HOMICIDE CASE FOR TODAY

Martin Milton Will be Heard This Morning on Charge of Killing Henry Collins—Baldwin Case Also—City Wins Case

The principal cases on today's docket in New Hanover Superior Court are those against Martin Milton, colored, who shot and killed Henry Collins, some time ago; and W. G. Baldwin, charged with assault with intent to kill Mary Stewart, a negress, who lost her leg as the result of a wound inflicted by Baldwin, who claims that it was accidental and unintentional, the result of a scuffle over possession of the gun by him and Jim McIntyre.

The solicitor has stated that in the case of Milton he would not ask for a first degree verdict, but for a second degree verdict or one for manslaughter, this depending on the nature of the evidence to be developed today.

Nothing was said with reference to the Holly case in court yesterday. It was rumored that there is a possibility that the State will take a nol pros in the case charging Holly with arson. Holly has been tried three times for murder, the last time resulting in an acquittal. The evidence in the arson case is said to be practically the same as developed on the murder trials. If Holly is tried for arson it will be his fourth trial as the result of the burning of the Rock Springs Hotel, three years ago.

The most important event of the day's work yesterday was the hearing of the case against the city for permitting a nuisance to exist in the shape of that railing and excavation on the sidewalk on the south side of Princess street, between Front and Second. On legal points the city, represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq., won the case, the court ordering a verdict of not guilty entered, but paved the way for an appeal by the State to the Supreme Court. Judge Justice stated that these obstructions ought not to be allowed and that he would hold against the city if he could, but under the indictment as brought, the statute of limitations would apply. He also held that the city could not be indicted in this way, and that the proper method would be to institute mandamus proceedings, making the Councilmen and the property owners affected, party defendants, after which condemnation proceedings could be started.

Mr. McClammy contended that the property rights involved reverted to the owners because of non-usance by the city. He showed that the city had not had possession of the property since 1891, when the act bearing on the subject, was enacted. No testimony was offered by the city.

Hon. John D. Bellamy appeared with Solicitor Shaw in the prosecution. Mr. R. J. Jones, who has reached the remarkable age of over 91 years and is still in fair health and strength, was the first witness and was introduced by A. G. Ricaud, Esq., to Judge Justice. He stated that Princess street had been a public highway since he could remember, and gave other evidence relating to the property many years ago. A. G. Ricaud and Brooke G. Empie, Esqs., both testified as to the character of the alleged nuisance. Three other cases of a similar nature against the city were continued.

The case against Mr. Ben Cottle, druggist, in which retailing was charged, came up but was almost immediately nol prossed. Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., insisted that a verdict of not guilty be given his client, but as the jury had not been empanelled, this could not be done.

The W. G. Baldwin case was called, but L. Clayton Grant, Esq., for the defense, asked for temporary postponement, until two witnesses could be brought here from Pender county, and the court set this morning for the trial. With the solicitor in the prosecution will be W. P. Gafford and A. G. Ricaud, Esqs. Mar yStewart was in the Court House, and created a stir in the lobby by fainting. She was taken out, weeping.

Entries of nol pros with leave was made in the case against Mary Johnson, keeping a disorderly house; and S. Abramowitz, nuisance.

Isaiah Donaldson, colored, charged with breaking into the store of Mr. Henry Mohr, at Sixth and Red Cross streets, and stealing a pistol, was discharged.

Wesley Yarborough, the colored barber who was indicted last court on the charge of selling whiskey, was fined $25 and costs upon pleading guilty. Hon. John D. Bellamy told the court that the negro was of good character and that he was only technically guilty, having merely procured whiskey for a white customer at his shop. Judge Justice told Yarborough that he stood on the verge of going to the roads, and advised him to allow no whiskey kept at his shop, nor to buy any for anybody. He was given until Saturday to pay the fine.

