

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

President Bowen Inducted Into Office And Makes Suggestions For The Year's Work—Every Speaker Of The Evening Criticises The Jail And Urges That It Be Moved.

A large and enthusiastic meeting and smoker of the Commercial Club was held Thursday evening at the Circuit Court room in the court house. The new officers were inducted into office and a consultation as to ways and means for the year was indulged in. Retiring president Martin read his concluding address and President C. H. Bowen his inaugural one. Other speakers addressed the meeting.

Resolutions On Jail.

The following resolutions on the county jail were offered and adopted by the club:

By Mr. G. W. Tomlinson.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the directors of the Commercial Club appoint a committee to appear before the Fiscal Court and urge upon them the erection of a new jail on some site other than the present one.

By Mr. Lucien Beekner.

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of ladies to visit the jail and report upon it as a suitable house as a dwelling for the jailor, and its habitability as a jail.

The session convened about 7:45. The first business was the reading of the minutes by Secretary Beckner. The Treasurer, Mr. R. O. Fitch, reported \$1465.20 collected during last year and \$1500 expended.

The New Officers.

The new officers inducted into office were:

President, C. H. Bowen.

Vice President, F. C. Murphy.

Second Vice President, H. T. Strother.

Directors: Joe R. Martin, J. W. Chambers, M. T. McEldowney, J. E. Grubbs, C. B. George, W. S. Duty, Jeff Stewart and J. T. Stokely. W. E. Curry and James H. Martin were elected directors in place of F. C. Murphy, and H. S. Strother who were chosen First and Second Vice Presidents.

Mr. Martin, the retiring President, spoke of the things which had been accomplished by the club during the past year. He said he had the Y. M. C. A. convention here and entertained 500 guests at a magnificent banquet. At the beginning of the year, we urged the membership committee to get busy and that they did so, the results show for our membership was more than doubled and at the close of the contest we inaugurated we had more than 400 members.

The Winchester News.

One of the most important matters which we had on hand was the securing of the daily newspaper for Winchester, and that we have secured an up-to-date one and one that is here to stay, and is appreciated by our citizenship is evidenced by the 2000 subscribers which the paper now has. It has been a wonderful success not only for our immediate community, but it is fast extending its subscription list to the mountain counties, thus bringing us into daily touch with our mountain neighbors. We feel that this new enterprise is the direct result of the Commercial Club. This club met with the promoters of the paper, presented the claims of Winchester and surrounding counties urged them to launch the paper, and many of our members subscribed for stock. More should do so.

City Garbage Wagon.

The city garbage wagon was another result of the Commercial Club agitation, and it is useless for me to tell you how well pleased the city is with this new arrangement for daily disposal of our garbage.

The Commercial Club had two representatives before the Committee on Grounds and Public Buildings, in Washington. These representatives met with the sub-committee and presented the claims of Winchester for an additional appropriation, and as a result our appropriation was increased from \$45,000.00 to \$70,000.00. We do not mean to say that the Commercial Club was wholly instrumental in securing this additional appropriation but we do mean to say that we gave all the assistance that was requested of us by our Congressmen and other members of the Committee on

Grounds and Public Buildings.

Marble Plant.

During the year the marble plant has been located in our midst and in August we entertained the Heads of Houses of Louisville. The Equity Society which was the result of our Commercial Club's efforts to locate them here, has been a great factor in the success of Winchester for the past year or so. It made the largest sale of tobacco ever made in the world, thus making Winchester the largest tobacco market in the world.

I suspect we have one thing that few Commercial Clubs can boast. We have \$300,000 loaned out at interest.

Thanks the Club.

In conclusion I wish to thank this club for the honor which they conferred upon me by electing me the president of this organization. I can assure you that it was a compliment which I highly appreciated. I have tried to do my duty and if I have failed in anything, it cannot be attributed to a lack of desire on my part. I also wish to thank the directors and the other working members of the club for the hearty support which they have given me and the willingness which they have displayed at all times to lend a helping hand whenever called upon. With such men connected with this organization we are bound to advance and to be in fact "Greater Winchester."

Introduces New President.

President Martin then appointed Messrs. Van Meter and Chambers to escort his successor to the chair which they did amid applause. Mr. Bowen then read his inaugural address which was received with much applause and which will be found in full below.

Unity of Purpose.

