

BUSINESS MEN FORM COMMERCIAL CLUB

Geo. M. Wright Heads New Social Organization of Representative Business Men.

At one of the most representative bodies of business men ever assembled in the city, The Commercial Club of Clinton was formally organized, at the Hotel Clinton, Tuesday night, immediately following a delightful six-course luncheon. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and upon recommendation of a special nominating committee, the following officers were elected to head the club for a period of one year:

Geo. M. Wright, President; B. H. Boyd, Vice-President; W. W. Harris, Secretary; Jas. R. Copeland, Treasurer.

Directors: C. M. Bailey, R. L. Bailey, J. F. Jacobs, Sr., W. H. Simpson, Geo. H. Ellis.

The four officers are also directors, and these nine members constitute the governing body of the club.

The club was organized with a membership of 51 representative business and professional charter members. They are:

J. F. Jacobs, Sr., Dr. D. M. Douglas, John Spratt, G. M. Wright, L. B. Dillard, W. H. Simpson, J. F. Jacobs, Jr., W. C. Bailey, J. Whitman Smith, Jas. R. Copeland, Dr. S. C. Hays, W. A. Galloway, J. D. Bell, Dr. Frank Kellers, R. L. Bailey, W. P. Jacobs, W. A. Moorhead, R. H. Hatton, E. G. Fuller, W. H. Shands, B. H. Boyd, A. J. Milling, H. D. Henry, Dr. T. L. W. Bailey, J. Will Dillard, J. Hamp Stone, P. B. Adair, Dr. J. Lee Young, M. P. Hazel, L. A. Barrow, W. W. Harris, Geo. H. Ellis, C. M. Bailey, E. E. Stanton, Thomas D. Jacobs, C. W. Stone, Crawford Clapp, Reece Young, W. B. Owens, Jr., J. K. Hatton, S. W. Sumerel, John T. Young, S. G. Dillard, E. W. Ferguson, J. H. Flanagan, W. S. Denson, L. E. McSwain, A. B. Blakely, Jack H. Young, J. A. Chandler, E. J. Adair.

The club will hold a luncheon once a month. Membership may be obtained through invitation only.

The objects of the organization are:

1. To promote the recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations and to dignify the occupation of each member as affording him an opportunity to serve society.
2. To encourage high ethical standards in business and professions.
3. To increase the efficiency of each member by the development of improved ideas and business methods.
4. To stimulate the desire of each member to be of service to his fellow-men and society in general.
5. To promote the scientizing of acquaintance as an opportunity for service and an aid to success.
6. To quicken the interest of each member in the public welfare of his community and to co-operate with others in its civic, social, commercial and industrial development.

The members of the new organization were very enthusiastic over the fine showing made at the initial meeting. This is the first Social Club (for the men) that has ever been organized in Clinton and the personnel of the members and officers shows that every interest in town will be represented.

It is hoped a little later that comfortable club rooms can be provided for the members. The general management of the organization is placed in the hands of the board of directors, and by the time of the next luncheon, which comes the second Tuesday in next month, it is hoped that all of the details will have been worked out and a number of matters of interest will be taken up for consideration.

Three Colleges to Enter Into Debate.

Arrangements have been perfected whereby Newberry College, the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and Wofford College will meet in an intercollegiate debate during the last week in April or the first of May. Government ownership and control of railroads will be the query for the debates.

Newberry and P. C. will meet at Clinton; Newberry and Wofford at Newberry, and P. C. and Wofford at Spartanburg, with the team at home taking the affirmative side of the question in each case, according to the plans for the meet.

TREATY READY EASTER SAYS LLOYD-GEORGE

No Divergence of Opinion Among Allied Diplomats, Lloyd George Tells French Newspaper Men. Council of Four Agree Upon Principles of the Indemnity.

Paris, April 6.—The preliminary peace treaty will be ready by Easter and the Germans will be asked to come and sign it at the end of April or the beginning of May, Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain declared in an interview today with Stephane Lauzane, editor of the Matin.

In answer to a remark by M. Lauzanne that what troubled public opinion was not so much the delay, as the secrecy in which the peace negotiations were wrapped and the fear that there was some divergence of opinion, the British premier said:

"I affirm absolutely that there is no divergence among the negotiators. They are often confronted with technical difficulties which can only be settled after close study. Take the question of reparations. In substance the Allies have one common principle which I once set forth thus—Germany must pay up to the last fathoming of her power."

"But it is sufficient to draw up a bill and hand it to the enemy? Must we not require guarantees and must we not study the terms, methods and form of delayed payments? Must we not be able to say to our adversary when he pleads inadequacy of resources: 'Yes, you can go as far as that and you must do it and you must do that.' In a word, shall we simply present a bill or collect the money, all the money possible? Well, that is where the work comes in, slow and difficult work complicated by the fact that technical experts of the highest capabilities and great experience are not in agreement among themselves either as to the method of liquidation or as to the assets to be realized.

