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Oct. 8, 1908.

Mr. Ross Wynn,
207, Ala. Ave.,
Nashville, Tenn.,

Dear Sir:

I take your address from the city directory. I presume that you are the same Mr. Wynn whose letter appears today in the American, discussing the fact that, though Tennessee has a state flag, it has not been put in use as it should be.

I designed the present Tennessee flag and originated the movement for its adoption. By the kind assistance of friends who were then in the Legislature, the act adopting it was passed by the Legislature of 1905 and appears in the printed acts of that year. I hand you herewith a print in colors of said flag, the three stars of same being to represent the three grand divisions of the State.

I have, since the adoption of the flag, written many letters and sent descriptions of the flag to various official organizations that should be interested in the matter, to State officials, news-papers &c., trying to get the flag brought into more common use, but without very much success.

At the Chickamauga maneuvers, this spring, troops from other states proudly carried their state colors. Those from Tennessee did not. As you state, at our state fair just closed, the flag of the State was conspicuous for its absence. There is, or should be, at the Capitol an eight foot flag that I bought and sent there, but it seems never to be displayed.

I thank you for your letter, which was to the point. I will be glad if you will use what influence you can to have our state symbol more widely known and used. It should be flown from the City Hall, the County Court-house and the Capitol. Why does not the Governor direct its use at the latter place?

The pride that the various states around us take in their state flags is proverbial. Why should Tennesseans be less patriotic?

Truly yours,