

BASEBALL, BEER, AND THE CONSTITUTION

To the *Bag*:

I finally got around to reading *Baseball and the U.S. Constitution, Circa 1887* [2014 GREEN BAG ALM. 462], and noted with interest your comment: “What we do know is that those ballplayers had some feeling – some respect, it seems likely, given how they chose to spend their day – for the Constitution of the United States.” To which I would say: “Perhaps.” But I thought of another possibility why they gladly sat on the float in the parade that day, and that is that it guaranteed them free beer at the post-parade party (or whatever it was called back in 1887), which, at least in that era, was a much more attractive inducement than celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Constitution. What thinkest thou?

Paul Haas
Washington, DC