"No, there is no divergence among the negotiators, but, alas, there are inevitable ones among the experts, often among those from the same country. Who is to decide between them if not the negotiators and do you think it can always be done quickly?"

Lauzanne remarked that what public opinion could not understand was why, before everything, Germany was not handed a full bill no matter what amount and forced to admit full liability.

"And who says we shall not do so?" cried Premier Lloyd George. "Who says we have not decided that?"

"No, one," the interviewer interrupted, "has that you have decided it."

The British premier resumed:

"Cannot the people wait until we have finished our work, instead of always wanting to judge our intentions. This conference had to meet and does things under conditions unprecedented in history. All eyes are turned toward it and, what is more grave, all ears are glued at its keyhole. Enemy ears tremble with joy when they detect some hesitation. Friendly ears half hear confused rumors which are peddled far and quickly.

"The day does not pass but what some false news here and there takes its flight. Nevertheless, no day passes but that we in silent deliberation feel approaching nearer the great aim and experience for each other more esteem, confidence and affection. Let public opinion wait a few days. It will then be able to pronounce on facts, not rumors."

Paris, April 6.—The council of four on Saturday reached an agreement on the principles of the indemnities and reparations to be paid by Germany and examination of the details will begin immediately, the newspapers say. It is not believed there will be any disagreement as to details and it is indicated that the text of the financial terms will be finished during the week.

The Echo De Paris says that compromises were effected on all debatable points regarding the sum to be paid at once by Germany and the payments in the future. Against the opposition of the French government, it was agreed, the paper says, to distribute the future payments over a term of thirty years. The payments for the next few years were fixed.

The Journal says there are indications that the right of France and Belgium to prior consideration in the payment by Germany have been recognized. The first German payment it says, will be 20,000,000,000 francs, of which 5,000,000,000 will go to pay for raw materials to insure the resumption of German economic life. France will get ten billion francs and Belgium

COMMON PLEAS COURT MEETS.

Judge Prince to Preside over Term Which Begins Fourth Monday in this Month.

The jury commissioners met in the office of the clerk of court Monday and drew the venire of jurors for the court of common pleas which convenes here the fourth Monday in this month. Judge Geo. E. Prince, of Anderson, will preside. There will very probably be the usual two weeks' session, the jurors for which will be drawn next week.

Following are the jurors drawn for the first week:

- Sullivan—R. F. Nash, E. L. Pitts, W. A. Wood, W. H. Balentine, Jr., J. L. Knight.
- Youngs—B. J. Jenkins, S. E. Riddle, A. J. Hughes, A. C. Crow.
- Laurens—E. T. Babb, B. W. Hellams, L. P. Blakely, J. Hicks Martin.
- Cross Hill—F. C. Noffz, Jos. S. Hill, M. L. Crisp, J. H. Rasser, T. T. Hill.
- Waterloo—J. E. Ellings, J. Broadus Hill.
- Dialer—Jno. A. Owings, J. C. Hipp, J. J. Hunter, B. G. Taylor, P. E. Cooper, Joe C. Halcombe.
- Hunter—J. Edd Ham, J. Hamp Stone, C. V. Monroe, Jno. C. Grant, G. W. C. Johnson, W. Watts Davis.
- Scuffletown—S. O. Clark, J. I. Chaney.
- Jacks—D. W. Copeland, W. J. Henry.

ATTENTION KNITTERS.

Mrs. W. J. Bailey has asked The Chronicle to state that she now has on hand an allotment of 70 pairs of stockings and 40 sweaters to be made up. All knitters in the city are urged to call Mrs. Bailey up and let her know whether they want to knit stockings or sweaters for the Belgian children. She will be glad to deliver the wool to those offering their services and hopes for a liberal response on the part of all who are interested in this deserving work.

TELLS OF WILSON TALKING TO HUNS

Wireless Operator Says President Had Direct Wireless Parleys with Nauen. Tells Them They Must Get Rid of Kaiser.

New York, April 4.—The story of how President Wilson broke diplomatic precedent on Oct. 20, 1918, by direct parley with the Germans was told here today by C. M. Ripley, a wireless specialist of the General Electric Company.

It was exactly at noon on Oct. 20, Mr. Ripley said, when an operator in the naval wireless station at New Brunswick startled American and Allied government wireless operators with the call:

"POZ-POZ-POZ-DE NF NF—"

Translated, the call meant that "NF", the New Brunswick station, was calling "POZ" the German government wireless station at Nauen.

