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"Build a Home" is a late slogan  
and a good one. Just try it and  
see.

A man's idea of enjoying him-  
self now is going a-fishing. A wo-  
man's is to be going somewhere.

If Easter eggs could only hatch,  
we would have a variety of beauti-  
ful chickens and probably they  
wouldn't always be playing havoc  
with the neighbor's garden.

The women have gone "daffy"  
on parties. We get this informa-  
tion from our society columns.

### FOR CLINTON'S GOOD.

The organization of The Com-  
mercial Club of Clinton adds to  
the brightness of the city's future.  
This organization, social and com-  
mercial in purpose, will prove a  
strong factor in the community's  
progress and will serve in bringing  
our business men closer together  
and to a better understanding of  
each other. Its objects are worthy  
and through its membership a keen  
interest will be quickened in the  
public welfare of the community in  
its development along all lines.

The election of Geo. M. Wright  
as head of the organization gives it  
the cordial good will of the entire  
community. He has with him in  
the other officers and directors, and  
the entire membership, a loyal and  
capable support of the representa-  
tive business men of the town.

Through the future activities of  
The Commercial Club, there is sure  
to come development and progress.  
Its membership assures success  
for any program that may be map-  
ped out. To this organization and  
all its efforts, The Chronicle pledges  
its whole-hearted support. The  
management places itself and the  
paper at the full disposal of the  
club. We are ready to be used and  
to give our efforts to help carry out  
every undertaking that is put for-  
ward for a "GREATER CLIN-  
TON."

### CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE RESUMED.

Secretary of Labor William B.  
Wilson in a telegram recently ad-  
dressed to a Business Re-adjust-  
ment Conference held in Boston  
urged the resumption of building  
operations, both public and private,  
throughout the country as the sur-  
est means of stimulating an early  
readjustment of business condi-  
tions. He says, among other  
things:

"Deferred construction is really  
a part of our war debt. It should  
be one of the first accounts to be  
paid unless the country is to re-  
main in a state of arrested devel-  
opment. Inasmuch as the building  
industry is regarded by many as  
the means of facilitating the gen-  
eral industrial transition from a  
war to a peace basis, it should have  
the encouragement of all interests.  
For ultimately all industries must

suffer and prosper alike. In fact,  
my interest in stimulating con-  
struction is only due to my interest  
in every trade and in every citizen.  
"Public construction will be  
helped in, mitigating conditions.  
While parks, highways and other  
public improvements add to the  
general welfare of a community, it  
is not of itself a sufficiently compre-  
hensive program to solve the read-  
justment problem.

"Therefore, it is evident that the  
private as well as public construc-  
tion must be resumed before the  
country returns to normal condi-  
tions. Next to placing private  
funds in governmental securities,  
it is desirable that they be invest-  
ed in enduring wealth like construc-  
tion. The accumulated earnings of  
the citizens of the country should  
not be diverted into forms of  
wealth easily consumed and with-  
out earning power. Permanent in-  
vestments of wealth will stabilize  
the moral and financial condition of  
the country as a whole, as well as  
benefit the individual investor and  
his dependents."

Here in Clinton there is little  
evidence of a resumption of build-  
ing activities. The city is short  
of houses and it is impossible for  
new-comers to secure living accom-  
modations. Consequently, growth  
from the outside is being hampered  
and many families are doubled up  
in congested quarters. With these  
conditions existing, now is the op-  
portunity time to start a building  
boom, and every move in this direc-  
tion should be encouraged.

As The Chronicle has stated be-  
fore, no town can grow unless it  
has adequate housing facilities.  
Clinton must have more homes.

### THE PROMISE OF EASTER

We know Easter as one of the two  
great religious festivals of the year.  
In being emblematic of the Resur-  
rection it is emblematic of life and  
hope. And everything in the season  
when we celebrate it is suggestive  
of the same idea. The return of spring  
and verdure and bird-life each year  
is like the fulfillment of a hope.

The allies tell us that the peace  
treaty will be completed and offered  
to the world by Easter. No more ap-  
propriate time could be found for its  
promulgation.

After the years of destruction and  
suffering which the war has entailed,  
—after terror and chaos, we hope for  
a new-made world, a world whose in-  
spiration will be brotherly love and  
a strong sense of mutual obligation  
and helpfulness among nations.

We have not reached the millen-  
nium. The change in old custom and  
thought cannot be immediate. But  
the peace treaty is the first step to-  
ward a world governed by right and  
justice. And its completion seems,  
like Easter, symbolic of hope and joy.

### SOUTH CAROLINIAN WINS SERVICE CROSS

Frank H. Barnwell Awarded War Dec-  
oration. Lives in Memphis.  
South Carolinians continue to re-  
ceive official recognition of deeds of  
heroism done on the battle fields of  
France, a distinguished service cross  
having been awarded a few days ago  
at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, to  
Lieut. Frank H. Barnwell, Company  
G, Twenty-sixth Infantry.

