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### Thursday, Dec. 3, 1914.

### The Commission Form

In enlisting the aid of the various civic organizations in behalf of the movement looking to the adoption of the commission form of government for this city, The Citizen believes that the advocates of the commission plan have acted wisely. In a movement of such far-reaching importance ho one organization should undertake, or attempt to undertake its management singlehanded. Should the effort now being made to give this city the most efficient type of city government reach successful accomplishment, there will be glory enough for all-and to spare.

The Citizen, of course, understands that the commission form of government, as now considered for Asheville, is the commission form in the truest acceptance, and not a makeshift. That is to say, it will embody all the appealing features of the plan, as now operating in various sections of this country, including the initiative, referendum and recall, and also the non-partiesn/ feature. The Citizen does not favor, and would not support any other plan or system. It would be worse than useless to undertake to foist upon this community an ulated form of commission sovernment; indeed it would be far better to retain the municipal system under which we are now operating. Properly understood by the people

and it will be presented to them so that they will understand it, the commission form of government will snake for the rapid advan local interests and will undoubtedly effect great saving along financial The people of Asheville, if they are so minded, can obtain the without asking anybody's permission. It may be taken for granted that certain elements preferring ways that look with distavor upon the commispeople, after all, constitute the court of last resort, and its verdict must

### Our State Legislature

In yesterday's issue The Citizen discussed the impending introducof two great reform measbills. These measures, and all measballot can reach actual accomplish- er bureau at Washington. ment if the counties and districts will exercise every effort to obtain the best men. In a body so unwieldly and in those whom they select for the state genial wind, which will waft us to send it to the continent at present legislature that will insure satisfactory by deeds, then we let loose a north figures of the present war must not Root the well known kidney, liver performance of duty. Too little at wind, cold and destructive, which blind us to the enormous difficulty and bladder remedy, chain tions are hung up. First class men In legislative bodies are not in the and "whatsoever a man soweth, that sources of a nonmilitary country like majority: not many attend to the shall he also reap."-The Christian Great Britain. work committed to them diligently Herald. and farthfully, and it should not be without significance, even to the dull est politician, that the capable legisworth and is advanced to higher honors

Fortunately for the state of North mude, has taken place. Darolina we believe there is about to gawn a day when the men selected to Lo duty at the state capital will value of the people more than the uncer- front. tain promises and shady influence of sting signs to the effect that a debie spirit of independence in being born in the legislative mind. and that the power of the ward heeler sad professional politician is slowly tickets from Ladies' auxiliary head. Sanborn Cost and Tean Phone 1902, be sure and mention the Asheville

this is so for North Carolina has suffered much at the hands of men whose personal ambition has always run away with their patriotism. These conditions were not confined to one party. Indeed it would seem that the ball for scheming politicians and office seckers, without regard for political alignment or party division.

### Notes And Comments

not the man who put the war Warmew. A hitherto unknown genius an

nounces that with water and a few chemicals he can make a good autobelieve IL

Secretary Bryan no longer holds out the warm hand of welcome to news-

the enraged suffragettes will now may some rather mean things about Mrs. to hear him replying to an attack it dropped out through a hole in a Dodge's hats.

The man who says "baby show" to Carolina Fair association places little value on his life.

"Why did George Barr Mc Cutcheon?" asks The Columbia State. Because he tried hard to Mc Adoo about nothing

#### EACH TO HIS DESTINY

They are gone Dispersed

The ones we learned to love a day, Our paths diverged, each purwed WRY

Good-byes were said: Good-byes that found our inmos hearts

And pierced them through With strangely poignant darts.

No deep, sweet sorrow-(Sweet because we met and cared-Would sob within our souls, Had we but sooner fared.

Heart touched heart, But for a little season. And then-Out into somewhere: For God's good reason

-Ench to his desting -- SID ALYN.

#### THIS DATE IN HISTORY. December 3.

1787-Delaware adopted the federal constitution, First state to do

Ohio company of pioneers left Ipawioh, Mass., for the west. 818—Illinois admitted to the union. 1854—People of Mexico voted that the republic should continue to be governed by Santa Anna.

1863-General Longstreet raised the siege of Knoxville. -Death of Robert Louis Steven-

son, age 44, at Samoa 1897-German marines took poss

sion of Kaio Chau. Queen Victoria visited wounded

soldiers from Soudan. 1904-U. S. B. Tennemee, now in Turkish waters was launched at Philadelphia.

