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Columbus
would give you
Welcome.

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Preliminary to making selection of the city in which to hold your next convention—if conditions most contributory to its successful holding are to receive consideration—let it be remembered that there are

TEN THINGS

recognized as auxiliaries—each thought to be of such consequence—each standing in a relation so very dependent one upon the other, that the necessity for their joint association in a “Convention City’s” equipment, has come to be reckoned as condition precedent; and no city may now be esteemed eligible to preferment, in such regard, in the absence of their possession.

The presence, or absence, in whole or in part, of these accepted pre-requisites, might be measurably, if not definitely determined, if ten interrogatories be propounded—these made to cover, in their several way, the entire scope of inquiry—and each query made to demand respective answer.

For example, let the “ten interrogatories” you “propound,” address themselves to the individual cities extending you invitation, in form, as follows:

FIRST: What is your city’s geographical location in respect to the population of the Country, as a whole, and the membership of our Organization, as a Body?

SECOND: What facilities does your city present for the convenient ingress and egress of our Delegates?

THIRD: What are the climatic conditions usually to be found prevailing in your city at the time of the proposed meeting of our Convention?

FOURTH: What is your City’s ability to provide, in comfortable way, for the physical needs of the Body of our Convention; and will the charges made to Delegates be fair and reasonable?

FIFTH: How do your Auditoriums — in their seating capacity, location, accoustics, general comfort, etc., — meet the probable necessities of our Convention's assembly?

SIXTH: What does your City have to proffer, in way of Amusements and Entertainment, to the "Stranger within her gates"?

SEVENTH: What is the status of your City's "Street-Car Service," and its other local transportation?

EIGHTH: What is the quality of your City's drinking-water supply — healthful or otherwise?

NINTH: Are there any places of historic, educational, or special interest, located accessibly, in adjacence to your city, which would, presumably, prove of attractiveness, or instructiveness, to our Delegates?

TENTH: Does the "Convention Spirit" maintain in your City; are its residents of hospitable disposition; and is it the custom of the "local Press" to extend to "Conventions," meeting there, a "fair consideration," and a "generous publicity"?

Should these "interrogatories be propounded" to **COLUMBUS**, and an answer to them demanded, let us see, if you please, how, in making response, she would be found measuring up to the standard of suggested requirement.

In making ANSWER to the "FIRST," **COLUMBUS** might deem it sufficient to invite your attention to the "**500 Mile Air-Line Radius Map**," as shown in this Booklet on Pages 32 and 33.

It will there be seen that **COLUMBUS** sits enthroned in the very center of the great State of which she is the "Capital City."

It will be further observed, that **COLUMBUS** is situated, geographically, approximately, in the center of population of the United States; and that, as a matter of consequence, within the "500 Mile Air-Line Radius," as drawn by the map-maker, more than two-thirds of all the inhabitants thereof, and fully four-fifths of the membership of your Organization, find their place of residence.



THIS means, as you will readily appreciate, that Delegates and visitors can attend a Convention held in COLUMBUS with a less expenditure of time and money to themselves, collectively, than in any city not so centrally located or advantageously endowed; and it must follow, as a natural sequence, that "Conventions" held in COLUMBUS will be more largely attended than those held in cities where conditions so favorable do not obtain.

In making ANSWER to the "SECOND," it might be said that **COLUMBUS** is possessed of **27 means of ingress and egress**—Steam and Electric Railroads, coming, going—North, South, East, West—and is in touch with all the "Trunk-Lines" of the Country. The Union Station—"one of the finest"—at which you will disembark on arrival, and from which you will "wing your flight" on departure, is centrally located; and in its immediate front pass Street-Cars, every 30 seconds, reaching, with their system of "universal transfer," every Hotel in the city.

In making ANSWER to the "THIRD," it might be truly averred that **COLUMBUS** will be found, at all seasons, enjoying an "**equable climate**"—visit her when you may. She knows little of the extremes of heat or cold; and for the major part of the time, God's sun shines, and the air is balmy and delicious. The City is practically exempt from fogs; and malaria, from local origin or inception, is a thing unknown.

COLUMBUS has never felt a seismic convulsion, cyclone-blow, snow-blockade, or blizzard; and has been disturbed by "flood" conditions but once in her history.

