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### "CLEAN-UP"—EVERYBODY.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement  
association and the city authorities  
now have on a campaign to  
"Clean-Up" the city, and in their  
efforts they are asking for and deserve  
the co-operation of all our people.

This is the season to start the  
"cleaning-up" idea and the best  
place to commence is at your own  
door. Get out the brush and paint,  
hoe, rake, etc., and let's join in and  
work to develop the beauty of our  
city.

In observing the week here are  
some of the things we are told we  
should do:

Set your neighbor a good example.

Remove all rubbish from your  
attic, cellar, back yard and alley.

Remove and clean all carpets and  
hangings for the summer.

Scrub floors, hallways and all  
unvarnished woodwork thoroughly.

Use plenty of soap and hot water.

Clean all windows and keep them  
open to fresh air and sunlight.

Ventilate damp cellars. Extermin-  
inate rats, flies and all vermin.

After cleaning, paint or white-  
wash your buildings, outhouses,  
fences, etc., both inside and out.  
Paint kills germs.

Put your walks in first-class con-  
dition.

Plant trees, shrubs and flowers in  
suitable places. Keep your lawn  
in good condition.

If you rent, ask your landlord to  
repair leaky roofs and plumbing,  
and to repair dirty, broken walls  
and ceilings, fences, walks, etc.

If there is a vacant lot in your  
neighborhood see that it is thor-  
oughly cleaned up.

Report all dirty or unsanitary  
places in your neighborhood to the  
health department.

The educational influence of such  
campaigns will remain in a town  
the year through, eliminating many  
nuisances caused formerly by care-  
lessness or thoughtlessness. "Clean-  
Up Week" starts a civic awakening  
and the public generally will take  
a greater interest in civic affairs,  
making a more efficient city and  
town government, better streets and  
better sanitary conditions.

The following is the introduction  
of the proclamation issued by the  
Secretary of the Iowa State board  
of health:

"Little beds of flowers,  
Little cans of paint,  
Make homes attractive,  
Out of them that ain't."

There is no one movement at this  
season of the year that will have a  
greater influence for good than  
"Clean-Up and Paint-Up."

With the "clean-up" campaign  
on it is well to bear this in mind—  
a town is like a girl; it's wonderful  
what a little fixing up will do for  
her.

There's no place like home so  
let's make it clean and beautiful.

### THE CITY'S WATER AND LIGHT RATES.

We are today publishing an article  
from Councilman J. F. Jacobs on the  
"Clinton Water and Light Rates." We  
are glad to give it publication since  
it sets forth the city's side of the  
question, for as Mr. Jacobs states, there  
is considerable complaint on the  
present high rates, especially when we  
compare ours with those of neighboring  
towns or throughout the state; so an  
explanation is well in order. Then,  
too, it is the first public statement given  
by the city officials on this water and  
light question, though the rates were  
raised 50 per cent. over a year ago.  
Therefore, the article will be read with  
interest.

The citizens of Clinton are now pay-  
ing a base rate of 15c per K. W. Hour  
for electric lights and 40c per 1,000 gal-  
lons for water, two of the highest rates  
we find charged in the state. Of  
course, as Mr. Jacobs states, the cost  
of operating and up-keeping the plant  
has materially increased, but this same  
condition is true with every other town,  
and still the tendency now is to lower  
rates. Only last Thursday the Green-  
ville papers carried an announcement  
of a reduction in that city's rate from  
10c per K. W. Hour to 9c. Admitting  
that the cost of operating the plant has  
increased as compared with the pre-war  
period, still it must be taken in con-  
sideration that there has been an in-  
crease in the volume of business. If  
the town had a cheaper rate for mot-  
ors, etc., it would mean a still larger  
horse-power consumption, for this is  
the experience of other cities. If it  
is costing the city the present rates  
to furnish its patrons water and lights,  
then undoubtedly it would be a wise  
thing to consider the bringing of hydro-  
electric power here.

