lover of nature. When to this are added the noblest effort of the architect and the pleasing effects of the landscape gardener one can begin to understand how it must have struck the creator of "the Gibson girl."

No exposition is now complete without balloon races, and Seattle will have her speed test in the skies. A yet greater novelty is a convention of the world's most famous mountain climbers, who have been invited to come from all lands and scale Seattle's three great mountains, one of which, Mount Rainier, is among the tallest on the continent.

### Eminent Authorities Say

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### BULL TO TROT IN RACES.

Trainers Say He Can Do a Mile in 2:30 and Issue Challenge.

Trotting between fast horses and a full grown four-year-old Durham bull is down on the cards for western Pennsylvania tracks this year, says a dispatch from Waynesburg, Pa.

Dr. Joseph D. Chaney and John H. Ross have for the last three years been training the bull, and they have issued a challenge to trot the bull against any 2:30 horse in the Waynesburg end of the state for a large stake. They assert that the bull has frequently trotted a half mile to sulky in 1:22 and that he can do the mile in less than 2:30.

The bull was first noticed trotting by Dr. Chaney in Maryland when it was one year old, and the doctor bought it.

### Mail Boxes on Trolleys.

The trolley car has been put to many uses in addition to that of carrying passengers, but it has remained for Grand Rapids, Mich., to find a new use for these vehicles, and this is the collection of mail. Mail boxes are affixed to the cars, and whenever a person wishes to have a letter reach the main postoffice in a hurry all that is necessary for him to do is to wait on a street corner until a trolley car happens to stop at that place. The letter deposited in the box is sent direct to the trolley terminal, where carriers are in waiting to convey the mail thus collected direct to the main postoffice.

### Shiloh Church to Be Rebuilt.

An effort is being made to build a suitable memorial church on the site of the original Shiloh church, on Shiloh battlefield, now one of the most attractive of military parks, says a dispatch from Adamsville, Tenn. It was on this very spot the bloody battle of Shiloh was begun on the morning of April 6, 1862. It is the purpose to build a memorial church to cost not less than \$10,000. The names of all contributors will be recorded in a permanent register and kept on exhibition in the church, which will be open to all visitors and tourists.

### The National Opening.

The Black Hole of Calcutta. May have been a thing immense. But it isn't half as popular as the knothole in the fence. —F. P. Pitzer in New York Sun.

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### TRIBUTE TO SWINBURNE.

England's Most Spontaneous Singer. Says Novelist of Dead Poet.

George Meredith, the novelist, paid a characteristic tribute to the late Algonon Charles Swinburne, the English poet and essayist, whose funeral took place recently on the Isle of Wight.

"Then," says Meredith, "the earth took to her bosom the most spontaneous singer of all her English children. As far as our language would submit to him he was an improvisatore. Had Italy been native to him he would have borne the renown of a poet fired on the instant to deliver himself orally."

Mr. Meredith tells the following story as illustrating how poets whom "the equable Horace described as 'genus irritabile' are the most generous of men in dealing with their fellows whom they see to be true poets."

"It happened," he says, "that Swinburne was expected one day on a visit to me, and, he being rather late, I went along the road to meet him. At last he appeared, waving the white sheets of what seemed to be a pamphlet. He greeted me with a triumphant shout and a stanza new to my ears. It was Fitzgerald's 'Omar Khayyam,' and we lay on a heathery knoll beside my cottage reading a stanza alternately, indifferent to the dining bell until a prolonged summons reminded us of our appetite.

"After the meal we took to the paper covered treasure again. Suddenly Swinburne ran upstairs, and I and my anticipations. He returned with a feather pen, a blue folio sheet and a dwarf bottle of red ink. In an hour he had finished thirteen stanzas of his 'L'aus Veneris,' and rarely can one poet have paid so high a compliment to another as Fitzgerald received then.

"Those who followed this great poet to his grave," concludes Mr. Meredith, "may take it to heart that the name of Swinburne is one to shine starlike in English literature, a peer among our noblest."

### STRAIGHT RISING AEROPLANE.

No Incline or Track Needed For Texan's Machine.

A flying machine that will rise straight up in the air like a lark and alight in the same manner is what James W. Oman professes to have perfected after four years' experiment on this one feature, says a Galveston (Tex.) dispatch. He recently gave the third of a series of tests with three different sized models, and each of them rose with apparently little effort to a height of from 50 to 150 feet. A party of army officers and other government agents witnessed the test the other day in San Antonio. The aeroplane is to be exhibited at Fort Sam Houston within two months.

Oman has been identified with aerial navigation for twenty years and gained a reputation as a balloonist fifteen years ago. The aeroplane is similar to the Wright and other machines, with the exception of the parts which send the machine into the air without the use of an incline or track or automobile power.

### RAILROAD SIGNAL SCHOOLS.

Pennsylvania to Train Men on Lines East of Pittsburgh.

