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Mr. Click Relander, City Editor,  
Yakima Republic,  
Yakima, Washington.

Dear friend Click:-

We had a meeting of the state Lewis and Clark Committee yesterday in Olympia, and out of it came an idea which seems to me would offer a lot of pay dirt.

As a member of the Committee and in attendance was Watson Totus, Route 1, Toppenish. You may know him or know of him. He knows of you although I am not sure that he has met you. We have developed quite a program for Lewis and Clark observance that is not going to run into any money; and it just seemed that through most of the items that were discussed (and there were some twelve or thirteen items discussed) the cooperation given Lewis and Clark by the Indians popped up. This is something that I think we have all overlooked, and yet it is something that can be developed in a very outstanding way. I asked Mr. Totus if he would cooperate with you in helping get this story, and he said he would. His own grandfather was along the river at the time Lewis and Clark were there, and he said somebody else on the reservation had a father or grandfather there.

So I think it is possible to develop a swell story on this cooperation from the Indian angle, and I am hoping that Mr. Robertson would permit the use of your article in other magazine sections. I think this story does offer some very fine possibilities, and I hope you can drop a line to Mr. Totus and make an appointment with him.

Yours fraternally,

CHAPIN D. FOSTER, Director.

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