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Help Clinton Grow—Build a  
House.

Some of our property owners  
place very little valuation on their  
property about tax paying time,  
but when one starts out to buy a  
building lot its valuation has soared  
away beyond the heavens.

Up in Laurens they have up a  
squabble about their power rates  
and the city's contract. The citizens  
are paying a rate of 10c a kilowatt  
and the argument is made by  
some that cheaper current might be  
had if the city government owned  
and conducted its electric utilities.  
Here in Clinton we are paying 15c  
per kilowatt, one of the highest, if  
not the highest rate charged in the  
state. Clinton folks, like our Laurens  
neighbors, would welcome a  
reduction along this line. We don't  
know what it costs the city to manufacture  
power but we see no reason  
why it should cost more here than  
in similar towns.

### RAISE LESS COTTON.

A campaign is now being waged  
throughout the cotton growing  
states to secure from the farmers  
pledges to the effect that they will  
not sell cotton for less than 35c per  
pound and that for 1919 they will  
reduce their cotton acreage by one  
third. Such action, the wisdom of  
which should readily be seen by  
the farmer, can be justified upon  
two main grounds. In the first  
place, the future of cotton is very  
uncertain. The conditions which  
are to determine peace may not be  
definitely settled for several months,  
and even if their establishment  
comes earlier than anticipated, financial  
arrangements must be made  
and factories rebuilt before Europe  
becomes a factor in the cotton market.  
Furthermore, the reduction  
of cotton acreage is a duty which  
the South owes to herself. The  
South is capable of feeding herself  
but has made no great strides in  
this respect. In canned goods  
alone she purchases from other  
states to the amount of \$10,000,000  
—those goods which might just as  
well be raised on her own soil and  
canned in her own factories. Heretofore  
too large a cotton acreage  
has made such a course impossible,  
at least it has not been pursued. It  
appears, therefore, that the raising  
of food will do much toward the  
financial salvation of the South.

In order that the farmers of  
South Carolina may escape the  
dangers which lurk in too large a  
production of cotton in 1919, a  
campaign is now being waged to  
bring about the desired results of  
which we have been speaking. Laurens  
County, along with every other  
county in the State, is asking to  
organize for the movement. A committee  
to have charge of the campaign,  
headed by W. L. Gray of Laurens  
as chairman, has been named by Gov. Cooper.

"It is the duty of this committee  
to meet without delay, to add all  
such additional members as they

may deem necessary, to appoint all  
sub-committees to sub-divide the  
county into sections, so that every  
section can be thoroughly canvassed;  
to appoint sub-committees for  
each and every section for the purpose  
of canvassing the farmers and  
securing signatures to the reduction  
pledge; to arrange for the holding  
of meetings in every section of  
the county; to arrange for the holding  
of a members meeting on "Pledge  
Reduction Day," Friday, February  
28th, this day being set aside by  
proclamation issued by the Governor  
to be used for the purpose of securing  
pledges. This matter being of such  
vast importance that the governors  
throughout the cotton belt have set  
aside a special day to be known as  
"Pledge Reduction Day," and arrange  
that all places of business be closed  
up this day and every one rally to  
the support of the South in this  
time of great need. Our commercial  
freedom is at stake."

From Steve Wright.

Spere, Germany.

My Dear Ma and Pa:  
Well, I came here to be treated in  
the hospital. Well every one here is  
French, doctors, inmates and all. When  
they get you on the table it is all off  
with you, for they hold you, and you  
can't move, explain or do a thing. I  
will write about our Christmas dinner.  
We had four large geese for dinner.  
The cook sent them to a cafe to be  
cooked and we all went down there  
for dinner. We had soup, mashed  
potatoes, cabbage, gravy, cheese, goose,  
and a quart of white wine apiece. You  
bet we all enjoyed it. Christmas morning  
some of the boys went out and  
killed four deer, only a short ways  
from where we are stationed.

(Dec. 31st, and the last day of the  
old year). Gee, but I am lonesome.  
Our meals are: Breakfast—tea and  
bread; dinner—soup, meat, beans and  
bread. I don't get meat but get mashed  
potatoes and milk where all the rest  
get wine. Supper—same as dinner.  
The scarcest things here in Germany  
are tea, soap, sugar and candy. You  
can buy soap and candy in some of  
the shops, but it is not very good.  
Have just got a couple of books that  
Lieut. Allen sent me by one of the boys  
so I can make out fine now. Think I  
will be able to leave tomorrow or next  
day.

(Jan. 1, 1919.) A happy new year to  
all. Well here it is another new year  
and am going to make some resolutions.  
First, to be sure and stay out of  
hospitals, especially foreign ones,  
where you are not understood and  
cannot understand. So you are going  
to buy a new car. Can't you find one  
to suit you. Try a Pathfinder or a  
Packard. The Y. M. C. A. gave us  
some tobacco and 4 bars of chocolate  
for Christmas.