Dave Nixon, larceny of a case of lard from McNair & Pearsall, was found guilty. The evidence was that he sold a case, which was exhibited, to Jim Johnson, a colored merchant, but the testimony was by no means conclusive, and after his attorney had pleaded for him, Judge Justice himself announced that he wasn't dead sure that the negro was guilty, whereupon he began to question him, and Nixon spoilt his chances, for he immediately began the threadbare story about a stranger hiring him to haul the lard to Johnson's place. That settled his hash and he went to the roads for six months, which was the sentence the Recorder gave him.

In the general run of cases of minor importance appellants from the Recorder's court get little comfort in Superior Court. In the Maria Mack case, in which the jury returned a verdict of guilty of retailing Tuesday afternoon, Judge Justice yesterday imposed the same sentence the Recorder gave, which was five months on the county farm. When some objection was made that the woman's health was poor, the judge said farm work was a very healthful occupation.

In passing on the Mack case, Judge Justice took occasion to observe that whenever white people of any respectability at all were stopped from selling whiskey in a community, the negroes promptly took up the business, and every one who could read and write learned to make orders and send them off for whiskey to supply the blind tiger customers.

Lula Jackson, a colored woman, was charged with getting groceries under false pretences from Mr. Liston Larkins, who testified that she made the statement that she was running a restaurant. The amount was $4. A verdict of not guilty was entered.

John Law, colored, who came clear Tuesday of a charge of retailing, and who was immediately arrested on a charge of keeping a disorderly house, was convicted late yesterday, but no sentence was passed. William J. Bellamy, Esq., defended him, and when Plainclothesman Frank George took the stand for the State, the lawyer and detective immediately locked horns, as they usually do in cases with which they are connected, and Judge Justice, in a fatherly way, advised the attorney to bridle his temper, the lawyer replying that he always had trouble with the witness because he wouldn't answer his questions directly.

The last case tried just about dark was that of Neill Murphy, colored, against Rosa Murphy, for divorce. The picked-up jury was only a moment in granting the divorce. Court thereupon adjourned till 9:30 this morning.

An incident of the day was the appearance of Hon. George Rountree in the court room, and he and Judge Justice cordially shook hands, one of the oldest jurists in the State thus exchanging greetings with the latest addition to the Superior Court bench.

FROST DID SMALL DAMAGE

Reports to Truckers' Journal Indicate That Berries Covered With Straw Not Hurt Over Five Per Cent—Weevil Busy

The Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal, of this city, has just received special reports from Chadbourn, Tabor, Conway, Grists, Cerro Gordo, Fair Bluff, Boardman, Whiteville, Clarkton, Rocky Point, Burgaw, Watha, Willard, Wallace, Teachey's, Rose Hill, Warsaw, Faison, Mt. Olive, Calypso and Goldsboro regarding the damage by frost and the cold wave last week, and no where is the damage put down as in excess of five per cent to the berries not covered with straw.

As a matter of fact, the damage was so slight as to practically amount to nothing. A few beans were nipped and such other vegetables as were up, were hurt more or less; but the people will rejoice to know that taken as a whole the damage was insignificant.

The outlook now is for a highly profitable season, as the Florida berries are rapidly cleaning up and North Carolina's will be next on the market, now that Charleston is practically out of the strawberry business. The Journal's special report from Norfolk showed that the cold was more severe in that section than down this way, as the damage to strawberries up there was put down at from 15 to 20 per cent. The berries in the Norfolk section, however, are never covered with straw, hence the damage was greater than in this section, where most of the berries are regularly strawed.

Editor Whitehead, of the Truckers' Journal stated, however, that reports had reached him from the Chadbourn and Mt. Tabor sections that the strawberry weevil had made its appearance in that district again and was doing more damage than frost and cold waves combined. Mr. Whitehead and President W. E. Springer, of the East Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Association, at once got in communication with the Agricultural Department at Raleigh, and every effort will be made to abate the nuisance of this insect pests. From the Rose Hill section the Truckers' Journal was also advised that crickets are appearing in large numbers and are feasting on strawberries as rapidly as they begin to turn red. Both insects will be dealt with in the best way possible to secure their speedy extermination.

