

# The Brown Flats Matter

The facts in relation to the "Brown Flats" matter, published by Dr. Bland's management, is in the main correct, except that there are some things left out that should have been stated, in fairness to Mr. Hawkins.

The inference could be drawn from their statement that the wall of "Brown Flats" fell in before any work was done on the city's drain pipe and that Mr. Hawkins sent workmen to repair the house at the city's expense.

As a matter of fact, the city's superintendent of streets, went to repair a hole in 8th street and found the hole due to a broken drain pipe and in following up the broken pipe, which ran diagonally across under the flats, from 8th to College streets, the workmen ran near the old well, which was partly under the sidewalk and partly under the wall of the house, and unknown both to the city and owners of the flats, the well flooded the tunnel which the men were digging and when the water ran out of the well the house began to sink.

The mayor had no time to get an order from the board of aldermen or executive board before repairing the house to forestall further damage, but ordered the city engineer to make the necessary repairs at once.

The city engineer says:

"While the work of repairing the drain on 8th street was progressing, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets, I was sent for and found the drain badly crushed under the wall of the house. It was necessary to take the damaged pipe out and replace it with stronger pipe. I secured the services of a practical miner and had him to drive a tunnel under the house and brace and sheet the same thoroughly. While this was being done a great inrush of water occurred. We discovered later that it came from an old well about three feet partially under the corner of the house and partially under the sidewalk, and was covered over with two-inch plank, with about a foot of soil between the plank and the foundation of the house. The well was full of water, and when it escaped the house began to settle. Steps were immediately taken to brace the wall. Owing to the unskillful character of our labor, the men being householders, I saw it would be necessary to have at once labor skilled in this class of work. I went to see Mr. Hawkins and told him that unless immediate action was taken the whole corner of the house would fall in. He instructed me to get somebody skilled in that class of work to make the necessary repairs to the house at once

to prevent further damage. I went ahead and secured the services of Mr. Gardner, a contractor and builder, and had the damage repaired. His bill, plus the necessary brick, amounted to \$123.15. Mr. Hawkins stated, when he told me to go ahead and have the work done, that the ultimate liability would have to be settled later. There was not then time to settle that question, as there was eminent danger that the house would fall in an possible involve the city in damages.

(Signed) JOSEPH FIRTH, City Engineer.

March 21st, 1911.

As to the judgment which was afterwards obtained against the city for about \$400.00, that was referred to the city attorney, and he found that the account, while a part of the "Brown Flats" transaction, was for work done to the sidewalk by reason of the excavations, and was not for work on the house or infilling the well. The city attorney did not think the owners of the house could be liable for this in any view of the law and advised payment.

THE BILL FOR WORK ON THE HOUSE AND MATERIAL USED IN REPAIRING THE HOUSE HAS NEVER BEEN PAID AND THE MATTER IS NOW IN COURT FOR ADJUDICATION UPON THE QUESTION OF ULTIMATE LIABILITY, the Mayor having taken the position all the while that he is ready to pay his part if it is found that the owners are liable.

The city attorney has never thought the owners were liable for any part of it. It is one of those questions about which there is honest difference of opinion.

There was never any question about the city's liability for the bills which have been paid for work on the street and in repairing the pipe.

The other bills, for material and labor in repairing the house, have not yet been paid and will not be until the courts say who is liable.

Upon these facts it is grossly unfair to impute dishonesty to Mr. Hawkins and practically charge him with stealing, as has been done by some of the supporters of Dr. Bland, at their speakings and in Dr. Bland's presence.

Dr. Bland has not yet answered the question as to whether he sanctioned the charge, as it was made at North Charlotte, for instance.

Knowing the facts as published by his managers, how can he sit by in silence when the charge is made that Mr. Hawkins practically stole the city's money to pay for these repairs?

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Six Gangs of Workmen And Two Steam Shovels Were Detained at Gastonia Yesterday and Are To-day Set to Work on Interurban Track.

Two dinky engines with the requisite number of dumps to each engine and six gangs of workmen, comprising between 30 and 40 men, are engaged today in making the dirt fly just outside, and on this side of Gastonia, the first ground broken in the construction of the interurban line to extend from Charlotte to King's Mountain.

