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## PROGRESSIVE ACTION.

The contract which has this week been entered into between the Board of County Commissioners and the Town of West Asheville assures the paving of the main street of West Asheville from the concrete bridge to Sulphur Springs. The contract provides for a 40-foot street for a part of the way; for a 60-foot stretch and for a 24-foot street from the end of the car line to Sulphur Springs. It also provides for re-surfacing the Broadway Road from the end of the car line to Hominy Creek. The work is to be done under the joint supervision of the County and West Asheville. The County is to contribute \$30,000 towards the work, while West Asheville is to pay the balance, estimated to be \$60,000.

The signing of this contract is the most progressive act of the year. It is impossible to place a proper value on this most important step. It means a splendid highway from Asheville to Sulphur Springs and the Asheville School. It means that the worst piece of road between Asheville and the top of Pisahh is to be converted into a paved street and that the entire Hominy and Avery Creek sections, as well as all the western counties, will have the benefit of a splendid road. It means better houses, better sidewalks, better streets, better schools, better churches and better citizens for all that section, for all these things follow closely good streets and good roads. We congratulate the County Commissioners and the Town of West Asheville upon their good judgment and business foresight in joining hands in this great undertaking. They deserve the praise and commendation of every citizen.

## THE SONG OF LIFE.

In a recent review of the works of Rabindranath Tagore. in the New York Times weekly book review, we find the following:

During the last year we have had occasion to point out the reviving interest, noticeable in the increased volume of this particularly class of current publications, that has been shown in poetry. So significant has this interest been that we are almost justified in saying that an epoch of war has for its by-product an epoch of poetry. It is a curious commentary, however, on this showing among our contemporary books that the outstanding figure in poetry has not the slightest relation—apparently—to the Great War. It is only four years ago that the first series of translations of Rabindranath Tagore's poems were published in this country by the Macmillans under the title "Gitanjali." Since then the author has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, and six additional volumes of his work have appeared in English translation, containing two more volumes of poems, a collection of prose essays, and three dramatic pieces.

The philosophy of the poet Tagore is sublimely optimistic. He emphasizes what is often hard for mere mortals to believe—when the long lane of life seems without a turning—the joyous underlying purpose of existence; that life, in spite of its shadows, leads into the sunlight. Tagore says: "Because I love this life so well, I know I shall love death as well."

"The child cries out when from the right breast the mother takes it away, in the very next moment to find in the life one its consolation."

The poet Yeats declares that, "this is the epoch of Tagore." We believe that this faith in life's essential joyousness is the strong appeal of the great Indian. As another eastern mystic writes, "Listen to the song of life. Look for it, and listen for it, first in your own heart. At first you may say it is not there, when I search I find only discord. Look deeper. If again you are disappointed, pause, and look deeper again. There is a natural melody, an obscure fount, in every human heart. It may be hidden over and utterly concealed and silenced—but it is there. At the base of your nature, you will find faith, hope and love."

As the sabbath approaches, let us listen for the song of life; and when we hear it, let us train our steps in unison with the Divine melody.

If the end is approaching as some

being prepared in case the worst should come. But he will continue to go in the way which he believes will be for the best interests of the country which he serves.

The American people, regardless of faction of political affiliation, should stand by the president as he guides the ship through the present great international crisis, and we believe the great majority are narcotic enough to do so when it comes to a showdown.

(Carolina Mountaineer.)

The president favors preparedness. He spoke in a number of cities some weeks ago and found the people were for it. A test vote in the senate Friday showed that body with him by a vote 68 to 14. What can the lower house of congress do now but follow after this? If they have had their ears to the ground to learn public sentiment or if they have been reading the papers they are now prepared to act on preparedness in spite of the leaders who oppose it. If they persist there will be some new faces in congress next year.

Since this writing, congress has acted, the vote being 176 for and 142 against.

(Old Fort Sentinel)

The Sentinel is mighty fond of

# With The Women

BY RUTH PINCH.

O, yes he can go to the polls; He can smoke cigarettes on the square; For the same work he draws double pay; No wonder we say it's not fair.

But, sisters, just think of his "wronks" And our "rights," when the last word is said; He can't expect a coming-out gown— And he can't put the baby to bed!

Push is a modest mouse-colored booklet, published monthly by Hackney and Moore company, the ninth number of the first volume is now current. It announces itself in this way:

Push is not issued just to gratify a whim, and we don't want to make of it a hobby. We do not print our gems of thought just to be applauded by our admiring friends. On the contrary, it came into being with a real mission—we have hoped that it will fall on fertile ground and that every one who reads, will learn a little bit more about the economy of mixing "paper and ink plus brains."

We understand that Push which is admirably written and made up, is the work of one of Asheville's interesting and very clever women, Polly Estey, Miss Morrow the treasurer of the Hackney and Moore company and who has the general supervision of the Lexington avenue establishment.

There seem to be more puzzle contests in the periodicals just now than ever. And contests that offer such substantial prizes, that it is worth while to try for some of the possible duets. The contests are varied, name all the picture plays and players portrayed in several numbers of the Pictorial Review or describe your ideal kitchen, with novel conveniences and labor saving devices. These ought to meet all tastes and idiosyncracies, and Asheville women are hard at work to divert some of the prize money into their shopping bags.

Ruth thinks the styles in dress were never more extreme than those now shown in the fashion magazines. It is said that Paris is no longer responsible for the latest thing; Parisians are too seriously occupied. Would that the two dictators, whoever they may be, would think a little more about beauty and less about conspicuousness. Does a gentle woman ever wish to be conspicuous? A young girl, who is fond of pretty things said recently, "I would love to wear Greek dress in the house, always." How delightful in the Theosophical schools of the far west, the Greek costume, a soft white gown, confined with a narrow sash, and sandals upon the feet is the indoor attire. And the girl

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