The lettuce market continues to rule high, half-barrel hampers selling yesterday from $2 to $2.50 and $3.00 per basket.

PUBLIC SPIRITED MEN.

Wilmington Fortunate in Having Practical Philanthropists.

Editorially, the Charlotte Evening Chronicle Tuesday afternoon contained the following, which will be read with much interest locally:

"Wilmington and New Hanover county are fortunate in having many public spirited men of wealth. One of the handsomest and completest hospitals in the State is the James Walker Memorial Hospital, which was erected and presented to the city by the man whose name it bears. Recently Mr. Bear, a wealthy Hebrew merchant, erected a handsome school building, as modern and complete as any in the State, and presented it to the city as a memorial to his brother. Mr. Hugh MacRae has just announced the gift to the county of New Hanover of a magnificent park of 153 acres at Winter Park Garden, a residence suburb of Wilmington, this tract being valued at $150,000. Wilmington is exceedingly fortunate in having practical philanthropists, men of wealth possessing the inclination to give of their means for the uplift of humanity."

ASK JUSTICE'S PERMISSION.

Councilman B. C. Moore to Get Order for Spilling Booze.

Asked yesterday when his "boozefest" was going to come off, that event described some time ago as the occasion when much contraband whiskey will be poured into the sewers, Councilman B. C. Moore replied that after investigating the matter, he had found that to destroy all that he has on hand will require an order from court, and that he will apply to Judge Justice for such order, after which, with ample warning, so that the public may witness the interesting spectacle, the whiskey, beer and so forth, will be duly smashed and allowed to pour into the sewer of the city. Mr. Moore said that he had some whiskey that doubtless could be destroyed without an order, but since a Supreme Court ruling, he preferred a court order, to cover certain other parcels of whiskey that the police had captured. It may be, stated that no great amount of the stuff is worth anything, much of it being of the blind tiger variety, warranted to produce any but a pleasant effect.

Deeds Filed for Record.

Following are the deeds filed for record yesterday: C. C. Chadbourn and wife to J. N. Valentine, for $100 and other considerations, lots 15 and 16, in Edgewood, near Winter Park, first lot on east side of Sixth street, 140 feet north of Maple avenue, 70x110; second, on the east side of Sixth street, 210 feet north of Maple avenue, 70x110. D. J. Brown and others, trustees of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church, to Geo. O. Gaylord, for $100, quarter acre on Jones' road and Allen's lane. Southwestern Realty Co., to Jeane Fennell, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side 14th street, 187 feet south of Castle, 33x155.

Mr. Witte's Remains Taken Away.

The remains of Mr. George C. Witte, who was the victim of a deplorable accident Monday morning, when a runaway team fatally injured him at the A. C. L. delivery warehouse, were taken to Monticello, Ga., yesterday afternoon on the 3:15 Seaboard train, Mrs. Witte and daughter, Miss Sarah Witte, accompanying. The funeral and burial will be held at Monticello, where two married daughters of the deceased reside. Mr. Witte was a native of Germany, and came here from Buffalo, N. Y. Formerly he had been engaged in business in Monticello, Ga.

MR. JAMES D. NUTT RESIGNS

Gives Up Office of Deputy Grand Chancellor, Knights of Pythias, After Nine Years' Service—Raleigh Man Successor.

After nine years of faithful service in the interest of the order, during which time he has come in close personal contact with thousands of Pythians throughout the State, Mr. Jas. D. Nutt has tendered his resignation as State Deputy Grand Chancellor, Knights of Pythias, domain of North Carolina, to accept a commercial position in Wilmington. The resignation has been reluctantly accepted by Col. Walker Taylor, Grand Chancellor, and Mr. William Woodrow Willson, of Raleigh, has been appointed as his successor, the change taking effect April 10th.