A comparison of our rates with those  
in a few nearby towns, clearly reveals  
that our rates are excessive. Take the  
following towns for example and note  
their rates: Laurens—Flat rate of 10c  
per K. W. Hour for electric lights with  
a sliding scale for power consumption  
for other purposes.

Orangeburg: Rate of 7c per K. W.  
Hour for electric lights, with a sliding  
scale down to 4c per K. W., and 10  
per cent. discount. The city has a steam  
plant similar to ours.

Greenwood: Rate for electric lights,  
5 to 8c per K. W. Hour, with 10 per  
cent. discount. Power rate for other  
purposes, such as cooking, motors for  
various enterprises, etc., 2c to 7c net.  
Rate per 1,000 gallons for water, 12½  
and 15c, with 10 per cent. discount.  
This plant showed a profit last year  
of \$25,000, according to the city council's  
annual report.

Abbeville: Rate for electric lights:  
10c first 75 K. W., 8c next 200 K. W.,  
all over 200 K. W., 6c. Rate for power  
for motors, cooking, etc., 2 and 2½c  
per K. W. Hour. Rates for Water,  
from 6c to 20c per 1,000 gallons.

Newberry: Electric light rates, first  
50 K. W., 10c; second 50 K. W., 8c, all  
over this amount 6c per K. W. Hour.  
Rates for Water, 17½ to 25c per 1,000  
gallons. The city uses hydro-electric  
power at a wholesale rate of 1½ per  
K. W.

Chester: Rate for electric lights, 9c  
per K. W. Hour. Cooking rate of 4c  
per K. W. flat; power for motors, etc.,  
sliding according to consumption. Rate  
for Water, 15 to 40c per 1,000 gallons.  
We could cite the rates of other towns  
but this is not necessary. These figures  
show that when a comparison is made,  
our rates are out of line.

In his assertion that the people of  
Clinton want efficient service, Mr.  
Jacobs is entirely correct, and we  
heartily agree with him. We will go  
further and say that the service is good  
and that there is no ground for com-  
plaint on this point. The Chronicle also  
agrees with Mr. Jacobs that there  
should be no deficit created by the light,  
water and sewer system. It is a sound  
business principle that each department  
of a business should be self-supporting  
and that the profits of one should not  
be used to pay the losses of some other  
department. If the city is going to  
maintain municipal ownership of its  
water-light system, an adequate rate  
must be charged to cover the produc-  
tion, but that rate should cover the  
cost of production only, and should be  
in line with the average prices charged  
by other towns. Whatever expenses  
may be required for the town's develop-  
ment along other lines should be derived  
by direct taxation on the property  
owners.

The argument that municipal own-  
ership of public utilities lowers the cost  
of production to the consumer, is not  
holding good here, as our rates clearly  
demonstrate.

### NEW ENGLAND MILLS WILL PAY FAIR PRICE

Eastern Manufacturers Showing No  
Objection to Proposed Reduction of  
Cotton Acreage.

Shreveport, La., March 28.—Assert-  
ing that Eastern mills will as readily  
pay a high price for Southern cotton  
as a lower price, G. H. H. Souls, of the  
Cotton Exchange department of the  
Shawmut Bank of Boston, told mem-  
bers of the Louisiana Bankers' Asso-  
ciation in session here tonight, that  
there is no reason to believe the pro-  
posed reduction in acreage in the  
South will decrease the output of the  
Eastern mills for the year.

"We must consider the fact that an  
immense portion of the 1918 crop is  
yet being held," he said. "This left  
over crop is sufficient to make up for  
the decrease in production from the  
farm; and yet so much of it being in  
the hands of the farmer with the co-  
operation of the Southern bankers and  
merchants, he should be able to obtain  
a fair price for both his 1918 and this  
year's crops.