In making ANSWER to the "FOURTH," **COLUMBUS** needs, in truth, but to cite her record. It will there be shown that she has entertained, from time-to-time, substantially, all of the large Conventions holding meeting in America; and has "cared for" them, too, in such comfortable way, as to be made the constant recipient of "Resolutions," from the various Bodies meeting there, giving after-expression to their compliments, thanks, and appreciation. Indeed, the entertain-

ment of Bodies of people—great and small—in “Convention way,” is nothing new or experimental with **COLUMBUS**. She has been engaged in doing this since she first became Ohio’s Capital City; and, in the oft-repeated indulgence of her hospitable predilection, has gone on in the acquisition of “accessories,” until today, along with a wealth of other things, she can “point with pride” to her **59 Hotels**—dispensing entertainment, in quantity to meet the requirements of the assembled multitude; and in such varying quality as will adjust itself to the differing “purse” of the individuals going to make it up—and an almost unlimited number of Restaurants, Flats, Apartment, Boarding, and Rooming Houses, Etc., many of these being of “high-class.”

The “Hotel Men” of **COLUMBUS**, under terms of special contract with the Officials of “The Columbus Conventions and Publicity Association,” have obligated themselves, under forfeiture, to make only “fair” and “proper charge” for the Hotel accommodations with which Convention Delegates are supplied—under no circumstance making charge in excess of the usual “commercial rate.”

By virtue of this agreement, it will be perceived, that prices may be lowered to Delegates attending Convention in **COLUMBUS**, but never raised.

In making **ANSWER** to the “**FIFTH**,” it may be said that **COLUMBUS** is much-more-than ordinarily well equipped in such regard, having at her command, always free of cost for “Convention” use, (in addition to those which may be found associated with the larger Hotels)—

5 Auditoriums, or “Convention Halls”

The size of these range, in their respective seating capacity, from 500 to 5,500; all are suited to their purpose, and more or less, centrally located. The largest of these, “Memorial Hall”—with its great Pipe-Organ, and other appurtenances—is, possibly, one of the most complete to be found anywhere; and is equipped with a system of heating and ventilating, and enjoys a perfection of accoustics, declared by experts to be without superior.



IN making ANSWER to the "SIXTH," it might be well to again remind you that **COLUMBUS** is Ohio's Capital City; that she is located in the center of that great State; is surrounded by a most fertile and thickly populated country; and that more than a million-and-a-half of people, other than those living within her own corporate limits, live within two hour's ride therefrom. Events, constantly transpiring within the City, of State-wide or National importance, so operate as to assure the almost-continuous presence of thousands of "strangers within her gates."

These, naturally, seek Amusement; and the enterprise of the "Columbus Business Man," has, just as "naturally," addressed itself to supplying that demand. The consequence is, that few cities, in all the country, can proffer to her own people, Delegates, or "strangers," such a plenitude of diversified entertainment. There are **6 Theatres of the first-class**—each of them presenting high-grade attractions—one of them, "The Hartman," said to be the most beautiful, and complete in its appointments, in America. Then, there are **54 licensed "Movie Picture Shows"**—some of these occupying Buildings constructed especially for this use, at large cost, and of great architectural beauty; Base-Ball Park (A. A.)—with Grand-Stand seating 14,000; Museums; Relic Rooms; Athletic Fields; State Fair Grounds—established at a cost exceeding \$2,000,000; Driving Park; Speedway; Amusement Parks; Dancing Academies; Riding Academies; Roof and Summer Gardens; Trap Shooting; Rifle and Pistol Range (out and indoor); Natatoriums; Golf Links; Skating Rinks; Public Libraries; Country Clubs, Etc., and always "something doing."

In making ANSWER to the "SEVENTH," it might be boastfully acclaimed that no city in all the country is possessed of a better "Street-Car Service" than **COLUMBUS**. Certainly not, if cheapness of fare (8 tickets for 25 cents, with "universal transfer"); capable and public-spirited management; modernity; cleanliness of cars; promptness; reliability; courtesy of employees; and general efficiency, are to be made the basis of test.

As to other "local transportation," it might be said that the Garages are many; the Taxi-Cabs multitudinous; and Motor Cars, "for hire," at reasonable charge, are to be found in waiting on every hand.

In making ANSWER to the "EIGHTH," it would scarce seem necessary to recount—a matter of which all the world is, by this time, doubtless informed—that **COLUMBUS** has builded a great concrete dam across the Scioto River; and has established, at enormous expense, a Mammoth Reservoir, associating therewith "Filtration," "Softening," and "Purification Plants." Her supply of water has thus been made practically inexhaustible; and no city in the world does possess, or can hope to possess, a water supply more potably pure. In **COLUMBUS** Typhoid Fever, if found at all, is found in a percentum so small as to be practically negligible.