President Bowen then introduced Mr. J. Harry Allan who spoke on "Unity of Purpose." Mr. Allen said in part:

"We should all unite in boosting our own development. The president of one of the largest brick concerns in the Middle States said to me recently that the trouble with Kentuckians were that they were too independent, that there was no unity of purpose, that often times in their independence, they forget their loyalty to their own people.

No business organization can exist today unless people work in harmony. How many organizations have failed in Winchester in the past ten years because of lack of unity of purpose. You all can remember some. We should cultivate unity. We find it hard to allow one man to dominate a meeting or a business even if it is for the common good.

We should all strive together to build up the commercial life of Winchester. There has been far more unity than ever before in the last four or five years and we should still further cultivate it. There are plenty of resources. Let us build on solid ground.

Mr. Allan remarks were received with much applause and seemed to strike the right key.

Winchester, The City.

The president then introduced Mr. B. R. Jouett, who spoke on Winchester, the City. Mr. Jouett said in part: "I should like to call attention to a few things to show the wonderful growth of our city in a short time. I am not so very old but still I can remember when there was not a single house beyond Mr. Nels Bush and when there was a pond in front of Mr. Rand Robinson. I hunted squirrels where Mr. W. R. Thomas' house now stands and played ball on the site of Judge Benton's. There was no pavement in my boyhood beyond the Presbyterian church and there used to be a lumber yard where the Catholic church now stands.

Position of the City.

Now where does Winchester stand? The Kentucky Handbook shows that she is the tenth city in the Commonwealth in population. In the value of the raw material to be used in manufacturing Winchester



THEODORE E. BURTON, OHIO'S SENATOR ELECT.

Theodore E. Burton, the Ohio senator elect, is a product of the Western Reserve and probably has a larger personal acquaintance in the state than any other man. He prides himself on the fact that he can call more men in Cleveland by their first names than any one else in the city. He has a keen sense of humor and can tell a story with the best story tellers. He is long, lean and rugged, but his face is kindly, open and impressive of candor and dignity.

and Clark county stand third. It is only surpassed by Jefferson where Louisville is and Boyd with Ashland. We are several thousand ahead of Fayette.

In manufactured articles it is again third in the same order, easily surpassing Covington, Paducah, Newport, Lexington and many other cities.

Do it Ourselves.

But to get manufacturers we must do it ourselves. We cannot hope to bring a prosperous concern here and we do not want a failure. Look what our own people have done in the last few years—The Hagan Gas Engine Company, known all over the world; The Winchester Brick Company, known through the Middle West; The Eagle Casting Company; the Overall factory and others. We have now letters from several people who want to establish a furniture factory here.

The towns around us are waking up. They have taken the constitution from Commercial Club as a model and have all formed clubs of their own. It is time that we hustled and hustled as we never did before.

The Quartette Sings.

The Winchester quartette then sang for the club and were so vigorously encored that they were compelled to respond twice.

As I See Winchester.

Mr. W. A. Beatty then spoke on "As I see Winchester." He said in part:

"In looking at the good side of our city, we are apt to forget the other. In dreaming of what we are going to be, we forget the present.

We have had streets and worse pavements. In the past few days the sidewalks have been nearly impassible with the slush and snow on them. While we have the hustle of a western town and the desire to up-build our city, we have not the same civic pride. We are too well satisfied with things as they are.

I have been through the country a good deal and have seen many Western and Northern cities, of the same size as Winchester and, practically every one of them surpass us in good streets and well kept pavements.

Voted For Sewers.

We have voted an issue of bonds for sewers and we will have them, sometime. We should do the same for our streets. They are for ourselves and for posterity and posterity should help to pay for them.

Move the Jail.

In making improvements we should move the present jail. I have not visited it myself, but I have talked with many ladies and gentlemen who visited it after the Court View Hotel fire and they are unanimously of the opinion that it is a disgrace to the county.

But it is in the wrong situation. As the town grows, more rooms for stores around the court house will be needed and this is the section to im-

prove. The government building is soon to be erected. One remark the inspector made when looking over sites will illustrate the view people take of the situation of the jail:

"The main disadvantage," he said, "of placing the government building near the postoffice is that hundreds of men, women and children will be compelled to pass to and fro in front of the jail every day."