Visions of daring treachery on the part of some naval wireless operator or equally daring German spy operations, Mr. Ripley imagines, flitted through the minds of operators who were not "on the inside" of President Wilson's plan.

MEET IN FLORENCE.

Several local physicians are making plans to attend the 71st annual meeting of the South Carolina Medical Association, at Florence April 15-16. Several physicians of the Piedmont section are on the program to read papers, among them being Dr. T. L. W. Bailey of this city, on "Pneumonia of Influenza."

five billion of the first payment. The rest of the indemnity, the paper says, will run over a period of 35 years.

Plans for continued occupation of the left bank of the Rhine have been abandoned and the Allies will depend upon an economic blockade as the means of pressure on Germany. Final agreement on the Rhine and Saare Valley questions will be reached before the end of the week, it is added.

Increased optimism in diplomatic circles is noted by the press, while in editorials the newspapers express satisfaction over the progress made in question of reparation and indemnity. It is pointed out that each day of delay in reaching a final agreement adds to the loss to the French.

BAPTIST S. S. WORKERS MEET AT CLINTON

Sunday School Institute to be Held at Clinton May 1st and 2nd.

Cross Hill, March 31.—The Laurens County Baptist Sunday School Institute will meet this year with Clinton church at Clinton on Thursday and Friday, May 1st and 2nd. The program is in the making and will soon be ready for the printer and distribution. But in the meantime let every Baptist Sunday School in the Laurens association be thinking of the time and place and making preparations to be fully represented. Several out-of-the-county speakers and workers will be on the program and many important matters of interest to Sunday School work and progress will be considered. The meeting will be helpful and inspiring and the people of Clinton expect a full attendance. Keep in mind the best interest of your Sunday school and the time of meeting Thursday and Friday, May 1st and 2nd.

STRANGER DIES HERE.

Ivan C. Carvalho, a Jew, born in London, died here at the Henderson boarding-house Monday morning after a week's critical illness. About a week ago he and his wife and a young two-year-old child landed in the city without any means of support, and had been here since that time on account of his illness. Mr. Carvalho stated that they were working their way West on account of his health, Learning of Mr. J. F. Jacobs and taking for granted that he was a Jew on account of his name, he made an appeal for help which was quickly given. Later Mr. A. W. Brice circulated a subscription list among the business men in behalf of the poor unfortunate fellow and in all more than two hundred dollars was raised and turned over to him and his wife. In the meantime Mr. Carvalho became critically ill and was carried to boarding house where he was provided a nurse and medical attention but to little avail for he gradually grew worse and lasted only a few days. His remains were laid to rest Tuesday morning in the cemetery, after which his wife and little child left for Florallo, Ala., where she has relatives. Mr. Carvalho up to the very end talked of his appreciation of the assistance he had received and spoke of the kind Christian spirit of helpfulness that had been extended him. His wife was deeply appreciative of the help and many kindnesses shown her and as she left asked that the Clinton people be thanked for the assistance they so gladly extended. She said that Clinton and her people would always occupy a large place in her heart and that she was unable to express her appreciation for the help given in her sore hour of need. The pastors of the city conducted the funeral services and the members of the Masonic lodge acted as pall bearers, the deceased having been a member of this order.

RED CROSS NOTES.

Owing to the report of the immediate demobilization of the Rainbow Division it has been decided to defer our banquet for returned men to a date subsequent to April 24th. The new date will be announced later.

Much credit is due to Miss Eliza Beard and her committee for their diligence in getting and sacking garments for the Belgians. Many nice things were sent, but the community "fell down" on the amount, having contributed 605 pounds, while we should have sent 1,605 pounds.

Mrs. Clapp and her committee have the credit for having secured a splendid box of nice things to ship to the Chapter at Columbia for entertainment of the returning soldiers.

FOR RELIEF JEWISH WAR SUFFERERS.

The campaign for the relief of Jewish war sufferers, there being between four and six million people of this race without food or shelter, is now being held throughout the United States. This State's quota is \$125,000, and Laurens County is asked for \$3,000, with Clinton and vicinity contributing \$1,000 of this amount. The willing support of all large-hearted people is asked in this campaign. In Clinton the campaign will be in charge of Rev. Edward Long, Rev. Henry Stokes, Dr. Dudley Jones, J. T. Robertson, B. H. Boyd, H. D. Henry, A. B. Blakely, A. W. Brice and W. P. Jacobs, Jr.

Pension Notice.

Those soldiers and widows not on roll before, who applied to the County Board during this year, are notified that their names were stricken from the roll by the State Board, and that in order to be placed on the roll they must now apply to the Probate Judge, O. G. Thompson.

WILSON FAVORS FILIPINO FREEDOM

American People Love Freedom Too Well to Deny It to Others, President Wilson Writes to Mission. Cites Record of Loyalty of Filipinos in the War.

