

Aldermen Hear Report As to Water Situation. Citizens Ask a Hearing

"There were two objects in calling this meeting," said Mayor Bland, in launching a special meeting of the board of aldermen last night. "One," he said, "to get a special report from the advisory committee of the board of aldermen appointed to cooperate with the water board, in securing water; the other to discuss the assessments to be made for paving, on account of the difference between the amount the board agreed upon and the amount which the charter calls for."

"Citizens who were to have heard tonight are not ready, so the second matter is deferred. We will hear from Mr. E. W. Thompson on the water situation."

Mr. Thompson's Report.
Mr. Thompson gave a resume of facts with which the public is familiar by reason of the exhaustive reports made by the city papers. He told of the operation of the water trains from Mr. Holly, of the break down of the pump Sunday, of repairs to same, of the hauling of another boiler—the one secured by the water works board from the Atlantic Bitulithic company as used in yesterday's News, and the installation of same.

"We have two pumps working at the river," said he. "I heard from the superintendent there tonight. He had sent 100,000 gallons down today, and expects to send 400,000 gallons in the night. By tomorrow we should be receiving 1,000,000 gallons a day."

"I visited Briar creek today. The pumps, I think, will be in working order by tomorrow and we expect to get water from Briar creek tomorrow night. This will add to the city supply, 500,000 or 800,000 gallons a day."

"I received a telegram today from Mr. Latta, who is at Atlantic City offering us the use of a pump that he had at Lakewood, the capacity of which is 200,000 gallons a day. "I went out this afternoon with Mr. Hutchison of the water board. We found a little stream flowing from the spring at Independence park. I judged would give 100,000 gallons a day. Mr. Hutchison agreed with me as to this. We thought that for \$100 we could install a pump, make a little dam and get possibly 100,000 gallons today, the cost to be about \$100."

"We accepted the offer made by Gastonia, and made arrangements with the Southern Railway to haul the water. The cars will be switched over to a side track, either to a Seaboard or Southern track. The city has allowed the use of the fire engine to transfer the water. We got 60,000 gallons from Gastonia."

"I think this is the only time we will have to call on Gastonia. I think the supply from the river, Briar creek and Stewart's creek will be sufficient."

Mr. Wear, the city clerk, read a telegram from Mayor Gibbs, of Columbia saying: "Will have fire engine loaded if necessary before Southern regular train."

Mr. Stokes moved "unlimited thanks to Mr. Thompson and his assistants," also that the matter of getting the Latta pump be referred to the committee with power to act. Mayor Bland expressed thanks to the Southern Railway which was endorsed by the board.

At this point a young man who was a stranger to the mayor and the board, but who the reported learned was Mr. Scroggs, took the floor. "I want to commend the water commissioners," he said, "and every one interested in the welfare of the city, for their indomitable energy, but it seems to me unfair and unjust to the people to pump unfiltered water into the city mains without giving due notice."

"I will be glad to hear from you later," interrupted the mayor, "but there is a motion before the house." "No, sir, no further," said the young man, and he retired as silently as he came, to citizens' corner—the red-velvet-lounge corner.

The Stokes motion before the house carried.

Condition of Pond.
Mr. Williams stated that he had visited the water works pond, and found it in bad condition, there being remains of festering fish, mud and a stench that was worse than the crematory. "I move that the water board have the pond cleaned." On second of Mr. Lewis the motion carried.

month for three months would be only \$3,000. This is the supreme psychological moment for the medical, sanitary and health authorities, aided by the city, to give the public, high and low, rich and poor, much needed instruction on sanitation, cleanliness and health.

If necessary, the city could employ temporarily trained expert on such matters to take charge of the situation. I believe that the expenditure of a few thousand dollars in this way at this time will be by far the most valuable investment ever made by the city. When the public is brought to realize the importance and necessity for these things, public opinion will thereafter demand that Charlotte shall be the cleanest and most sanitary city in the whole country.

Personally I stand ready to give any assistance to you and your board that is within my power. Yours truly, F. M. SHANNONHOUSE.

Insurance Companies Not Afraid.
With reference to the fire risks held by insurance companies, a prominent underwriter stated yesterday that the companies were not alarmed and that no cancellation of policies was contemplated as far as he knew. Five days' notice is necessary before a policy can be cancelled. He added that such conditions as now exist here are recognized as possible and are taken into consideration by the companies when the rates are fixed. Naturally any underwriting concern would hesitate a long time before taking any unfriendly action. It is a fact known of all men that, though the scarcity of water may prevail in some degree for several weeks, yet after this crisis has been passed, a repetition will be forever impossible.

The fact that this city has voted \$350,000 for an extension of the waterworks system to the comparatively limitless supply of the Catawba saves it from what would otherwise be an embarrassing situation. Under the circumstances, the conditions are not such as to reflect any discredit on this Eldorado spot. The chrysalis may be unbeautiful but it intensifies by contrast the beauty of the gilded butterfly which is soon to emerge therefrom. The present stringency will merely serve to emphasize the impregnable strength of this city's position a year hence, when in actual, tangible contact with one of the largest streams of the Carolinas. No fire insurance company, naturally, will care to incur the possibility of hostility in view of the year which is to come.