And so it is; you need fear no "stomach disorder," or "system derangement," should you, perchance, take "water for mine" when visiting **COLUMBUS**!

In making ANSWER to the "NINTH," it should be borne in mind that there were those, in Biblical days, who "travelled from Dan to Beersheba and found all barren." From this, the inference may be drawn that those who "travelled," even at that early period of the world's history, did not, necessarily, in the things to be seen, take a common interest, or imbibe their entertainment from the same source. This is doubtless as true of to-day as then. However, **COLUMBUS** is not alone filled with, but is surrounded with things that should prove of "historic, educational, or special interest" to the many.

To begin with, **COLUMBUS** is famed—and justly so—for her many beautiful Residences. Indeed, her "**Residence Section**" is, alone, "worth coming miles to see."

Then, as you will remember, **COLUMBUS** is the home of the Ohio State University—a great institution of learning—beautifully ensconced in its grounds of broad-acreage, and magnificently equipped and Officered. More than 4,000 students may be found matriculating there, from year to year—hailing from every State in the Union, and every country in the civilized world.



IN **COLUMBUS**, too, may be seen Ohio's State House—an example of the Greek Doric style of Architecture unexcelled in this country—together with most of her splendid State Institutions; such as Penitentiary, School for the Blind, Institute for Feeble Minded, School for the Deaf, State Hospital, Etc.

It is in **COLUMBUS** that the U. S. Government has established her largest "Recruiting Station."

It is in **COLUMBUS** that municipally owned "Public Utilities"—such as Electric Light Plant, Water Works, Sewage Disposal Plant, Garbage Reduction Plant, Etc.,—are to be seen in their most extended and successful operation.

A vast and beautiful plateau—nearly 1,000 feet above sea-level—surrounds **COLUMBUS**, and is permeated in every direction with well-paved Highways; and "Motor Cars," at all seasons, find the features of "special interest" to which these lead, "located accessibly."

Among the very many things to be seen, or visited, "in adjacence"—all of which, it is believed, "would prove of attractiveness or instructiveness to Delegates"—it must remain a source of regret that restricted space will allow but the naming of a few. As a fair example, however, mention might be made of the Hartman Stock Farm, containing 4,000 acres—a model for the world; "Leather Lip" monument; Magnetic Springs; Sulphur Lick Springs; Buckeye Lake—with its Motor Boats, Bass-Fishing, and Duck-Shooting; Indian Mounds—"Serpent" and others; State Serum Farm; Tuberculosis and other Hospitals—most modern in the country; Girl's Industrial School; Boy's Industrial School; Wesleyan and Denison Universities, Etc., Etc., Etc.

In making ANSWER to the "TENTH," let the fact not be lost sight of that cities can be too large, for purposes of "Convention-holding," just as they can be too small. A city is "too small" when it cannot supply, along with the physical needs of the "Convention," that "Metropolitan Atmosphere" so dear to the heart of the average Delegate.

It is "too large," when it is found that the "Convention Spirit" and "hospitable disposition," have been out-grown; and, in the presence of "big business," are come to be ignored or forgotten.

COLUMBUS is certainly not "too small," since she is known to possess a population of nearly-a-quarter-of-a-million—all largely leavened with the spirit of civic patriotism—and "is big for her size."

COLUMBUS is certainly not "too large," since she still retains, in all its pristine warmth and vigor, the "Convention Spirit" and "hospitable disposition."

It can be further said, that the **Columbus "Local Press"**—"Morning" and "Evening"—is, with its "news items," ever up-to-the-minute; is admirably managed in the conduct of its business; is ably edited, clean, readable, and progressive; and when "Conventions" visit the city, the world is "generously" informed of it, and learns, all "in fair consideration," of how they look, what they say, and what they do.

In submitting these responses to the "ten interrogatories" you are presumed to have "propounded," it has been the purpose to avoid all misstatement, or exaggeration of fact. We realized that the truth was being asked for; but more than this, we felt ourselves enjoined by **COLUMBUS**, whose mouth-piece we were made—as was Lodovico by Othello—to "Speak of me as I am, nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice."

