

TO EQUIP NEW STATION?

UP TO WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Board of Aldermen Passes Resolution and Appoints Committee to Confer With Board of Water Commissioners Relative to Equipping New Water Station on Briar Creek—Other Propositions Involved, But Aldermen Are Not Agreed on These—Water Commissioners Not in Favor of Expenditure and May Balk.

At the special meeting of the board of aldermen yesterday to consider the sale of the refunding bond issue, a resolution was unanimously passed providing for the appointing of a committee to confer with the board of water commissioners about a matter of considerable importance—the equipping of a new water station to be used in cases of emergency, including the moving of a boiler and large pump from the old water plant on East Seventh street to the station on Briar creek, the running of a line of pipe to the top of the hill near the Dotger place and to carry water from Briar creek to the new station to be filtered and used by the city.

These propositions, embodied in a resolution offered by Alderman J. P. Carr, precipitated a friendly but animated discussion which extended over the space of about an hour. The vote for the committee to confer was unanimous, and Messrs. Ross and Carr were named as the committee to perform the function.

Mayor McNinch left the chair in charge of Alderman Anderson in order to throw some light on the situation in general without advocating any special or specific plan. He pointed out the fact that the present water facilities are totally inadequate for Greater Charlotte. The water main on Tryon street is too small. A 20-inch main down the entire length of Tryon street, said the mayor, will be necessary to give the city the pressure requisite for fighting a big fire.

It was admitted that the present water works system would be insufficient for the needs of the city in case of a severe drought. The reservoir contains 75,000,000 gallons. The average output used by the city is 1,000,000 gallons, which means that in case of a drought the present supply would last about 70 days. Briar creek, it was brought out, has a much larger capacity than Irwin's creek, that of the latter being in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 gallons a day. A comparison of the quality of the

NO NEWS YET OF JONES.

Missing Bank Official Not Heard From—His Capture Certain—Detectives Hard at Work on the Case—A Wire From V. P. Randolph & Company, Brokers, of Philadelphia.

Nothing has yet been heard of Franc H. Jones, the missing teller of the Charlotte National Bank. His present whereabouts are as much a mystery as they were the first of last week when the defalcation was first discovered. The detectives are leaving no stones unturned which might give them a clue. The ports are being watched vigilantly, so also the railway centres. Unless the fugitive made good his escape before the news of the defalcation was scattered broadcast over the country Monday night, it is hardly likely that he will escape. Every avenue is now closed and if he shows himself, the chances are that he will be nabbed post haste. The bank is hot on the trail of its absconding official and the surety companies, who were on his bond for the small amount of \$20,000, are sparing not time nor money to bring him to justice. The bonding companies have their own corps of detectives especially engaged for just such work and besides they have connections with the large agencies which will give them the services of an unlimited number of men. "We only want his trail," significantly remarked Chief Inspector Meehan, of the American Bonding Company, to an Observer man Wednesday. "His capture is then certain. The chase is that of a pack of fine pack of clean limbed and strong hounds after a fox. He has to take to the ground in a hurry or he is a 'goner'."

In order to find out what business relation existed between Mr. Percy Fonville and the missing man, The Observer yesterday wired Mr. Gordon H. Cilley, asking him to call at the head office of V. P. Randolph & Co., brokers in Philadelphia, Pa., and secure a definite statement from those in authority. The following is the reply received last night: "Philadelphia, Pa., March 23, 1907. 'To the Observer, Charlotte, N. C.' 'At the office of Virgil P. Randolph & Co., incorporated, No. 571 Bullitt Building, it was stated to-day that Percy Fonville was their correspondent, but not their agent, at Charlotte, N. C., to whom Randolph & Co. furnished quotations and with whom they settled trades at Charlotte. The firm received a telegram from Fonville last week saying he would

BOND BIDS REJECTED.

City Aldermen in Special Session Consider Bids For Bonds—Only One Offered Par and This Firm Asked Excessive Commissions—Finance Committee May Negotiate Private Sale.

At a special meeting of the board of city aldermen held at noon yesterday in the council chambers of the city hall, the sale of the \$175,000 of city bonds was postponed, owing to the fact that the bids submitted were not satisfactory. A committee was appointed to negotiate, if possible, a private sale of the bonds, subject to approval by the board. If it is thought best the committee will re-advertise the bonds.