A gentleman who came in this morning from Gastonia states that there is a great deal of interest in the initial work on the part of Gastonia people, who are in plentiful attendance at the tracks just outside the city where two steam shovels are at work. The shovels are of the same type as those used in the great Culebra cut in Panama. They are, of course, worked by steam power, being attached to an engine and able to uproot at one stroke a good sized tree, roots and all. The engine is on a track which is laid down five feet at a time as the shovel digs out a path in front of it. No spikes are used in laying the track but the rails are kept from spreading or turning by being braced together by a specially designed iron rod with a clasp for holding each rail. The shovel picks up a scoopful of earth and swings it around and drops it on the dump car.

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**W. S. Lee Is Not Very Ill**

Mr. W. S. Lee, vice-president and chief engineer for the Southern Power Company, and a Charlotte citizen whose personalty has done wonders for the Queen City, is now in a New York hospital with appendicitis.

"Stood trip well, feeling fine. Will be in the hospital for several days for treatment before doctor decides as to operation," is the wording of a telegram received by Mrs. Lee last night.

Mr. Lee's absence from the city checks operations for the time being on the awarding of contracts for the equipping of the interurban line between King's Mountain and Charlotte, as well as between Greenwood and Spartanburg, S. C.

All of the salesmen of the different electrical concerns are here and are anxiously awaiting the result of Mr. Lee's indisposition.

**City Will Haul Away Trash on Clean-up Day**

The city executive board met yesterday afternoon in called session to consider the matter of having the city pay for the hauling away of the trash on "Clean-up Day," March 31st. The board voted to have the city bear the expense of disposing of the trash and thus removed the only obstacle in the way of making the day a success.

The Civic Department of the Woman's Club in a meeting Wednesday at the Manufacturers' Club, heard reports from several committees who have charge of the program and found every prospect encouraging for carrying out the purpose of the "clean-up" campaign, excepting the matter of getting the trash hauled away after it was collected. The action of the executive board in arranging for that detail removes the last obstacle and the campaign is now sure to be carried out as planned.

The Civic Department will hold another meeting within a few days and decide on further details of the "clean-up" campaign.

Mrs. Edward McRae and Mrs. E. B. McRae, of Maxton; the Misses Mills, of Rockingham, are at the Selwyn.

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7 rooms, modern, East 5th St. ....	20.00
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**Joyner Did Not Make Appearance**

T. B. Joyner, whom the police think was drunk when he was arrested, did not appear before the recorder this morning and a bail of \$10 was forfeited.

Joyner does not like notoriety, say the officers who made the arrest, and this may have been his reason for failing to answer the charge.

**Gray Hairs Banished.**

The old idea of using lye for darkening the hair is again coming in vogue. Our grandmothers used to have dark, glossy hair at the age of seventy-five, while our mothers have white hair before they are fifty. Our grandmothers used to make a "sage tea" and apply it to their hair. The tea made their hair soft and glossy and gradually restored the natural color. One objection to using such a preparation was the trouble of making it, especially as it had to be made every two or three days on account of its soiling quickly. This objection has been overcome and by asking almost any first-class druggist for Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur the public can get a superior preparation for sage, with the admixture of sulphur, another valuable remedy for hair and scalp troubles. Daily use of this preparation will not only quickly restore the color of the hair but will also stop the hair from falling out and make it grow. It is sold by all druggists for 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle, or is sent direct by the Wyeth Chemical Company, 74 Cortlandt St., New York City, upon receipt of price. For sale and recommended by R. H. Jordan.

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By Associated Press.

Greenville, S. C., March 24.—At the close of an enthusiastic meeting of the local board of trade last night in the interest of the construction of the Greenville & Knoxville Railway, at which many visitors from other cities were present, a committee was organized appointed of 25 or more citizens of Greenville, who will at once go to work to investigate the proposition and eventually raise the \$200,000 asked of this city for the road. More than 500 were present, including prominent men from Atlanta, Knoxville, Asheville, Hendersonville, Brevard and other cities interested.

Other features of the night was the presentation of a loving cup to W. H. Patterson, president of the road, by citizens of Greenville. Mr. William J. Oliver, of Knoxville, was among the speakers and closed a strong talk with

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