Recalling, too, that "Truth" is said to be "entrenched by volume of testimony," we have chosen to devote what remains of the pages of this Booklet to a presentation of Views of Columbus—relying upon the Camera's unbiased expression, and what that must show, for such "volume of testimony," and cumulation of evidence, as will accentuate the "truth," as told you in our "**ANSWERS,**" concerning

"COLUMBUS AS A CONVENTION CITY"



WHEN Claude Melnotte had given description to Pauline Deschappelles of his palace by the Lake of Como—“*the home to which could love fulfill its prayers this hand would lead thee*”—he concluded by asking of her, “Dost thou like the picture?”

Even so would **COLUMBUS** now ask of you, “Dost thou like the” **ANSWERS?**

Should your judgment respond affirmatively, be good enough to remember, when the hour comes to elect, that

Columbus Invites You

warmly invites you, to be her guest, her honored guest, on the occasion of

Your Next Convention.

J Should it be your pleasure to yield her the preferment she is begging, it may be relied upon, that there will be found awaiting you—to be enjoyed in all the fullness of promise—the substance of every “Auxiliary,” “Accessory” and “Facility,” that has here been foreshadowed in “Answers” or in “Views”—saying nothing of the courtesy and hospitality that, with the people of **COLUMBUS**, is a “well never-failing.”

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"PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER"
CAR



Indianola Park
State House
Livingston Park
Schiller Park
Mt. Calvary
Cemetery

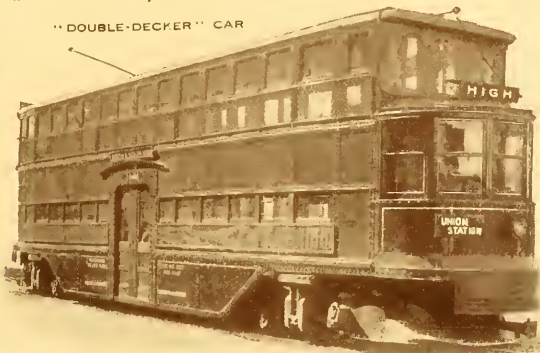
- 6. Goodale Park
- 7. Olentangy Park
- 8. State Fair Grounds



- 9. U. S. Barracks
- 10. Franklin Park
- 11. Driving Park
- 12. Greenlawn Cemetery

- 13. Institution for Feeble - Minded
- 14. Columbus State Hospital
- 15. Ohio State University

"DOUBLE-DECKER" CAR



Union Station



International
Station



25th Street St.
Station





Wasson Hall
Establis



Wasson Hall
Fair
High Food Show



Wasson Hall

1890
1890-1891



1892-1893
1893-1894



1895-1896
1896-1897





CITY HOTEL PORT



NEIL HOUSE



NEIL HOUSE

Windsor Hotel



Hotel Virginia



Hotel Columbia





Hotel Jefferson



Hotel Vendome



The Kensington
and Summer
Garden

1890-1900-1910



1910-1920



1920-1930



1930-1940





Olmstead Hotel



Hotel Norwich



Hotel Litchfield



Hotel Windham



Mills Restaurant



Busy Bee Restaurant



Queen's Restaurant



The Grand



The Westminster
and Cumberland



The Royal and
Fairfax

W. H. Dyer's
Country Home



W. H. Dyer's
Country Home



W. H. Dyer's
Country Home





Adams Hotel



Ohio Union Bank



Elm Hotel

LYCEUM THEATRE



BROADWAY THEATRE



WALTON HOTEL





Martin Theatre



The Virginia and
Southern
Theatre



B. F. Keith's
Theatre



Hull and Clark
Theatre

Esplanade Music

THE EXHIBIT

Parkside Music

THE EXHIBIT

Grand Central Music

APPOLDROME

Hudson Music



Grand Theatre



Grand Theatre



Grand Theatre



Grand Theatre

Grand Park



Large Hall
for dancing and
other amusements



One End of
the Grand



One End of
the Grand



One End of
the Grand






Chickadee Pond
Creek and
Boating Club
with Bridge to
Old Land. From
the Old Land.

For **WHY** the "Short-Haul Convention City," observe this map,

Within this Confine, More than 2/3 of ALL the Membership of



Fully 4/5 of ALL the Membership of

with **COLUMBUS** but a night's
and 27 RAILROADS
coming, going, North

Population of the United States
find Residence —
your Organization do Likewise —

And the territory
within the 500
Mile Air-Line
Radius:

side from the most remote point—
—steam and electric—
South, East, West!