Lieutenant Barnwell has many rela-  
tives in South Carolina. His father,  
Edward H. Barnwell, formerly of  
Charleston, now lives in Memphis. He  
has other relatives in various parts of  
South Carolina, who are gratified at  
the record he made in France. The  
young man's home at present is in  
Memphis, Tenn., where previous to his  
enlistment he was a teller in one of the  
banks of the city.

The decoration was pinned on the  
uniform of Lieutenant Barnwell by  
Col. Thomas Sumter Bratton com-  
mander of Fort McPherson and an of-  
ficer who also has many relatives in  
South Carolina. The ceremony took  
place at the general hospital at Fort  
McPherson.

The following account of the award-  
ing of the distinguished service cross  
is from the Atlanta Constitution:

"For the third time in the history of  
Fort McPherson, war heroes, wounded  
in the service, Red Cross nurses and  
civilians, gathered yesterday afternoon  
to witness the award of one of the  
highest of military honors to a soldier  
of the American expeditionary forces,  
who had performed signal service in  
the campaign against the Huns.

"Heroic inspiring leadership" was  
one of the clauses included in the or-  
der received by Col. Thomas Bratton,  
commander of the post, in which the  
military authorities in France asked  
that a distinguished service cross be  
awarded Lieut. Frank H. Barnwell of  
Company G, Twenty-sixth Infantry,  
who for one hour, and thirty minutes  
invaded German territory at Soissons  
that was literally covered with ma-  
chine guns, and led his men until he  
was wounded in both legs.

"With a brief appropriate exercise  
characterized by the soldier spirit and  
the appreciation by Americans of an-  
other American who has given con-  
crete evidence of a greater love for  
country than for self, the cross was  
presented by Colonel Bratton in the  
big living room of the Red Cross house  
at 2 o'clock.

"By the appointed hour for the exer-  
cises, the room was filled with men  
from 'over there' who know exact-  
ly what it means when official re-  
ports state that a man has 'directed  
his platoon with unusual effectiveness  
until he fell wounded,' and many civil-  
ians, oo, who perhaps did not under-  
stand exactly, but only know that the  
youth whom Colonel Bratton was to  
decorate had displayed a wonderful  
courage.

"After a few moments waiting the  
strains of the orchestra announced the  
beginning of the exercises and Colonel  
Bratton and Lieutenant Barnwell en-  
tered the room and took their position  
on the stage.

"At the close of the selection Col-  
onel Bratton arose and in the name of  
the American army, expressed his ad-  
miration for the courageous deeds that  
had called for the citation and after  
pinning the medal on the breast of  
the soldier grasped his hands and con-  
gratulated him. The large audience  
stood at attention while the thrilling  
strains of the "Star Spangled Banner"  
filled the air, after which they filed  
outside, where they gathered about the  
hero to offer congratulations."

It didn't seem to matter greatly  
where they were stationed, the South  
Carolina boys shone despite the fact  
that they sometimes occupied positions  
that might be deemed inconsequential.

Ira S. Holden of Walhalla, S. C.,  
Company K, Three Hundred and Twen-  
ty-eighth Infantry, Eighty-second Di-  
vision, has recently received a citation  
for personal bravery. Yet Holden was  
a cook, and to the average man, the  
position of cook is not replete with  
opportunities for shining on the field  
of battle.

Near Sommerance, France, Ocober  
16-31, 1918, Cook Holden was serving  
his portable kitchen just as his com-  
rades in the artillery were serving  
their guns. There were four kitchens  
in the battery, and three of them were  
put out of commission by enemy shell  
fire. So Holden worked his kitchen to  
capacity and thus provided meals for  
his fighting friends, some of which  
friends had been provided by the other  
three kitchens. Much of the time  
Holden and his kitchen were under en-  
emy fire, but Holden never withdrew  
his attention from his pots and pans  
and their contents.

The citation reads as follows:

"Cook Ira S. Holden (No. 1,910,898),  
Company K, Three-Hundred and Twen-  
ty-eighth Infantry, Eighty-second Di-  
vision. During the severe fighting in  
the vicinity of Sommerance, France,  
October 16-31, 1918, Cook Holden dem-  
onstrated his great bravery and devo-  
tion to duty in continuing to work day  
and night in operating his kitchen  
many times under heavy fire, after  
three other kitchens in his battalion  
had been destroyed by enemy fire. Cook  
Holden managed to make up the de-  
ficiency by operating his own kitchen  
to its fullest capacity and by his fine  
work did much to maintain the morals  
of our soldiers."

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season.

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