#### THIS IS MY TOTH BIRTHDAY. Cleveland Abbe.

Cleveland Abbe, originator of the son form of city government rologist, lecturer and author, was the most mane of society news on the born at New York December 3, 1838. He studied astronomy in many colleges, and took up teaching in Michare ancient to modern methods will following year he was appointed to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic survey sion government movement, but the for four years, after which he went to St. Petersburg, now Petrograd, national observatory. He returned in 1887 as aid in the U.S. naval observatory, and became director of the Cincinnati observatory the following year. It was while here that he originated the idea of daily weather reures which are badly needed in this went to the federal weather bureau in state, and it has indicated that Bun- 1891, and has been a lecturer at field combe is fortunate in having able and Johns Hopkins, George Washington, intelligent men behind the proposed and other institutions. Dr. Abbe is a member of many sicentific societies. He is still active in his profession, tree that look to the protection of the and is connected with the I'. S. weath-

HABIT CAVES. The remedy for such conditions lies let out whatever wind we please if ritorials. with the people. It is for the voters we do Christly deeds, we let loose a to require a standard of intelligence south wind in our lives, a balmy, as may be the case next spring, to thousands, tention is paid to the individual quali- will create a wintry, desolate heart, of transporting, organizing and keep-Acations of candidates when nomina. In the common daily life we are ev- ing in the field an army of a million which is to determine our destiny, war hade that long, it will tax the re-

### VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 2.--(10:40 p. m.)-lator is often measured at his real The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "In Belgium a violen: ment of Lamperniese, west of Pix-

"In the Argonne region the enemy has blown up by a mine the salient northwest of the forest of LaGrurie. "On the whole we are developing their own saif respect and the respect our progress on that part of the

offices bosses. There are not Aspach-Le-Pas, southeast of Thann. the towns of Aspach-Le-Haut and cause these reinforcements were "On the rest of the front there is mans do not speedly achieve success nothing to report."

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION Princes theatre Friday.

### The Scissors Route

Boes Shaw Crave Sympathy?

(Columbia State.) "Never play a man at his own Old North State has ever been a foot- game," is a maxim that a number of baven with some other pennies to a excellently well meaning and highly young man. excited individuals have forgotten, gether in his pocket and, as soon as even to the extent of attempting to be could, gave them all to pay for answer Bernard Shaw. Among them something he bought, for, as he said is Christabel Panichurst, who only to himself, "all those pennies are too succeeded in showing that whatever she is as a militant, she is nothing as It seems that Von Hindenburg was

Shaw is not answerable, because he faced paradox, the impertment asser-To fire at him is to receive a broadside for a shot. In fact, like mobile fuel. It may be true, but fuel the old-style duelist. Shaw stalks abroad with a chip on his shoulder, spreading insult and inviting conflict. The New York World charges that lake the duelist, he is more apt to be wrong than right, but as the sword desided the issue under the "code," paper men. How times have changed, so an irresponsible wit leaves nothto be sure, since the days of "sixteen ing but humiliation to the challenge of indignant virtue. The weapon in such a case should be an axe instead It can be taken for granted that of a rapier, This being Shaw, it is astorishing

from a labor party paper in a mood which has in it nothing of bhister and the directors of the Western North that he should have been assaulted time. from a quarter to which he had looked for sympathy. Indeed, the scoffer is almost pathetic as he announces that at least he is glad to dark pocketbook, so long that it was know whence to expect the blows that he had looked for from others-that, even should the socialists share in the general condemnation of his "Common Sense About the War," he will continue his solitary and thankless course of being disagreeable.

Is it just possible that Shaw meant what he said in his articles about the war and that underneath the mountebanking of his satirical philosophy he is in fact the lonely Don Quixote he pictures himself!

#### The Place for War News. (Louisville Herald)

A sensitive, tender-hearted person writes to a Philadelphia paper to urge that more cheerful things than war news be placed on the front pages of the daily papers. Headlines on war news should be reduced to the very minimum, the ingenious writer says, friend. So the penny is looking every and the story-with all its horrorsplaced on an inside page. The argument advanced in favor of

this move is that, with only agreeable matters to confront them first each morning, readers would be put into a state of mind that would benefit them morally, physically and financially. 'If you will give a man something pleasant to meet his first glance, both morning and evening," declares the would-be reformer of the press, "he is better able to perform a day's work. Stege! at meet with trying conditions with bet-ter grace and brighter hopes, than if "I know a story to confirm that at first glance you shock him with something distressing and terrible."

Probably this person, who repreents a considerable class, does not suspect that he is a humorist, nor does he understand that the province of a newspaper is to publish the news, whether it be pleasant or unpleasant, Stories of battles and suffering are not agreeable reading, but while the European conflict is the tremendous event of the world-which it is likely to continue to be for many months to come those stories go on the first page even at the coat of shocking the people who would like always to smile

If burying war news on an inside page with inconspicuous headlines would abate the war itself, every edidaily weather report, famous meteo- tor would follow that course and place front page along with columns of jokes; but as this would not lessen the terrible facts, the sensitive feelings of mollycoddles who "can not bear to read about battles' will continue to be harrowed as heretofore. Wars news will be "played up" in a manner besitting its importance.

