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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, 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.

Properly understood by the people, and it will be presented to them so that they will understand it, the commission form of government will make for the rapid advancement of local interests and will undoubtedly effect great saving along financial lines.

Our State Legislature

In yesterday's issue The Citizen discussed the impending introduction of two great reform measures which are badly needed in this state, and it has indicated that Buncombe is fortunate in having able and intelligent men behind the proposed bills.

Fortunately for the state of North Carolina we believe there is about to dawn a day when the men selected to do duty at the state capital will value their own self-respect and the respect of the people more than the uncertain promises and shady influence of political bosses.

this is so for North Carolina has suffered much at the hands of men whose personal ambition has always run away with their patriotism.

Notes And Comments

It seems that Von Hindenburg was not the man who put the war in Warsaw.

A hitherto unknown genius announces that with water and a few chemicals he can make a good automobile fuel.

The New York World charges that Secretary Bryan no longer holds out the warm hand of welcome to newspaper men.

It can be taken for granted that the enraged suffragettes will now say some rather mean things about Mrs. Dodge's hats.

The man who says "baby show" to the directors of the Western North Carolina Fair association places little value on his life.

"Why did George Barr Mc Cutocheon?" 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, And each pursued his unreveal'd way.

Good-byes were said; Good-byes that found our inmost 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; Into the shadowland; For God's good reason—

—Each to his destiny. —SID ALYN.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1787—Delaware adopted the federal constitution. First state to do so. 1787—Ohio company of pioneers left Ipswich, Mass., for the west. 1818—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. 1894—Death of Robert Louis Stevenson, age 44, at Samoa. 1897—German marines took possession of Kiao Chau. 1898—Queen Victoria visited wounded soldiers from Sudan. 1904—U. S. S. Tennessee, now in Turkish waters was launched at Philadelphia.

THIS IS MY 16TH BIRTHDAY.

Cleveland Abbe.

Cleveland Abbe, originator of the daily weather report, famous meteorologist, lecturer and author, was born at New York December 3, 1838. He studied astronomy in many colleges, and took up teaching in Michigan Agricultural college in 1859.

HABIT CAVES.

I think the old legend is suggestive of a great truth. Moral acts are the caves in which slumber the winds which sweep the human heart. We have control of the caves, and we can let out whatever wind we please if we do Christly deeds, we let loose a good wind in our lives, a balmy, gential wind, which will waft us towards our God.

VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—(10:40 p. m.)—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "In Belgium a violent bombardment of Lamprière, west of Dinant, has taken place. In the Artois region the enemy has blown up by a mine the salient northwest of the forest of LaGrurie. On the whole we are developing our progress on that part of the front. In Alsace our troops have taken the town of Aspach-La-Haut and Aspach-La-Bas, southeast of Thann. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION

Princely theatre Friday. Buy tickets from Ladies' auxiliary headquarters, 1, 11th Street.

The Scissors Route

Does Shaw Crave Sympathy?

(Columbia State.) "Never play a man at his own game" is a maxim that a number of excellently well meaning and highly excited individuals have forgotten, even to the extent of attempting to answer Bernard Shaw.

Shaw is not answerable, because he is a master of the double construction masked as direct statement, the two-faced paradox, the impertinent assertion. To fire at him is to receive a broadside for a shot.

This being Shaw, it is astonishing to hear him replying to an attack from a labor party paper in a mood which has in it nothing of bluster and a deal of apparently sincere regret that he should have been assaulted from a quarter to which he had looked for sympathy.

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.

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.

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.

War Rations.

"It was shortage of supplies that caused the Germans to retreat from the Marne," said Prof. Heinrich Siegel at the German-American chamber of commerce in New York.

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First Impression.

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

"Yes," answered Mrs. Jones. "Most 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?"

British Reinforcements.

One reason for the desperate energy with which the Germans have been credited in their efforts to break through to the channel ports may be found in the stream of reinforcements which has been pouring in from England for a fortnight, and which if continued would give the allies a marked numerical superiority in that field.

It is wholly absurd, of course, to talk of a new British army of 1,250,000 men having been landed at Havre. England has no such army to send.

Even if such a force were trained, as may be the case next spring, to send it to the continent at present would be an impossibility; the huge figures of the present war must not blind us to the enormous difficulty of transporting, organizing and keeping in the field an army of a million or more men.

But while talk of a great new army already landed is absurd, there is reason to believe that considerable reinforcements are already in the field, and that they will henceforth materially strengthen the allies in Belgium and northern France.

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., who prepare Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the well known kidney, liver and bladder remedy, claim that judging from evidence received from druggists everywhere, who are constantly in touch with their customers, and also indisputable proof in the form of grateful testimonial letters, this preparation is remarkably successful in sickness caused by kidney and bladder troubles.

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Children's Stories

THE NEW PENNY.

Once upon a time a new penny was given with some other pennies to a young man. He put them all together in his pocket and, as soon as he could, gave them all to pay for something he bought.

The new penny lay beside the others thinking all of the time how much better he was than the rest and he rolled away from the others as much as he could until he was at the end of the drawer.

The new penny 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 some one say "it was so bright."

It traveled on and on until one day it dropped out through a hole in a boy's pocket and rolled down into some dirt, where it lay for a long time, getting duller looking all the time. 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 dark pocketbook, so long that it was beginning to think it would never leave the place or see the sunlight again. One day, however, the pocketbook 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 as it looked up it said: "Oh, you thought I wouldn't see you again. Don't you remember me? I am the old looking penny that you despised so when you were new."

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

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

"Of course you can if you wait long enough," answered his old friend. So the penny is looking every day for some one to take it away to be made bright again but the last I heard he was still in the pocketbook.

With The Wags

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"An American correspondent said in Paris to a German infantryman wounded at the Marne:

"These new hairy raw-hide knap-sacks do you Germans like them?" "Do we like them?" the wounded German infantryman answered. "Why, with pepper and salt and a dash of onion we just dote on them!"—New Orleans States.

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WAR AND PEACE.

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

Our Uncle Sam is mighty and our people need not fear That he will mercifully protect our land.

Beyond the sea, my brothers, ten million fighting men Are at each other's throats in mad array.

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

But don't forget, my brothers, that you and I are here And living in a happy, peaceful land.

Our burdens may seem heavy, but we have no deadly fear Of feeling war's great, awful gripping hand.

Beyond the sea, my brothers, on Europe's blood soaked plain, The soldiers of the nations fight and die, And many thousand loved ones will never see again.

The brave men who in bloody trenches lie, But thank your God, my brothers, that you and I are here; Our wives and sweethearts happy by our side.

Pray for the poor mad millions who must war's burden bear While you and I in peace and love abide. —J. E. McBride.



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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 one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

According to this it would seem that a medicine for the kidneys, possessing real healing and curative properties, would be a blessing to thousands.

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