Then we should extend S. Court street through to Maple. Business will not locate on a blind street and we should widen Cleveland from Court to Lexington. We can make these improvements now better than later.

When a person seeking a position goes to the merchant he has little chance of getting it if he looks shabby and down at the heel. So with a city. If we are up-to-date, clean, bright, well-cared for we will get moved men to come here and will attract them.

The next ten or twenty years will see a wonderful development in the mountains, and we are in the situation to take advantage of it. And if we are progressive and up-to-date, we get far more out of that development than if we lag behind the times.

Some Needed Improvements.

Mr. D. L. Pendleton made an interesting and very thoughtful talk on civic needs. We should have pride in our city, but we should not let that pride stand in the way of civic improvement. I have jotted down a few of the things we really need. Let me give them to you.

1. Paved streets.
2. Sewers.
3. City Hall.
4. L. and E. new depot.
5. Y. M. C. A. new gymnasium.
6. City Hospital.
7. Public Library.
8. Garage.

Mr. Pendleton commented on each in turn and pointed out its necessity. He impressed on all the need of beautifying the city. What Winchester lacks more than aught else is uniformity in street improvement, the doing away with steps in the sidewalk, the establishment of a curb line, the planting of shade trees. We should remove the fences in front of our lots. We should have public places, parks and statuary, monuments, more land for school play grounds, Main street widened, paved and made attractive. And above all else move the jail.

Mr. Chas. Hagan says Mr. Pendleton missed his guess in one respect in not knowing that he had already established a garage in Winchester.

Advertising a City.

Judge Beekner spoke on "Advertising a City," and the great work the newspapers, and particularly the Winchester News, was doing in advertising and making known the city. The Judge spoke entertainingly of his coming here 44 years ago when there

CALIFORNIA IS BEING DELUGED

Torrential Rain Prevails Throughout the State—All Rivers Rise Rapidly.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Floods in the river valleys and landslides in the mountains are threatened as the result of the rainstorm now prevailing throughout the state. The Sacramento, American, Feather, Yuba, San Joaquin, Kings and Salinas rivers are rising, and it is expected that the Sacramento and American will reach the flood stage before night.

At Folsom the American is now up to the danger point. A gold dredger valued at \$150,000 was wrecked and will be a total loss. The weather bureau has warned the people of Stockton that there is grave danger to that city from the San Joaquin river and the Mormon slough. The latter, which carries a great quantity of water, broke through the levees above the town of Linden and has spread over a vast extent of territory.

At Kennel, in the northern part of the state, over six inches of rain has fallen in the last 24 hours, and at Blue Canon seven inches has been recorded. Workmen on the Western Pacific report that the entire section is a sea of water. Snow is falling heavily in the Sierras and the Yosemite valley has been temporarily closed to tourists.

PROMINENT MEN ARRESTED

Are Accused of Tampering With Rinehart Jury.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 15.—George W. Worley, brother-in-law of J. B. F. Rinehart, accused of wrecking the Farmers' and Drovers' National bank of Waynesburg, Pa., whose case is being deliberated upon by a jury, and James L. Smith, a prominent business man of Waynesburg, were arrested by United States secret service operatives on a charge of attempting to tamper with a jury.

Case Has Tearful Ending.

Pittsburg, Jan. 15.—The trial of J. B. F. Rinehart, accused of wrecking the Farmers' and Drovers' National bank of Waynesburg, Pa., came to a tearful close. Rinehart cried piteously as Attorney W. S. Anderson pleaded with the jury to consider his intent, which the attorney urged was to serve the best interests of the bank, in the commission of acts upon which the charges are based.

CARMICHAEL WAS INSANE

Physicians Find Serious Defects in Murderer's Brain.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 15.—The brain of Rev. John H. Carmichael, who killed Gideon Browning in the Rattle Run church and committed suicide at Carthage, Ill., was examined by four physicians. At the conclusion of the autopsy the physicians stated that they had found unmistakable evidence of insanity.

Rev. Carmichael's funeral was held today at Romulus, Mich., in the Methodist church, Rev. C. B. Steele, presiding elder of the Port Huron district, officiating.

There were 500 people here and how we had secured turnpikes and railroads and other improvements.

Let the people know what we have here; and there is no better way of doing this than through our daily paper.

Mr. Ed. Smith Explains.

Mr. Ed. Smith tried to make explanation about the refreshments but got so tangled up that he brought down the house.