New England cotton manufacturers,  
Mr. Souls said, are showing no ob-  
jections to the proposed reduction in  
Southern cotton acreage.

The Stephen D. Lee chapter, U.  
D. C., will meet with Mesdames  
W. M. Farr and L. D. McCreary at  
the home of the former, on Friday,  
the 4th, at 4 P. M.

## FARM PROFITS WILL AID LOAN

Rural Business Men Are Well  
Able to Take Up Their  
Share in the "Victorious"  
Fifth.

More than ever before the American  
farmer finds himself in the position  
of comfort and prosperity which is  
his just due. Lean years are for him  
no longer. Last year the average of  
farm earnings broke all records. Six  
million farms in 1918 produced crops  
worth \$12,280,000,000.

This year it is estimated that a  
greater wheat acreage than ever will  
be sown. Naturally, the farmer is  
making the most of his opportunities,  
and with guaranteed wheat prices  
and high prices for everything he  
grows, the outlook for him is most  
encouraging. And Europe will fur-  
nish a market for his fat hogs and  
steers.

It would be interesting, if possible,  
to assemble comparative statements  
of the farmers' bank accounts now  
and five years ago, and the list of  
mortgages that have been cancelled.  
And it would be more interesting per-  
haps to have a statement of the Lib-  
erty Bonds now in the hands of these  
tillers of the soil.

Very soon the farmer will have fur-  
ther opportunity to prove that he is  
not without loyalty as well developed  
as any man's. For another loan is  
almost in sight, a loan that will draw  
upon us all.

Because of his price guarantee of  
\$2.26 a bushel, Uncle Sam stands to  
lose from 50 to 75 cents upon every  
bushel of wheat harvested next sea-  
son. Having given this guarantee to  
the farmer, he will make it good.  
That is Uncle Sam's way. But what  
is Mr. Farmer going to do for Uncle  
Sam in the Victory Liberty Loan?

In every Liberty Loan to date the  
farmer, as a class, has bought less  
bonds than men in other prosperous  
classes. He has been able meantime  
to get more sugar and everything  
else upon which the government put  
a restriction, than others have.

The big question now, when he  
stands to cash in at a 25 per cent  
premium upon his wheat crop, is what  
is he going to do next Liberty Loan  
drive?

Some Liberty Loan officials are  
suggesting that the farmer should  
buy a \$100 bond for each 100 bushels  
of wheat he sells to the government.  
He has made the profit and should  
have no hesitancy in taking a high-  
grade security in payment for the dif-  
ference between what the govern-  
ment gets and what he receives for  
his wheat.

### RED CROSS NOTES.

The chapter has decided on a  
banquet for returned soldiers and  
sailors at Red Cross Headquarters  
Thursday evening, April 24th, at  
which returned men from our  
whole territory, including Clinton,  
Lydia, Goldville and the school  
districts of Rockbridge, Wads-  
worth, Renno, Sardis, Shady  
Grove, Hurricane, are asked to be  
present. This includes the S. A.  
T. C. men and returned men at the  
college. The canteen committee  
has this in charge and Mrs. Spenc-  
er will select the special commit-  
tee at once. As far as possible, the  
men are asked to come in uniform.

Mrs. Crawford Clapp, Mrs. W.  
G. Neville and Mrs. John Spratt  
were appointed a special commit-  
tee to get up a box to help the Co-  
lumbia chapter entertain the men  
of the Thirtieth Division.

Mrs. Arthur Copeland, Mrs. R.  
D. Bryson and Miss Ellene McCas-  
lan were appointed a History Com-  
mittee to prepare a history of the  
chapter.

Miss Sallie Wright was appoint-  
ed a committee to get up the rec-  
ords of the workers in the hall and  
Mrs. Spencer to get records of can-  
teen workers, with the view to in-  
signia of service they may wear.

The campaign for Belgian gar-  
ments has been right successful,  
and there is still opportunity till  
Saturday for any who have not yet  
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