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## A City Hall Next.

In connection with the discussion relative to the securing of a permanent home for the Winnsboro Commercial Club at its meeting Wednesday evening, Mayor Ketchin made a most encouraging statement as to the town's indebtedness for the electric light plant. It will be recalled that this plant cost about double the amount of the bonds and that the additional \$10,000 was carried as a floating debt. This latter debt has been gradually reduced till now there remains only \$1,000 due on the same, this balance being covered by a note which is due within the next six months and will be paid at its maturity. This is certainly a most encouraging condition of things. It speaks well for the town council in their administration of financial affairs of the town and it is a most forcible demonstration of what can be done, when there is determined effort.

The reason for the additional cost of the power plant was the fact that the board of public works put in a much larger plant than had been estimated upon and also in addition wired all residences and places of business in order to increase the use of electric lights. The result of these additional expenditures has been fully justified in that the patronage of the plant has been more than double what was estimated in the original cost, which liberal use has practically made the plant self-sustaining, even the 35 arc lights costing the town but little, if any more, than the old oil lights which were not at all satisfactory.

What has been done in the above matter should be an object lesson for the future. Now, that this old floating debt is practically paid off, efforts should be forthcoming at once for another decided step forward in the way of municipal improvements. One of Winnsboro's greatest needs all the while has been a suitable hall for all public meetings. In this respect the town is woefully deficient. The only hall for this purpose at the present is the Thespian Hall, which is owned by private parties, who have not felt justified in making the necessary expenditures for putting it in a proper shape, so as to meet the demands of the public in this respect. It is very probable that in a town the size of Winnsboro such a hall would never be built, if left wholly to private enterprise. The only way to have such a building anywhere in the near future is through municipal ownership.

This matter is one that has been discussed frequently in a quiet way by the business men of the community. The time has now come for action. Winnsboro not only needs this hall, but it likewise needs the removal of a building that has been a disgrace to the community for these many years. It is not necessary to say that reference is here made to the county jail. Everybody here knows what a reflection this old building has been on the town and the county. Go, wherever you will, and tell that you are from Winnsboro and it will be thrown into your teeth that one of your most desirable business corners is occupied by a jail with most unseemly surroundings. It has been the means of many a good joke on the town and the most unwise thing that the business men of Winnsboro have been guilty of in the past has been their failure to take concerted action for the removal of this eye-sore.

The business-like thing to do is to get both of these great needs met at the same time. The city hall should be had and it should be on the corner now occupied by the jail. In another column there is printed an act of the legislature relative to the sale of this property by the county commissioners, which gives them the authority to sell. So far as we are able to learn with the assistance of an attorney, there has been no act passed since that repeals this old act and so the same is now in force. The one trouble all the while has been that the property would not bring a sufficient price to justify the commissioners in selling it, as there was no provision for additional funds over and above what the jail would bring for the building of a new jail on a new site. With the increased value of real estate in Winnsboro this great barrier is now practically removed. It is very probable that the property would now bring a price that would make

it so that the county could buy another and more desirable site as conveniently located and better so far as accomplishing the ends of justice, for the present public location of the jail is anything else than conducive to this end, and erect a building thereon which would be far better adapted for jail purposes without a cent of additional cost over and above the amount realized from the sale of the present property. This being so the commissioners would unquestionably sell.

The hall can certainly be built. Winnsboro's bonded indebtedness is only \$17,000. Its tax levy is only five mills. Its present revenue is about \$2,000 over its expenses. Its floating indebtedness is about wiped out. Its public treasury is in a most healthy condition. Nothing less than a three story building should be put on this corner and it should cover the whole jail property. On the first floor there should be three or four store rooms; on the second a public assembly hall, suitable quarters for a library and several offices; on the third suitable rooms for the Commercial Club, and any fraternal orders wanting quarters therein. The cost of such a building, including the purchase of the lot, would not be more than \$35,000 and probably not so much.