The Pennsylvania railroad has established signal schools on the several divisions of the line east of Pittsburgh to train men for the signal service of the system. The need for this is due to the rapid growth of the use of block signaling. There are now in service on the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh 12,408 signals, covering 2,385 miles of road.

The Pennsylvania has appointed six signal apprentices, to be trained as engineers capable of directing and planning signal installations. Apprentices will serve a three years' course. The first year will be spent on the mechanical end of the work with the repair and construction gangs, the second year in the office of the supervisor of signals and the third year on outside work on electric and electro-pneumatic appliances. They will report to the supervisors of signals while taking this course.

### TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM.

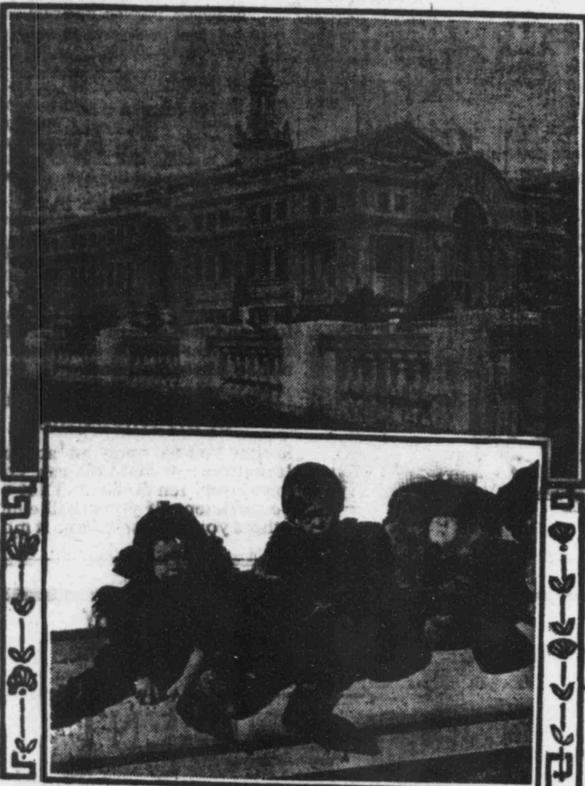
Masonic Structure to Be Modeled After One Erected by Solomon.

With the idea of ultimately establishing in Jerusalem, the birthplace of Freemasonry, a Masonic temple, a petition is being circulated in Boston for the incorporation by the legislature of a company to further the project.

As yet details for the purchase of the temple have not been completed, the present plan being to have the proposed corporation attend to such matters.

The promoters of the plan urge that it is most fitting that Masonry should be represented in Jerusalem by a temple modeled after that erected by King Solomon, the first grand master of the craft.

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FOREIGN EXHIBITS BUILDING AND BABIES OF THE SIBERIAN VILLAGE.

vancement, the progress of the world done into tabloid.

It is fitting that the latest of industrial festivals is to be held on the shores of the Pacific and that it is to be not a memorial of the past, but a prophecy of the future; not hung upon yesterday, but on tomorrow. For it is around the Pacific that the world's greatest civilization is to form. That has been apparent for fifty years. During the last half century an awakening of new life has touched all the lands bordering the great ocean. Around the gigantic horseshoe from South America to Australasia it has progressed, as though some world spirit had planned it from behind the scenes. It freed the Latin American republics, threw a restless population into California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, found a golden key for Alaska, stirred even ice locked Siberia and dead alive Korea, transformed Japan, broke the slumber of ages in China, carried American enterprise into the Philippines and applied the most advanced theories of government to Australia and New Zealand. The same magical breath of life blew upon the island gardens of Hawaii. Now comes the climax of all this advancement in the construction of the Panama canal.

To this new Pacific civilization the United States is the key. Through the Monroe doctrine and the canal she dominates South and Central America. Her spirit is more in western Canada than that of Britain. She

cent apostrophe commanded the ocean to "roll on," and it has been rolling on ever since. The late Algonon Charles Swinburne wrote of "The North Sea" in numbers sufficiently gruesome to send shivers down the spine of an iceberg. In it he had death and the sea "holding converse of desolate speech." That would not apply to the Pacific, however, for here life and the sea hold converse of jubilant speech.

I did not mean to compare the "Chinook poet" with Byron and Swinburne. I merely meant to show that he had precedents for lifting his voice in song to the ocean. But perhaps he is one of the poets who need no precedents, one of those who sing because they have to or because nobody stops them. Here is what the "Chinook poet" does to the Pacific:

Earth's grandest ocean, rolling unseen of men  
For centuries—a nameless mystery!  
Balboa from the heights of Darien  
Saw far away a wrinkled, sailless sea.  
Ocean of peace, the world's highway to be.  
What tongues the glory of thy reign shall sing!  
What prophet shall foretell thy destiny!  
What honors may not future ages bring!  
To thee, O everlasting oceanic king!

"The Show That Is on Time."  
The popular name for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is the "A.-Y.-P." In view of this fact, it is fortunate they did not get the Yukon first. For one thing, our friends the Japanese, who are to have a prominent part in the show, might have thought that