Loggia
Civica
1890



Loggia
Civica

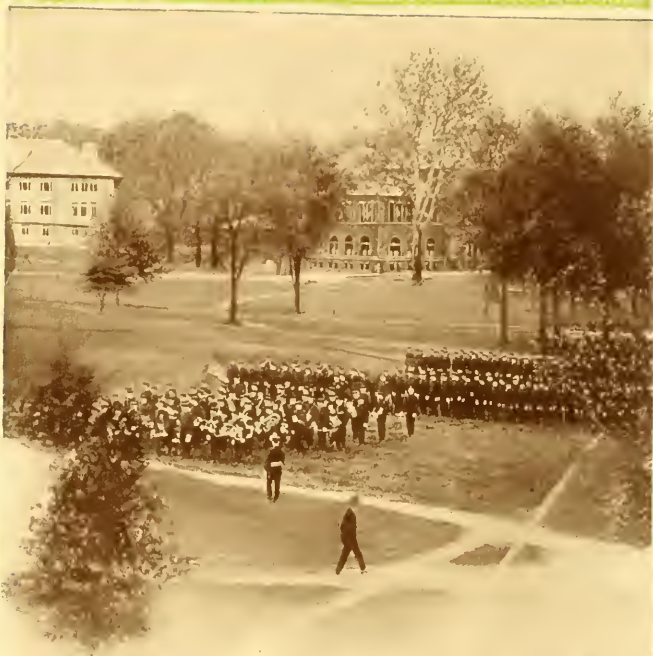




Illinois
State
Capitol



Illinois
Trust



Dr. W. H. Garrison
with
Band
at
the
College



W. H. Garrison
at
the
College



O. S. U.
Camp
and
Student
Regiment
at D. I.



Army
and
Grm

The University

Business District

Hotel Skene
Bank and Trust
Building
35 E. Grand St.

W. H. H. Building
Office of the
National Trust
and Savings
Co.

Windsor
Building

Harwin
Building





1885 - 1890 - 1895



First National Bank Building



Defiance Savings & Trust Building



Outlook and State Building

Magnum Bank of
Columbus
Building



Central National
Bank Building



Western Union
National Bank
Building



Huntington
National Bank
Building



Ohio National
Bank Building





Hotel, Elm Street



W. S. Brewster
Office of Office
Quadrangle



W. S. Brewster
Headquarters
Swathing and
Quadrangle



W. S. Brewster's
Swathing Building

1. The State Capitol



2. The University



3. The World's Monument



4. The Great Field



1890
State House



1890
State School for
Blind

1890
Dial and Gravel
Surrounding

2000 - 1900
1900 - 1900
1900 - 1900



1900 - 1900
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County Court House



State Normal School



State Normal School

Colonnade in
St. Louis, 1845
and 1846



St. Louis
1845



St. Louis, Mo.
1870



St. Louis, Mo.
1870





Sepulchre Street
Pumping Station



Water
Purification
Works



Steam Dam

Hayward
Truck Plant
Plant



Hayward Light
and Power
Plant



Hayward Street
Plant





Grady Hospital
and Office



W.L. Garrison
Residence



Promontory
Hospital



St. Anthony
Hospital

1) Children's Hospital



2) St. Luke's Hospital



3) St. Elizabeth's Hospital



4) St. Mary's Hospital





First
Congregational
Church
(Dr. Washington
Giddens)



First Episcopal
Church



Mar. Bath
Temple



Third St
Methodist Church

St. Joseph's
Cathedral



Wesley Street
Episcopal Church



First English
Lutheran Church





Wright's of
Gibsonville



St. Mary's High
School Seminary



Men. Boarding
St. Mary's of the
Savoy



St. Joseph's
Academy

1900



1905



1910



1915



Entrance
Gundick Park

Franklin Park
Lily

Rustic Bridge
Schiley Park

Highway near West



Highway
near West



Highway
near West



Bradley Road



East Broad Street



South
Washington
Avenue

Residence of
Mr. Frederick W.
Schumacher



Residence of
Hon. James M.
Cox | Governor of
Ohio



Residence of
Dr. S B
Hartman



Residence of
Mr. Robert F.
Wolfe





Residence of
Mrs. Henry C.
Pirung



Residence of
Mr. W. A. Miller



Residence of
Mr. Fred Lazarus



Residence of
Mr. Butler
Sheldon

Residence of
Mr. Harry P.
Walt



Residence of
Mr. John G.
Gordon



Residence of
Mr. John W.
Thompson





Residence of
Mr. Dennis H. H. H.



Residence of
Mr. Edward J.
Merrill



Residence of
Mr. O. O. O.
B.



Residence of
Mr. Robert H.
Jefferson

Residence of
Mr. George W
Latham



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