On March 25th Col. Taylor received from Mr. Nutt his resignation in a communication reading as follows:

"Wilmington, N. C., March 25, 1913.

"Hon. Walker Taylor, Grand Chancellor, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir and Brother:—I beg to herewith tender my resignation of the office of State Deputy Grand Chancellor to take effect at your early convenience.

"I have been offered a position in commercial life, whose advantages are such that I do not feel that I ought to decline it. Naturally, the severance of the pleasant relations which have existed between myself and thousands of Pythians in this Domain can not be severed without regret, and I have found it a hard task to bring myself to the actual point of breaking. I trust that I have been of some use to the order, during the nine years I have held this office, and the hope that such is the case will be one of the consoling reflections with which I relinquish it.

"To yourself personally and to the several Grand Chancellors, under whom it has been my pleasure to serve, I wish to express my sincere thanks for many courtesies, and I hope that your term and that of your successors will witness a steady and prosperous growth of Pythianism in this domain. "Fraternally yours,

"JAMES D. NUTT."

In accepting the resignation Colonel Taylor yesterday wrote Mr. Nutt as follows:

"Wilmington, N. C., April 2, 1913.

"Mr. J. D. Nutt, State Deputy Grand Chancellor, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Brother Nutt:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th of March, tendering your resignation of the office of State Deputy Grand Chancellor, effective at my early convenience. Following a conference with you, I feel constrained reluctantly to accept your resignation to take effect of the 10th of this month.

"Having been among the earliest approvers of the establishment of the office you have so well filled, and having been an active member of the Grand Lodge during your entire incumbency of it, I have been familiar with the valuable service you have rendered to the order in this Domain, but it is only since I have been Grand Chancellor that I have been made fully aware of the impossibility of the proper administration of the executive duties of the office without a capable deputy. And I bear cheerful testimony, therein corroborating my predecessors, to your faithfulness, your capacity, and your devotion to the order. I part with you with regret, but feel that your personal interests, which you are consulting, is properly paramount, and that you should be released.

"I wish you all prosperity.

"Fraternally yours,

"WALKER TAYLOR.

"Grand Chancellor."

It is understood that Mr. Nutt, who is an experienced pharmacist, has accepted a position with Mr. W. C. Munds, the well known Market street druggist, and will enter upon his new duties in a short time.

Mr. William Woodrow Willson, of Raleigh, who has been named to succeed Mr. Nutt, is a man well known in Pythian circles throughout the State, being a Past Grand Chancellor. He was city clerk and treasurer of the city of Raleigh at one time and was reading clerk of the State Senate for a term or two. He is a good speaker and a most enthusiastic Pythian. Local Pythians regard him as a most worthy successor to Mr. Nutt, who has done so much for the upbuilding of the order in the State during his incumbency in the office.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

W. G. Baldwin Fined $25 and Costs Instead of the Road Sentence.

In the Recorder's court yesterday morning W. G. Baldwin, in the case charging assault with deadly weapon on Jim McIntyre, at Castle Haynes two months ago, was required to pay a fine of $25 and the costs, instead of serving the sentence of 12 months on the roads which the court gave him Saturday. In the Mary Stewart case, not having jurisdiction, the Recorder remanded the case to Justice Harriss, who sent it to Superior Court. Meanwhile the grand jury returned an indictment for the same offense. This comes up this morning.

John Graddy, colored, whom Patrolman S. W. Powell wounded the 2nd day of November last, as the negro was trying to get a gun from his pocket, was fined $25 and costs. He was only recently arrested. At the time the negro claimed the policeman shot him in the back, and his brother officers have been getting a good deal of fun out of Officer Powell since the present case came up. The wound, of course, was made while the negro was facing the officer, trying to pull his gun from his hip pocket.

Charles Hankins, colored, charged with shooting at Frank Moore, colored, was heard in part yesterday, and the case continued till the 9th. Ephraim Brown, disorderly conduct, guilty, prayer for judgment continued. Sam Green, assault with a deadly weapon, continued.

