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Come to Our Ball Game

The one great event in America today is the opening game of the world's baseball championship series at Philadelphia.

As recently remarked in these columns, the spectacular race of Boston from the bottom to the head of the National league has called forth the deepest admiration of men who love to see victory perch where the battle has been conducted against great odds.

All of which reminds us that The Citizen today will give its annual baseball exhibition in its front window.

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Whom comes this purpose? It is known and felt of all men that no one great factor in our legislative life has militated more against the progress of the state than has the antiquated constitution which literally begs for revision.

These not wishing to know, can fail to see the tangible and permanent results. And these results were obtained, after all, at a minimum of outlay.

WIRELESS.

A spirit poised on the winds am I held at rest by a power divine.

Wild birds, passing on wireless wing. Cry aloud as they speed along.

White sails out from the harbor swing. And gaily raises the sailor's song.

The earth's dark and pageant moves beneath. The lights of the firmament wax and wane.

The day is plunged in its shadowy sheath. And dawn its glistening length again;

But never the sky, never the sea. Starry with lights, or abrim with stars.

Never the morning speaks to me, Never the sunset's crimson bars;

I hear the whispering winds that come. With not a thrill to my waiting heart;

Unheeded rises the city's hum— The city and I are things apart.

Till soft, on the silently beating air, A worldless whisper, a secret sign, Straight to my spirit a message hear,

Caught from a spirit attuned to mine. When lo! with a mighty, soundless cry, My soul leaps after its answer sent;

The wise old world goes blundering by. But spirits akin have touched and blent.

—Anna Mary Hyde—From the Youth's Home Companion.

Voice of the People THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Editor Citizen. I am sure that no one having the interest and welfare of Asheville, and Western North Carolina, at heart, can witness the campaign being conducted by the board of trade without becoming absorbed in it, and to those who realize present conditions, and future possibilities, and who feel that pride in our city that it certainly ought to engender in every citizen, the outcome is eagerly anticipated with the liveliest desire for its ultimate success.

I was an interested observer at the recent meeting of the board of trade, when the future of Asheville was so thoroughly discussed, and plans made to collect the necessary funds to carry on the work of development and publicity, and found myself heartily in accord with every statement of fact, and suggestion offered, many of which were admirable, and ought to be carried out. But the immediate need of the board of trade is funds, without which nothing can be done, and in this connection I would wish to offer the following few remarks.

No one likes to live in a dead town. I do not, and I certainly have sadly erred in my judgment of the citizens of Asheville if they do. When I compare the city of Asheville during the winter of 1911-12, with its appearance today, I candidly confess that, rather than face a winter in the long-some place it then represented, I would withdraw until the coming of the summer tourists save some appearance of life and energy. But if we wish to avoid the lonesomeness that characterized Asheville during the winter indicated there is nothing to be done but to take advantage of the present opportunity and secure for our town the patronage of the thousands of tourists who would have arranged to go abroad, but for the awful conditions in Europe, with the certainty, guaranteed by past experience, that many of them will come to visit, and, being, elect to stay. However, whether their coming results in permanent location or not, we earnestly desire their presence during the coming winter, and have only to go after them to get them. That has been our experience also in the past.

But they will not come unless reminded of our existence, and the only method of reminding them of what we have to offer is by the public press, and such other advantageous publicity as may suggest itself to a live organization.

There are, I believe, three active organizations working for Asheville and Western North Carolina—the Asheville Board of Trade, the Greater Western North Carolina Association, and the Southern Railway. I do not know what plans the railway has in mind for advertising our city and section, but the policy of retrenchment is upon them—forced by unusual conditions. The Greater Western North Carolina Association's activity depends to a certain extent upon the board of trade. It would therefore appear that it is up to the people of Asheville, who are directly interested, to take the initiative in this matter, and furnish the necessary funds to get business, and thereby stimulate the other sympathetic organizations to greater effort, and we all know what these organizations working during the past three years have done for Asheville and Western North Carolina—only the most obtuse, or

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THE SCISSORS ROUTE

Harvey Back in Fold. (Chattanooga News.)

The democratic party, generally, will welcome the news that Col. Harvey and President Wilson are once again on the friendliest terms.

The party owes Harvey something for having fought for Wilson before most of us ever thought of him in the light of the presidency.

Col. Harvey's fight for Wilson, in the old days, did much good. His fight against Wilson in later times did no harm, so there should be no ill feeling anywhere.

The colonel has learned that the president is glad to receive suggestions, but that he thinks and acts for himself.

Col. Harvey's chief criticism of Wilson's acts has been on the foreign policy and on the diplomatic appointments—two features of the administration which even the most radical republican papers are now admitting reflect glory on President Wilson.

Because the president doesn't do what the two colonels' Watterston and Harvey, want him to do is no sign that he does not value the friendship of those two staunch democrats.

Turn on More Sunshine. (Winston-Salem Sentinel.)

Business is improving. Men are being hired. Reports from various sections indicate that it isn't so hard as it was to borrow money—on good security. Folks are coming out of the war funk.

The derangement of the world's credit machinery, the conservatism of bankers and the war uncertainties now guarantee us against a flood of population.

But to keep things moving in the right direction and at a proper pace we need more sunshine.

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We can't let eating and drinking and living by the Europe moves for us—let Europe move for us, but slightly affected save as we have allowed ourselves to be scared before we are hurt.

Now that this great people is regaining its wind and its posse turn on more sunshine—give hope a shove.

Outlook for American Automobiles. (Savannah News.)

If the war tax burden should be borne by industries which are most likely to profit from the war, in the long run, perhaps automobile makers should not object to bearing a part of it.

One American builder of motor trucks, who recently returned from Europe, believes that the war will create a tremendous market for heavy duty cars built in this country.

It seems certain that this will be the case, for the destruction of machines on the battlefields and in the supply



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Made Unfinished Business In Senate to be Pressed Continuously. REPORTED TO SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The emergency war tax bill was made the unfinished business of the senate today to be pressed continuously until passed.

The bill as perfected by the democratic caucus yesterday was voted out of the finance committee after a brief session, and reported to the senate by Senator Simmons.

The committee presented no estimate of the amount to be raised by the bill, but Senator Simmons said the estimated revenue would be about \$102,000,000 unless a continued slump in beer production cut it down.

The report of the committee said that revenue and tariff laws had raised enough money to run the government and leave a surplus of \$24,000,000 last year.

Early in August of the present year, it adds, seven of the great nations of Europe became involved in a war, six of them being the industrial nations of that continent.

The conditions in Europe necessarily have affected our trade relations with Europe, particularly our imports, and as our customs revenues are derived from duties on imports, our revenue from this source has greatly suffered and will continue to suffer while the conflict continues.

The report presented a table showing the following decreases in customs revenues for the present fiscal year under those of last year: July, \$1,500,000; August, \$11,500,000.

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