Mr. John E. Garner was called on for a speech and made one of his characteristic, one greatly to the delight of his audience.

The President's Address.

The president, Mr. C. H. Bowen's inaugural address, is as follows: Gentlemen and members of the Commercial Club:

In this day every man must do his part. Everyone must learn sooner or later that it is best to be connected only with those things that are worth while. To be a member of this Commercial Club is worth while and to be its president is an honor. I appreciate the honor and confidence shown in my election. I do not look upon the office as one merely to be held in pride, but to be filled with my best efforts to make this year's work equal to or better than the last. The new year comes auspiciously for business. Financial conditions were never better. Harvests last year were abundant.

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ALANTA READY TO GREET TAFT

Will Eat Possum at Banquet Friday Night—Whole City in Hubbub.

Atlanta Ga., Jan. 15.—Never in the history of Atlanta, not even in the halcyon times "before the war," has the city seen a day like today. From the aristocratic precincts of Peachtree street to the backdistricts where the negroes huddle together in their little shanties, the city is astir with excitement over the coming here today of President-elect William H. Taft, who will be the city's guest for 24 hours. The fact that he is a Republican and as such at variance with the majority of Atlanta's citizens is lost sight of in the universal feeling that today Atlanta has an opportunity of showing that the famous southern hospitality has not been overrated.

Gathered at the railroad station to meet Mr. Taft on his arrival from Augusta will be the retiring governor of Georgia, Hoke Smith, and the governor-elect, Joseph M. Brown; the mayor of the city, Robert F. Maddox; President Candler of the chamber of commerce, which body will dine Mr. Taft tonight, and a host of other distinguished southerners. This afternoon will see a continuous series of receptions for the guest of honor. Only one thing mars the occasion in the opinion of Atlantans. That is the absence of Mrs. Taft, for whom the ladies of Atlanta had planned a warm reception, until it was announced with regret by the president-elect that a previous engagement with their son at Yale would prevent her coming here.

"Possum and Taters" on the Menu.

The climax of Atlanta's attentions to Mr. Taft will come tonight at the chamber of commerce banquet. Six hundred and fifty others will sit down to dine with the president-elect on a menu composed mainly of famous southern delicacies. The piece de resistance will be baked opossum, with baked sweet potatoes on the right of him, on the left of him, under him and heaped over him. The possum was included in the bill of fare at Mr. Taft's request.

Mr. Taft is byrepute a good trencherman and has dined on most of the good things that the various sections of the earth have to offer. But he has never tasted, say the famous Atlanta gourmets, anything to equal the 24-pound possum—a record breaker for weight, by the way—that will face him tonight. Hundreds of other possums will feed the other guests. Leading up to the "possum and taters" there will be the renowned Brunswick stew, and to wash the dishes down there will be gallons and gallons of "simmon beer," a strictly temperance drink brewed from the famous but slightly acid persimmon. If Mr. Taft's portly form rises from the table with ease tonight when he begins his address Atlanta's chefs will be in for a bad time.

Splendid Dining Hall.

The banquet will be held in the new Armory auditorium. The dining hall has been turned into a grand symphony of color. Behind the speakers' table, which is to be about 70 feet long and which will be placed against the wall, there will be festooned a gigantic United States flag, made up of ferns, flowers and electric lights. The stars in the flag will be made of white electric lights and the other colors furnished in the same way, while the whole will be artistically blended with the choicest of hot-house flowers. The lights will so rise and fall as to give the appearance that the flag is waving.

At a given signal what appears to be a part of this waving flag will drop and there will be exposed to the diners facing the speakers' table a picture of Mr. Taft alone in lights and flowers. This will be the background. The same idea of the flag will be carried out in the speakers' table and the guest table.

The quest table will be the base of the flag, on which the lights will be so arranged as to form the stars and background. Leading away from it at right angles will be nine tables, with their white napery making the white stripes and row after row of American Beauty roses forming the red and completing the floral picture of the stars and stripes.

The auditorium is to be decorated until it appears a bower of fragrant flowers. The committee in charge has spared no expense in making the banquet the most artistic affair ever held in the south.

Statehood Prospects Bright.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Arizona and New Mexico are in a fair way to become full-fledged states during the present session of congress. It was learned that the house committee on territories is to take up the statehood measures in the immediate future.