The court has ordered the case against Robert Wallace left open, and it may be that a fine will be substituted for the road sentence of 12 months. The court has the matter under investigation. Wallace is charged with badly beating up his wife, at Delgado, Saturday night.

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COUNCIL CALLS FOR BIDS

Some Possibility That Work of Draining Macomber's Ditch Is to be Continued—Routine Matters Up Yesterday

Realizing that the order of the County Board of Health in the matter is mandatory and having a desire to carry out the mandate as far as possible, the City Council in regular weekly session yesterday morning passed a resolution authorizing the city engineer to advertise for bids for building a culvert along Macomber's ditch between Market and Dock streets and between Princess and Chesnut streets, a distance of two whole blocks and three street crossings.

The proposals are to be opened in about ten days and if any bid is found to be satisfactory the contract will be let at once, so that the work can ge gotten well underway during the present administration. Mr. J. C. Herring, the concrete contractor, who built as an experiment a culvert from Market to Princess street, the same being paid for jointly by the city and the abutting property owners, agreed to continue the concrete culvert to include the two blocks and three crossings mentioned for about $4,200, and abutting property owners proposed to pay $1,200 of the amount, leaving $3,000 for the city to expend for the improvement. The question was raised by Mayor Smith that bids for the work should be called for rather than to continue the improvement under the old contract. Mr. Herring said he would much prefer that bids be called for so that he could come in competition with others and said also that if he did not succeed in landing the contract he would be willing to lend the successful bidder any assistance he could. At a previous meeting of the Council Mr. Herring stated that he would take the city's note for its portion of the cost of the work, if desired. Nearly one-third of the cost of the improvement is to be borne by the abutting property owners.

A delegation of prominent citizens were present to urge favorable action on the mandate of the Board of Health. Those present were Bishop Robert Strange, Col. Walker Taylor, Messrs. J. A. Taylor, Wm. H. Sprunt and Thos. H. Wright. Bishop Strange said that there was two reasons why the improvement should be made. First, from the standpoint of health; second, the property thus improved would so increase in value that in a short time the additional revenue to be derived in taxes would more than offset the expenditure for the culvert.

Mr. J. A. Taylor spoke of the importance of the improvement from a health standpoint. He said that the best economy in municipal government is health just as the best economy in the postal service is efficiency. As he understood it the resolution of the County Board of Health made it mandatory on the part of Council to make an effort to abate the nuisance complained of and remarked that it was the duty of Council to carry out the spirit of the order even if it were necessary to borrow money to do it. Mr. Sprunt added a few words to what had been said and declared that from a health standpoint Council ought to make the improvement.

Mr. Herring said he was leaving the work between Market and Princess streets in a rather unsatisfactory condition in that the culvert stopped on the north side of Market street and he asked that if Council did not do any more that it authorize him to construct the drain to the opposite side of Market street.

Bishop Strange inquired of Council if it were not the understanding two weeks ago when the body was petitioned to continue the drain for the two blocks mentioned, that Council was favorable to the proposition and that the improvement would be authorized if the County Board of Health should order it so as to justify the Council in contracting a debt for this purpose. Mayor Smith replied that Bishop Strange had correctly stated the position of Council. Bishop Strange then remarked that there was nothing left for Council to do but to order the improvement.

Councilman Perdew moved that Mr. Herring be authorized to continue the work for the two blocks at the figures submitted by him and quoted above. Mayor Smith then raised the question as advertising the bids. This was discussed for a few minutes and then Councilman Perdew changed his motion to provide for advertisement for bids and, seconded by Councilman B. C. Moore, was adopted.

Mr. J. A. Taylor suggested to Council that the body ought to have the opinion of the city engineer as to whether the improvement of the two or three blocks would be complying in spirit with the resolution of the County Board of Health. Bishop Strange, who was present at the meeting of the Board of Health when the resolution was adopted, explained that his understanding was that it was the idea of the Board of Health that the city should make a start in the way of draining the ditch and continue the improvement as the financial condition would allow.