Every precaution is being taken to avoid the danger of fire by detailing officers to patrol the business sections.

School Board Urges Action.
The following resolution adopted at the meeting of the school board July 14, was read:

In conformity with the will of the people expressed at the late election that the city issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting new and improving the present school buildings, and in view of the fact that the already overcrowded condition of the present buildings makes it imperative that increased room be provided as speedily as possible, the school board requests your honorable body to take at once measures to make the proceeds of the bonds available.

"J. HIRSHINGER, Chairman Finance Committee." "J. LEE PHILLIPS, Chairman Building and Grounds Committee."

The motion to accede to the request, on motion of Mr. Williams, carried.

Water Again.
Having sat up with the water question day and night, and being intensely interested in it, Mayor Bland opened the subject again by asking Mr. Thompson this question:

"When do you think we will get a normal supply of water? Will it not be tomorrow night—to stay on?" Mr. Williams, sotto voce to Mayor Bland: "Ask him if it is to be of the same quality—the same smell."

Seversville Needs Water.
Mr. Kistler, of the 11th Ward, told the board that the spring that supplied the big water trough at Seversville had gone dry. He suggested, or asked, that a pipe be run to the other spring—a big spring supplying 20 gallons a minute. "Pump that into the mains," laughingly interpolated Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Kistler said it would take 250 feet of pipe to reach from the "big spring" to the water trough. It was voted to make the connection as the water trough is very much needed for the stock.

Mr. Thos. J. Davis being present as an onlooker, or on-listener, was asked by the mayor to say something. Mr. Davis, responding, said: "I do not think the reservoir was properly prepared when it was established at Irwin's Creek. I would like to propose a resolution that the water commissioners clean it out at once."

Mayor's Advice Endorsed.
The advice of Mayor Bland, public, conveyed to the public, in The News' water story yesterday afternoon, to boil the water if the water from Briar Creek was run into the mains, found an enthusiastic advocate and "urger" in Dr. Austin. Said Dr. Austin: "I think it unwise for any one to drink the Briar Creek water. I understand that this water is for fire protection, for animals, but not for people to drink, unless it is boiled or chemically treated."

mean boiling?"
Austin: "Boiling is the safest and quickest way."
Lewis: "Should that water not be analyzed?"
Austin: "Why you know what you'll get—get everything. An analysis could be made by Mr. Kibble, or the Charlotte Sanitarium or the North Carolina Medical College. We have had the spring at Independence Park analyzed twice, and will have a third analysis made. If there's anything wrong with it we will publish it in the papers. I think the young man who spoke awhile ago was right. We should not turn a deaf ear to him."

Mr. Guillet Suggestions.
Guillet: "I visited the reservoir, and comparing it with those I have seen in other cities, I was not favorably impressed. I would suggest that cobble stones be placed for 30 or 40 feet on the slope of the reservoir so as to prevent weeds growing on the edge and decaying in the water. Would also suggest a fence and a watchman (watchman is there, said some one)."

"I would like to ask how long are we going to keep that reservoir—until the river line is complete?"
Mr. Pirih being appealed to, replied: "I don't think so. Your suggestion is good, but too much expense for a reservoir that size, and one to be abandoned, too."

Stokes: "The mayor is a very busy man at present and to relieve him, I suggest that Dr. Austin, chairman of the sanitary committee of the board of aldermen, write a bulletin, signed, advising the people to boil the water."

This motion carried.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
From water and paving the board made a tack, and guided by Alderman Stokes, steered to the subject of weights and measures. Mr. Stokes called the attention of the board to the fact that the board had overlooked the matter of deciding on a standard weights and measures; that no action had been taken in reference to the government communication on the subject.

In connection with the keeper of standard weights and measures, it is suggested that there be a standard key-fitter.
Kistler: "The city hasn't anything to do with that—that is the county commissioner's business."
Final.

A request from Mr. M. W. Woodside that he be allowed to kill some squirrels in his yard that were destroying his corn, was on motion of Mr. Williams, referred to the game warden.

Aldermen Present.
The meeting then adjourned. Messrs. Stokes, Lewis, Gifford, Hunter, Williams, Anderson, Keistler, Wintgate, Austin, Guillet, Matthews, Thompson.

Little Boy Is Hurt by Wagon
Special to The News.
Statesville, Aug. 1.—Lattie Knox, a little son of Mr. J. D. Knox, of Connelly Springs, was brought to Dr. Cong's sanitarium Sunday evening by his father suffering from a severe wound in his head. The child fell from a wagon Sunday about noon and a wheel of the wagon passed over one side of his head, literally scalping him, the skin and flesh being in gorn off, leaving the skull bare. The examination at the sanitarium revealed that the skull had not been fractured, however, and the injury is not considered necessarily dangerous unless lockjaw develops. A lot of dirt and sand got in the wound, making it difficult to clean and dress and also making it an unusually painful one. So far, however, there are no symptoms of lockjaw and the child's recovery is expected.

Messrs. Isidore Wallace, of Statesville, and S. G. Caudill, who lives several miles west of town, have purchased a 25-horse power gasoline plowing outfit which is now being tested on the farm of Mr. Caudill.