An issuance of \$25,000 in bonds would be sufficient to make the building a possibility and if more than this amount was required, the remainder could easily be carried as a floating debt and paid off in four or five years. These bonds should be floated at not exceeding 5 per cent at par. The rents from the lower floor should be at least \$1000 per year with good prospects at even the present rate of rent being \$1,200; the rent from the offices and the public hall on the second floor at least \$400 per year, and from the third floor should be not less than \$200. The total rentals should be not less than \$1,500, exclusive of the room used for a council chamber, for the library and the Commercial Club, all of which should be able to get their space free of any rent.

The principal expense would be the interest on the bonds which would not exceed \$1250 and the insurance, which would be about \$250. By setting aside \$400 or one-sixtieth of the bonded indebtedness each year a sinking fund sufficient for canceling the whole indebtedness at the end of forty years would be created. The actual expenses of the building would practically be paid by the revenue arising from the rentals. Even, if it failed in some degree of measuring up to this standard and should cost the town a few hundred dollars a year to maintain it, it would prove a most valuable investment to the town as an advertisement, for such a building would be a great thing in stimulating the confidence of the people of Winnsboro in their own town; and every visitor, who would come to Winnsboro, would herald it far and near that the old jail had given place to a modern city hall. These new and superior store rooms would set the pace for an improvement in the fixing up of the stores of the town, that would mean no little in adding to the appearance of the town, and more than that would mean an increase in the value of real estate. Instead of proving a barrier to effecting other public improvement that may be needed, it would pave the way for the same.

It is not a question of whether Winnsboro can have such a building. It is merely a question of whether it will take such a forward step. It would be a great thing for the town to have its appearance so greatly improved; it would be no less an advantage to the county to have a jail that would better serve the ends of justice, would be more humanitarian, and be a credit in its appearance instead of a real disgrace as at present.

A town that can pay a floating debt of \$10,000 in four years on a tax levy of only five mills without any increase in taxation except from a license fee and that has so small a bonded indebtedness as \$17,000 hasn't any excuse for not undertaking greater things for itself. Winnsboro is all right and with its new city hall on the lines suggested everybody at home and all visitors would be saying so too.

The Winnsboro Commercial Club through its board of directors is going to get the matter in shape so that the proposition may be submitted to the voters in the meantime let every body

say we are going to have a city hall and we will.

## WINNSBORO COMMERCIAL CLUB

### Organized With a Good Membership. A Permanent Home to be Secured.

The organization of the Winnsboro Commercial Club was completed at the meeting held Wednesday evening by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and the election of officers. The meeting was well attended and the interest in the organization was very encouraging. The committee on membership reported 36 members who had paid the membership fee of \$10 and that there were at least ten others who had pledged themselves for membership. There are good prospects for getting still other names.

The committee to secure a hall reported that the armory was the only place to be had at this time and that it could be obtained for a reasonable rental. The report was adopted. In this connection there followed an interesting discussion, looking forward to the securing of a permanent home for the Club.

The officers elected are: L. T. Baker, president; K. R. McMaster, 1st vice-president; E. C. Gwaltney, 2nd vice-president. The election of the secretary and treasurer was left in the hands of the board of ten directors, which is composed of the following: T. K. Elliott, Jno. H. McMaster, L. E. Owens, J. P. Caldwell, J. M. Jennings, A. B. Oathart, T. H. Ketchin, J. F. Davis, W. W. Dixon, J. Frank Fooshe.

The officers are also *ex officio* members of the board of directors. The practical working of the Club will be largely in the hands of this board. It is proposed to furnish the hall in a manner that will be a credit to the community. The \$500 that will come in at this time from membership fees will not be at all sufficient for this purpose. In order to raise additional funds the board of directors was authorized to arrange for a bazaar to be given about the latter part of May. To aid them in carrying out their plans for the same they will ask a committee of ladies to assist them. Several contributions of various articles over and above their membership have already been pledged by different members and from the sale of these and such others contributions as will be made there should be raised quite a nice little sum.

The members of the Club have shown their appreciation of the good work that is being done by the members of the Civic League in extending to them in advance all the courtesies of the Club rooms. The ministers of the town were all elected honorary members. These two facts are sufficient to show that this Club is a business organization and that such social features as it will have—and these it will have—will be under limitations that will make it free from any objections from a moral standpoint. The Club starts off with the brightest prospects of any similar organization that has been attempted in Winnsboro in years and from the spirit of enthusiasm that characterized the members there is every encouragement that it is going to be made a success.