Washington, April 4.—Members of the special mission of the Philippine legislature here to urge immediate independence for the islands were told today by Secretary Baker that he spoke President Wilson's mind when he said he believed the time had come to grant the complete independence desired by the Filipino people.

The war secretary also said he believed the mission would be able to carry home word that the American people loved liberty too dearly to deny it to others.

Francis Burton Harrison, governor general of the Philippines, followed Mr. Baker with the statement that his experience in the islands had convinced him that the obstacles to independence that appeared to exist a few years ago had been cleared away.

He read a letter left by President Wilson when he went to Europe, expressing the hope that the mission would result in "bringing about the desirable ends set forth in the joint resolution of the legislature."

The mission including forty prominent Filipinos and headed by Manuel Quezon, president of the senate, on being received in Secretary Baker's office today, presented formal memorial asking independence and pointing particularly to the record of the Philippines in the great war.

In replying, the secretary read President Wilson's letter, addressed to him under date of March 3rd. It was as follows:

"Will you please express to the gentlemen of the commission representing the Philippine legislature my regret that I shall be unable to see them personally on their arrival in Washington, as well as my hope that their mission will be a source of satisfaction to them and that it will result in bringing about the desirable ends set forth in the joint resolution of the legislature approving the sending of the commission to the United States."

"I have been deeply gratified with the constant support and encouragement received from the Filipino people and from the Philippine legislature in the trying period through which we are passing.

"The people of the United States, have with reason, taken the deepest pride in the loyalty and support of the Filipino people.

"Though unable to meet the commission the Filipino people shall not be absent from my thoughts. Not the least important labor of the conference which now requires my attention is that of making the pathway of the weaker people of the world less perilous—a labor which should be, and doubtless is, of deep and abiding interest to the Filipino people.

"I am sorry that I cannot look into the faces of the gentlemen of this mission of the Philippine Islands and tell them all what I have in mind and heart as I think of the patient labor, with the end almost in sight undertaken by the American and Filipino people for their permanent benefit. I know, however, that your sentiments are mine. In this regard and that you will translate it truly to them my own feeling."

BELL-WORKMAN BANK IN NEW HEADQUARTERS

The growth of the business of the Bell-Workman Bank, the city's youngest banking institution, has made necessary the building of a separate banking office, and during the past week the bank has moved into its new and attractive home on Musgrave Street. The office has been supplied with new fixtures and all modern conveniences to facilitate the handling of business. Organized less than a year ago, this bank has enjoyed a large volume of business making it necessary to enlarge their former headquarters in the store of the Bell-Workman Co. The officers are: J. D. Bell, president; C. R. Workman, vice-president; C. C. Wallace, cashier; Miss Maggie Finney, bookkeeper.

OFFICERS NAMED TO HEAD CHAUTAUQUA

Committees Organize For the Big Event—June 5-9th, Announced as Dates.

At a meeting of the guarantors of Clinton's Chautauqua last Saturday morning, definite plans were made for its appearance in the first part of June. It was hoped that perhaps the Chautauqua would be held during May but unfortunately it was impossible.

The date of Clinton's Chautauqua will be from Thursday, June 5th through the 9th, immediately between the College and Orphanage commencements. The College commencement will end on Wednesday, June 4th, and the Junior attractive of the Chautauqua will be held that same afternoon. The Chautauqua program proper will begin the next day and continue five days through the following Monday. The program as announced is a very attractive one. The details will be announced in next week's issue of The Chronicle. The guarantors are very much pleased with the outcome of the plans and the excellency of the program.

In order to avoid a possible conflict with the Orphanage commencement two of their commencement dates, Friday night and Monday night will be changed. This the Orphanage authorities were glad to do in consideration of the great good that the Chautauqua will bring to Clinton and in consideration of the importance of the event.

At the meeting Saturday morning the Clinton Chautauqua Association was organized and plans made for the event. The following officers were elected:

- President—William P. Jacobs.
- Vice President—Dr. Jack H. Young.
- Secretary—W. W. Harris.
- Treasurer—W. H. Simpson.
- Chairman Ticket Committee—Mrs. C. M. Bailey.
- Chairman of Grounds Committee—J. Hamp Stone.
- Chairman of Advertising Committee—W. P. Jacobs.
- Executive Committee—B. H. Boyd, W. P. Jacobs, W. W. Harris, Jack H. Young, W. H. Simpson, J. Hamp Stone, Mrs. C. M. Bailey and Miss Clara Duckett.

The chairmen of each of the committees will select their own members and co-workers. Fuller details in regard to the plans will be announced later. It is expected that an enthusiastic drive for the sale of tickets will be conducted at the proper time. It is expected that Clinton will easily make the event a financial success worth while.