While gadding his watermelon patch at the state farm Sunday night Supt. F. T. Meacham saw two men go into the patch and get melons. The thieves were some distance and when they started off with the melons Mr. Meacham fired on them with a shot gun. The melons were dropped and one of the men gave a yelp as he ran which indicated that some of the shot took effect, but so far nothing further has been heard from him.

A Cheerful Prospect.
Will R. MacDonald, of Washington, rented a farm a few miles outside of the city to escape the din and noise of town; but he soon tired of the trouble of looking after his place.

"I'm going to hire a manager to look after this farm," he told his family at breakfast one morning. "Then I won't have any more trouble. He can occupy a room on the top floor, and we will all have a quiet, easy time."

MacDonald leaned back and smiled serenely in anticipation of the coming rest and peace. That night as the hall on his way upstairs MacDonald stepped out and asked him if he cared to have the afternoon paper.

"No, thank you," replied the fount of rest and quiet. "I have a flute on which I always practice two hours before going to bed."—Popular Magazine.

Of Course.
Daisy (in the farm yard)—"Mother, what do chickens eat lime for?"
Mother—"To make the shells for their eggs, dear."
Daisy (after a pause)—"And if they didn't eat lime, then I suppose they would lay poached eggs?"—The Sketch.

The High Point News Department

Special to The News.
High Point, Aug. 1.—Mayor Fred N. Tate, for the city of High Point, and by order of the state board of health has had published a new set of rules regarding the territory embraced in the Deep river water shed, from which the city of High Point is securing its supply of drinking water. The rules which are protected by the law, are so rigid that it makes it impossible for the town to ever have other than the absolutely pure water of today.

The citizens—especially the business men—are very grateful to Postmaster W. P. Ragan for prevailing upon the Washington postoffice department to allow No. 34 train to bring the Washington mail, which heretofore No. 43 train brought. This will enable the getting of Washington mail one hour and 10 minutes earlier.

The Seventh Day Adventists will open a big camp meeting tomorrow on West Broad street. The grove is already made ready with many tents. Many preachers from a distance are expected.

July's building permits comprised a longer list than of any previous month. With some ten car loads of sewer and water piping and curbing which has been unloaded during the past week, it looks as if High Point is in dead earnest about the improvements—beginning right away. Fact is work has begun on East Green street in the way of grading. The street is to be straightened and made 40 feet wide from the Ashboro railroad to the corporation limits. Curbstones and granite sidewalks will be put down and a desperate effort be made to have them completed by winter. A substantial bridge is being built over the stream east of the silk mill, and water and sewer will be extended to the hill, some distance beyond.

A MORTORIST'S REFLECTIONS.
It's a wrong wheel knows no turning. A motor by any other name would smell as sweet.
Never judge the modesty of a chauffeur by his failure to blow his horn.

Be careful of your lights. Many an unlighted car has lit finally in a ditch.
In speeding over the highways of Boston, stop, look and listen for trains of thought.

In that fabled race between the hare and the tortoise there is reason to suspect that the winner was a motor that had turned turtle.
The difference between "taxi" and "taxes" is only a matter of one little letter. In the end experience teaches that they come to about the same thing.

In striking your bargain with the rural police on your way out, remember that it is a poor constable who cannot be worked both ways.
Avoid undue pride in your car, even if it has beautiful yellow wheels and a scarlet body, lest, when you come to try to sell it, you find you are permanently stuck on it.—Master's Weekly.

HURST WALK WHILE TALKING.
Senator Martine Says His Tongue and Legs Move the Same Time.
(From Boston Advertiser.)
Senator Martine, of New Jersey, who at present is highly entertaining the senate by his impromptu speeches in which the procedure of the senate, ordinarily respected, is thrown to the winds, walks as he orates. Usually a senator addressing the senate or interrupting a senator stands by a seat at best, moving but little from it in the excitement of his inspiration. But Martine cannot maintain himself. He must walk rapidly and for some distance as he talks, much after the manner when he used to "cradle" his New Jersey farm, as he says. So Martine is a circus to see as well as to listen to when he feels he must enlighten some senator who professes to know more about farming than he. And he accepts the fun with good grace.

"Why do you walk so?" a senator asked him.
"I cannot help it," replied Martine. "My tongue and legs move at the same time. Some reflex action somewhere. I have been reproved for this on the stump by an Irishman. Finding me at it as I am, he shouted: 'Say, are you walking or are you talking? If you are walking, then talk; if you are talking, then talk. We can't hear you when you walk and we cannot see you when you talk. Quit one or both.'"

"But here I am. I have never been cured."
His Test of Citizenship.
(From Philadelphia Evening Times.)
Judge Holland, of the United States court, tells a story of a naturalization hearing. The applicant for citizenship was an Irishman, and in answer to questions asked by the judge as to the provisions of the constitution, the man was wholly ignorant.

But, your honor," protested the man's attorney, "it isn't fair to confine him to the constitution. He has the American spirit, all right. Ask him where the Athletics and the Phillies are. Why, your honor, he hasn't missed a game this season."

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