Mr. J. A. Springer was present to hear the report of Councilman P. Q. Moore as to the estimated cost of the improvement of the street leading to the plant of the Independent Ice Company, deferred at the last meeting. Councilman Moore submitted the following estimates: Clay gravel, $66.70; asphalt, $1,244.50; brick, $1,555.60; granite block, approximately, $1,800; curbing, $266. These estimates are based on a roadway 20 feet wide. Action was deferred, as members of Council desired to hold a conference to discuss the question of financing the improvement. The conference was held right after the meeting adjourned, but no agreement was reached.

Licenses were granted as follows: D. L. Rushing, soft drinks, 723 South Front street; D. W. Williams, restaurant, 601 South Tenth street.

A petition was received from Capt. C. W. Woolard and Sergeants E. J. Grimsley and H. W. Howell, of the police department, asking that they be given a 10 per cent per day increase, a similar increase having been granted the patrolmen and in effect since last May. Councilman Perdew suggested that the petition be referred to Councilman B. C. Moore and that gentleman suggested that it be referred to the financial department. No action was taken.

A letter was received from Mr. Albert H. Marsh, of Augusta, Ga., the well-known auditor and public accountant, asking whether or not Council desired his services to audit the books of the city. It was the sense of the meeting that the clerk write him that the city would not have any auditing for him to do at the present. A few weeks ago members of Council appeared eager to have an audit by outside parties before their terms of office expired, but the action yesterday would indicate that they have changed their minds. In fact, one member stated that he could see no occasion for an audit by outside parties at this time as the books are audited every three months by local auditors, and, too, the new administration, he said, would want a new audit, anyway.

The application of the Atlantic Coast Line for a side track from the belt line, between Ninth and Tenth streets, to be used by Elijah Green and the Clark-Lynch Lumber Co., was referred to the city attorney and the city engineer.

The report of Chief Chas. Schnibben, of the fire department, showed a heavy fire loss for the month of March. He estimated that the loss will reach $50,000. This is the heaviest loss in any one month in a long time. There were 17 alarms in March, causes as follows: Unknown, 3; accident, 2; sparks from chimney, 5; defective flue, 3; carelessness, 2; oil stove, 1; fire in woods, 1.

Mr. R. C. Cantwell, superintendent of the water and sewerage systems, who was acting clerk in the absence of Capt. Thos. D. Meares, cit yclerk and treasurer, who was called as a witness in Superior Court, reported that only about 60 sewerage connections had recently been made by persons notified that they must make connections with the municipal plant, while 400 or 500 had made application for permission to connect. Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of health, emphasized the fact that merely applying for permission to make connection will not guard one against indictment in case the connection is not made.

Councilman Perdew reported that the work of constructing the additions to the municipal sewerage system is progressing fairly well in view of the scarcity of labor.

Upon motion of Councilman P. Q. Moore it was ordered that a bicycle be purchased for the engineering department, the cost of the same to be charged to the Water and Sewerage Department.

Mayor Smith said that at a recent meeting Council authorized him to expend an amount not exceeding $50 for conveyance to carry the moving picture men about town to get views and to purchase a sign to be placed on the automobile boosting Wilmington and that the bill had already run to $63. He said that he wanted to know whether Council would authorize the additional $13, otherwise he would pay it out of his own pocket. Council authorized the additional expenditure.

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HELD 23RD ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholders of North Carolina Home Building Association Met Last Night—Splendid Year's Business Reported

With a large and enthusiastic attendance of the stockholders, considerably more than a majority of the stock being represented, the annual meeting of the North Carolina Home Building Association was held last night in the office of the secretary at No. 118 Princess street. Hon. John D. Bellamy was called to the chair and presided, while a record of the proceedings was kept by Mr. Jas. H. Taylor, secretary and treasurer of the organization.