(Thursday, Jan. 2nd.) Well, have  
just gotten up and had my cup of tea  
and feel fine, only could take on a little  
more breakfast. You know I have  
always wanted to go to Roumania, but  
I am cured now. No more foreigners  
for me, and if ever I get back to God's  
country again, am going to die there.  
Have just been made to understand  
that I can go tomorrow, by one of the  
attendants. Did you ever get the silk  
handkerchief I sent. Will mail you  
some postcards of Nancy, France, and  
Spere, Germany, in a day or two. I  
don't believe I ever had the hunting  
fever as bad as I have got it now. I  
want to go out after some pheasants  
so bad, but I doubt if there is a shot  
gun in the country. There is a little  
old rat-faced Frenchman with about  
3 teeth in the cot next to mine and he  
is a curiosity. When he can get the  
rest quiet for a minute, he takes the  
floor and of all the jabbering and  
gesturing you ever heard. I bet they  
drink less water on this side of the  
pond than any other country. If you  
offer one a drink of water he will  
throw his arms in the air as if you  
had insulted him and say, "No good".  
They drink a kind of a red wine called  
"penon" without any sugar in it.

(Friday morning, Jan. 3.) Great  
gee! Have just been informed that it  
is the 7th instead of today when I  
am to get out and have no books to  
read. There is one thing about this  
place, You can't feel better, or not so  
good. It has to be one of the two, well  
or sick. If you are well all is O. K.,  
but if you are feeling a little bad and  
say sick, on the table you go, while  
you are explaining all the way to it,  
that you are not that sick, so I have  
forgotten the word sick, and can  
remember the word, "good" fine. Say,  
the doctor has just been in for inspection  
and we had a heart to heart talk  
and I think he is going to let me go  
today but am not certain, for you  
know I don't savvy the lingo very well.  
Well, they did let me go so am back,  
so will mail this.

Your loving son,  
Steve.

## MRS. H. M. BLAKELY HAS PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Ella Campbell Blakely, wife of  
Mr. H. M. Blakely, died at her home  
in Clinton on February 18, 1919, being  
53 years of age. She was married to  
Mr. Blakely on Dec. 26, 1900, at Ridge-  
way, S. C., where she had lived from  
childhood. She was the daughter of the  
late Dr. John Campbell of Ridgeway.  
She leaves the following brothers and  
sisters: Mrs. Wm. Campbell, of Crarles-  
ton; Mr. Don Campbell, of Sumter; Mr.  
Archie Campbell and Mr. Colen Camp-  
bell, of Ridgeway; Mrs. W. P. Sloan,  
of Davidson, N. C., and Mrs. Maggie  
Widner, of Texas. She was a lifelong  
member of the First Presbyterian  
church of Ridgeway, S. C.

For a number of years Mrs. Blakely  
had been in bad health. But seemingly  
her health was greatly improving  
when on last Tuesday evening her  
husband came in from the store and found  
her prostrate upon the floor and un-  
conscious from a stroke of paralysis.  
Medical aid was called but nothing  
could be done and death came about  
9:30 P. M.

A short funeral service was conducted  
at the grave by Dr. Jones, pastor  
of the First Presbyterian church of  
Clinton. Her remains were then laid  
to rest in the family plot at the Beth-  
any burying ground.

She leaves a devoted husband and  
an adopted child to sorrow her loss,  
besides many relatives and friends. No  
husband and child could have been any  
more devoted, and everything that skill  
and loving hands could perform was  
done to relieve her suffering. But her  
time to depart had come. The messen-  
ger was calling and her spirit entered  
its eternal reward. May our Heavenly  
Father comfort those who sorrow  
and ever cheer them with the promises  
of His love and everlasting word.

S. R. B.

### BOLD ROBBERY IN HEART OF BROOKLYN

New York, Feb. 14—Two assistant  
paymasters of the United States ship-  
ping board were held up and robbed  
of \$12,000 in the heart of Brooklyn to-  
day, according to a report received at  
police headquarters.

### CITY ORDINANCE.

At a special meeting of City Council  
called by the Mayor Monday night, Feb-  
ruary 10th, the following ordinance was  
passed in compliance with request from  
Local Board of Health:

The State of South Carolina,  
County of Laurens,  
Town of Clinton.

#### An Ordinance Relating to the Public Health.

Whereas, the keeping of hogs in the  
Town of Clinton, except as is hereafter  
provided, is detrimental to the health  
of the community; Now, therefore,

Be it ordained by the Town Council  
of the Town of Clinton;

Section One. That on and after the  
adoption of this ordinance, it shall be  
unlawful for any person, firm or corpora-  
tion to keep live hogs or pigs in the  
Town of Clinton during the months of  
April, May, June, July, August and  
September; provided, however, this  
ordinance shall not prevent regular li-  
censed slaughter houses, conducted  
under the rules and regulations of the  
Town Board of Health of the Town of  
Clinton, from keeping hogs for slaughter  
for a period of not more than five days  
previous to slaughter and not less than  
five hundred yards from the residence  
of the person residing nearest the place  
of keeping.

Section Two. Any person convicted  
of a violation of this ordinance shall be  
punished by a fine of not more than  
fifty dollars and not less than two dol-  
lars, or by imprisonment at hard labor  
for not more than thirty days.

Done and ratified by the Town Coun-  
cil of the Town of Clinton in Council  
assembled this, the 10th day of Febru-  
ary, A. D. 1919, and the corporate seal  
of the Town of Clinton hereunto affixed.

J. R. COPELAND,  
Mayor.  
DORCAS MASON,  
Clerk and Treasurer.

Every one will notice the Council has  
extended the time for getting the hogs  
out of town to March 31st. So please,  
everybody, act accordingly and avoid  
trouble.

### NOTICE

Time for paying Street  
Tax expires on March 1st.  
All able bodied men be-  
tween the ages of 18 and  
50 must pay.

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