#### British Reinforcements. (Springfield Republican.)

One reason for the desperate energy with which the Germans have been oredited in their efforts to break ports and put out a report for the through to the channel ports may be chamber of commerce, which was found in the stream of reinforcements adopted by the national government. which has been pouring in from Eng He became known as "Old Probs," a land for a fortnight, and which if They Are Closely Observing nickname that has clung to him. He continued would give the ailies a marked numerical superiority in that It is wholly absurd, of course,

talk of a new British army of 1,250,-000 men having been landed at Havre. England has no such army to send. in a dispatch of yesterday from Havre November that he had such a num-I think the old legend is suggestive ber ready to send to France, but he rumbersome as the state legislature it of a great truth. Moral acts are the said nothing of the sort; his words are declined do not even suspect that must needs be that mixed material caves in which slumber the winds were. "There are in this country over they have the disease. which sweep the human heart. We 1,250,000 men in training," and in finds its way into the legislative halls. which sweep the human neart. We have control of the caves, and we can this he took in both regulars and ter-

Even if such a force were trained. wards our God. If we do un-Christ- would be an impossibility; the huge ery moment originating the force or more men. Even next year, if the stantly in touch with their customers,

But while talk of a great new army already landed is aboutd, there is reason to believe that considerable reinforcements are already in the field. and that they will henceforth materially strengthen the ailfes in Belgium and northern France. For the most part they will be rather green, but officient use can be found for green troops. With a little campaigning they will rapidly improve, and then we may look for a somewhat more aggressive campaign; if the allies have most cases. not been forcing the fighting. It has no doubt been partly because their in this field, their change will have

Stradley & Luther have Chase and for a sample bottle.

### Children's Stories

THE NEW PENNY.

Once upon a time a new penny was He put them all to much to carry around."

The new penn, lay beside the others thinking all of the time how much better he was than the rest is a master of the double construction and he rolled away from the others masked as direct statement, the two- as much as he could until he was at the end of the drawer. The penny that was nearest to him said: need not feel so muck up. I looked as good as you once and I can again if I only go to the right place to get all of this dirt taken off from me

The new percey didn't believe the other penny and was glad when some one took him from the drawer and handed him to a little boy. The penny was held tight in a very warm and much soiled hand for sometime but at last given away, only to be returned to the little boy as he heard tome one say "d was so bright."

boy's packet and rolled down into some dirt, where it lay for a long time, getting duller looking all the One day the bright eyes of a little girl found it and it started again on its travels.

For a long time it was kept in a beginning to think it would never leave the place or see the sunlight again. One day, however, the pooketbook was opened and several pennies put in with it. How glad it was to see friends and talk with some one. It was just going to speak when a bright penny rolled toward it and an it looked up it said: "Oh, you thought wouldn't see you again. Don't you remember me? I am the old looking penny that you despised so when on were new

The penny looked up and sure snough right beside it was its old friend but looking as bright as he had once.

"How did you get to look like I new penny?" he asked. "Can 1 ever look new again?"

"Of course you can if you wast long enough," answered his old answered his old day for some one to take it away to be made bright again but the las heard he was still in the pocket-

### With The Wags

"It was shortage of supplies that caused the Germans to retreat from the Marne," mid Prof. Heinrich the German-American "I know a story to confirm that—a story confirmes, too, the German lightheartedness under difficulties. "An American correspondent said

in Paris to a German infantryman wounded at the Marne:

"These new hairy raw-hide knap "Do we like them?" the wounded German infantryman answered. 'Why with pepper and salt and a dash o mion we just dote on them!"-New Orleans States,

First Impression

Recently a woman paid her first risit to the ocean and as she stood razing at the great av panse of water a friend happened along

"They tell me Mrs. Jones," said the "that you never saw the ocean before

"Yes," answered Mrs. Jones. "Mos of my life has been spent in the middle west, you know.

"Think of the wonderful treat you had:" eagerly exclaimed the other "How did it impress you?" "Well," thoughtfully answered Mrs

Jones, "when I looked at the amount of water they have down around here it struck me that fish might be little bit cheaper."-Philadelphia

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An examining physician for one of the prominent Life Insurance Companies, in an interview on the subject made the astonishing statement that Lord Kitchner is quoted as having for insurance are rejected is because said at the lord mayor's banquet on kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications

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Across the world, my brothers they're fighting day by day; Old Germany and France and England bold,

There's Russia and the Japanese and Turkey, so they say, Who're sending out their battling hosts untold.

Give forth your thanks, my brother. that you and I are here In God's own peaceful country, far

from strife; Uncle Sam is mighty and our people need not fear That he will sacrifice a precious life.

Beyond the sea, my brothers, ten mil lion fighting men Are at each other's throats in mad вггау.

And homes of sorrow daily grow bevond all mortal ken. As the horror of it all grows day by day.

you and I are here And living in a happy, peaceful land. burdens may seem heavy, but we have no deadly fear

don't forget, my brothers, that

feeling war's great, awful grip-

Beyond the sea, my brothers, on Europe's blood soaked plair. The soldiers of the nations fight and die.

ping hand.

many thousand loved ones will never see again brave men who in bloody trenches lie. But thank your God, my brothers, that

you and I are here:

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