The annual report of the secretary and treasurer was submitted and the reading of it was listened to with much interest by the stockholders, all of whom expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the year's business. The association has assets approximating $120,000 and during the past year earned 9 1-2 per cent on the shares in force. It was decided to open the 48th series on May 3rd, limiting the series to 500 shares.

Directors were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: C. W. Yates, J. Weil, J. W. Freeman, W. H. Bernard, James Owen Reilly, C. W. Polvogt, A. G. Warren, John D. Beilamy, T. D. Love, J. M. Solky, J. W. H. Fuchs, W. N. Harriss, J. H. Taylor, Jr., G. T. Flynn.

Immediately after the stockholders adjourned the directors met and elected Mr. C. W. Yates president for the 23rd time; Mr. J. Weil, vice president; Mr. J. H. Taylor, Jr., secretary and treasurer; Hon. John D. Bellamy, attorney.

THE CITY FINANCES.

Financial Statements Issued Yesterday by City Clerk and Treasurer.

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, yesterday completed the general statement of receipts and disbursements for the city for the 11 months from June 1st, 1912, to April 1st, 1913, also the statement of receipts for the month of March. The general statement follows:

General Fund—Balance June 1st, $15,211.19; transferred from Water and Sewerage Department, $6,507.45; receipts from taxes, $214,037.74; loans, $120,000; a total of $355,756.38. Disbursements—Operating expenses, $244,566.43; loans repaid, $80,000; a total of $324,566.43; leaving a balance on hand April 1st of $31,189.95.

Water and Sewerage Department (operating)—Balance June 1st, $9,387.46; receipts, water, $28,931.77; sewerage, $3,490.10; a total of $41,809.33. Disbursements—Operating expenses, $32,960.51; transferred to general fund $6,507.45; a total of $39,467.96; leaving a balance of $2,341.37.

Water and Sewerage (construction)—Balance June 1st, $127,960.71; interest on deposits, $3,375.96; forfeit of contractor, $500; a total of $131,836.67 Disbursements—Purchase of sewer plant, $30,000; sundries, $1,362.46; a total of $31,362.46; leaving a balance of $100,474.21.

Park Fund—Balance on hand, $805.30; interest on deposits, $23.86; balance on hand April 1st, $829.16.

Street Improvement Fund—Balance June 1st, $158,132.86; receipts $41,560.62; a total of $199,693.48. Disbursements, $200,450.78; the account therefore being overdrawn to the amount of $757.30.

Sidewalks—June 1st, deficit of $6,398.84; receipts, $10,643.91; disbursements, $14,986.57; making a deficit of $10,741.50 on April 1st.

Scavenger work—Deficit June 1st, $3,621.93; receipts, $7,890; Disbursements, $13,363.84; a deficit April 1st of $9,093.77.

The statement of receipts for March is as follows: Real estate, personal and polls, $63,452.40; back taxes, $159.45; licenses—Merchants, corporations, etc., $3,871.25; vehicles, $6.50; chauffeurs, $8; market rents, $216.57; rents from buildings, etc., $185; pound fees, $12; surveys, $55; plumbing permits, $63; miscellaneous, $31.90; a total of $63,061.07. Further receipts as follows: Water, (operating account), $392.61; sewerage (operating account) $47.75; sidewalks, $170; scavenger work, $912.95, a grand total of $69,584.38.

PREPARING FOR NEW HOTEL

Workmen Tearing Away Building on Corner of Front and Walnut

The first work preliminary to the erection of Wilmington's new, modern, eight-story hotel building, on the southeast corner of Front and Walnut streets, has begun, it being the demolition of the old building now standing on the corner. Workmen are removing the interior material, including the windows and doors. As soon as the site is thus cleared, excavation for the hotel structure will commence. Mr. T. A. Green, of the hotel company, is occupying the residence next to the corner building, but when the season opens, will move to the beach. It is stated that the present intention is to erect a building of 160 rooms, which will be a great and welcome addition to the city's hotel facilities.

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