## Human Blood Marks.

A tale of horror was told by marks of human blood in the home of J. W. Williams, a well known merchant of Rac, Ky. He writes: "Twenty years ago I had severe hemorrhages of the lungs, and was near death when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It completely cured me and I have remained well ever since." It cures Hemorrhages, Chronic Coughs, Settled Colds and Bronchitis, and is the only known cure for Weak Lungs. Every bottle guaranteed by McMaster & Co. and Jno. H. McMaster & Co., druggists, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

## A Night in New York.

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## Still in Force.

### AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JAIL IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

Section 1. *Be it enacted* by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the County Commissioners of Fairfield County are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey the building known as the County Jail, and the lot whereon the same is erected, in the town of Winnsboro. The said sale to be made at public outcry, at such time or times, on such terms, and in such parcels, as the said Commissioners shall think proper, after advertisement thereof for at least thirty days: *Provided*, That all the proceeds over and above the amount of purchase of a new site shall be deposited in the Treasury of the County, and shall be designated as the new jail fund, to be drawn out from time to time, on the warrants of the Commissioners: said warrants specifying that they are for the construction of new jail.

Section 2. That the said County Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to purchase or accept a suitable site for a new jail in the town of Winnsboro, and take the titles therefor, executed to the County of Fairfield, to and for the use of the said County.

Section 3. That the said County Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to build and erect a new jail upon the site selected as provided in Section 2 of this Act, and that the contracts for the erection of such building shall not be binding or valid until approved by the Circuit Judge.

Approved March 24, 1875.

## Devil's Island Torture

is no worse than the terrible case of Files that afflicted me 10 years. Then I was advised to apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and less than a box permanently cured me, writes L. S. Napier, of Rugles, Ky. Heals all wounds, Burns and Sores like magic. 25c at McMaster Co.'s and Jno. H. McMaster & Co., druggists.

## Jenkinsville Jottings.

Mrs. R. C. Bland of Mayeville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. B. Holley.

Miss Carrie Lupo, eldest daughter of Mr. Frank Lupo, deceased, was married to Mr. Fred Norris on Wednesday, April 11. They left immediately for his home in Newberry.

Mrs. E. J. Yarborough has been visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. J. H. Bushardt, of Peak.

Miss Willie McMeekin recently visited at Mrs. Bushardt's also.

Mrs. Joe McMeekin is visiting her daughters, Mesdames Chappell, of Richland county.

Mr. S. S. Curry spent Saturday in Newberry.

Mr. J. R. Curry of Greenville was a visitor in this community last week.

Mrs. E. M. Wallace has returned from an extended visit to Columbia.

Miss Ida McMeekin is visiting friends and relatives in Edgefield.

Mrs. F. H. McEachern is visiting in Columbia.

The next union meeting will be held at Fairfield church.

Miss S. C. Chappell has returned from Florida after a very pleasant trip.

Dr. John McBryde preached at Shiloh last Sabbath, the sermon being enjoyed by all.

Mrs. J. A. Mayer of Peak has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Roberts, of Monticello.

Traveling men seem to like Jenkinsville for it to be a country town. I think it a good summer resort for them. Some one had better advertise it as such. April 21. Y.

## Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of the grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egerton of Maple Langley, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a double dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip!" Sold by Ober Drug Co. and all medicine dealers.

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## Letter to John J. Neil.

Winnsboro, S. C.  
The police are finding us out. Officer L. H. Pinney, of Erie, Pa., painted his house Devoe, perhaps two or three years ago—the tale don't tell when—the painter objected, but Pinney insisted.

Two neighbors of Pinney's have painted since: one lead-and-oil, the other some other paint, don't know what.

But officer Pinney lives in the finest painted house of the three. The rest of the story we don't know: what it cost the three to paint. We can guess: about half for officer Pinney.

Yours truly  
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