As soon as the meeting was called to order, with Mayor McNinch in the chair and a quorum present, Chairman Krueger, of the special committee for the examination of the bids reported that none of the bids submitted were satisfactory to the committee and moved that all be rejected. The board went into executive session to consider the matter. The aldermen were determined that no bids offering less than par value should be accepted. Only one of the bids, the one made by the financial firm of W. J. Hayes & Co., of Cleveland, O., offered par and the commissions asked for were, in the opinion of the city fathers, excessive. A number of banking houses had written indefinite letters about the bonds, one saying that if none of the bids received were satisfactory to let it know and an agreement might be reached which would be satisfactory to all.

On motion of Alderman Ross, as before stated, the finance committee of the board of aldermen was authorized to continue negotiations relative to the sale of the bonds, re-advertising them if necessary. Some member of the committee will probably make a trip to some of the Northern cities in the interest of the sale. It has been suggested in connection with the delay in the sale of the bonds that the notes falling due April 15th, which were to be met with the proceeds of the bond sale, can be renewed for a limited period.

There is little doubt that the stringency of the money market influenced the non-sale of the bonds. Mayor McNinch stated in this connection that while the stringency in the money market of late has been more pronounced than at any other period for the last 10 or 15 years, yet it is noticeably strengthening. He, in common with the board, believes that the tightness will soon be remedied and the bonds will be sold easily at par and at the 4 1-2 cent, rate of interest.

Easter Music at St. Michael's. The choir of St. Michael's church, colored, will give Cruickshank's Communion Office and Carroll's "Christ, Our Passover" at the 11 o'clock service on Easter morning. In the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock a cantata, "The Conquering King," by Wilson will be given. The public is extended, by Rev. P. P. Alston, rector, and A. M. Cochran, the organist, a cordial invitation to be present at these services.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY A FAVORITE. "We prefer Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to any other for our children," says Mr. L. J. Woodbury, of Tawling, Mich. "It has also done the work for us in hard colds and croup, and we take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Men's Municipal League Ticket.

- FOR ALDERMEN. Ward 1. J. W. Wadsworth, T. J. Davis, A. W. I. Henderson, W. T. Hart. Ward 2. F. B. McDowell, T. S. Franklin, L. L. Hackney. Ward 3. C. A. Williams, Z. T. Smith, W. R. Robertson. Ward 4. F. M. Cave, G. G. Scott, E. S. Williams. Ward 5. W. G. Shoemaker. Ward 7. W. C. Maxwell. Ward 8. T. L. Kirkpatrick, Joe Garibaldi. Ward 9. J. M. House. Ward 10. H. C. Severis. Ward 11. A. Bunn. School Commissioners to follow.

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- We announce ourselves as candidates for Aldermen of Ward Three, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries on April 16th. GEO. A. HOWELL, JNO. W. TODD. I announce myself a candidate for Alderman of Ward No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. M. F. KIRBY. I announce myself a candidate for School Commissioner of Ward No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. R. K. BLAIR. I announce myself a candidate for Alderman of Ward No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. E. S. WILLIAMS. I announce myself a candidate for Alderman of Ward No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. D. H. ANDERSON. We announce ourselves as candidates for School Commissioners, Ward One, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. W. H. BELK, A. G. CRAIG, J. B. IVEY. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman, Ward One, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. A. A. ANTHONY. I announce myself a candidate for Alderman, Ward One, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. JAS. A. FORE. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman in Ward One, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. W. I. HENDERSON. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman in Ward One, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. WILLIS BROWN. I hereby announce myself a candidate for Alderman from Ward 3, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. JOE KLOUSE. We announce ourselves as candidates for School Commissioners in Ward Eight, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. B. E. DAVIS, J. L. SEXTON.

water from the two streams furnished a subject for a quarter of an hour's debate. Messrs. Carr and Ross held that the fluid that falls from Briar's is the more healthful of the two. The watershed at Irwin's creek, it was said, is of red clay and hence undesirable, while that of the other stream is of sand, which gives its water a double filtration. Alderman Carr said that the present supply comes from a creek that is more than liable to go dry in any severe drought and some provision for such an emergency should be made.

"Are private filters desirable?" was the side issue on which Dr. Falson and Alderman Carr interjected spice into the discussion for a second or so. Mr. Carr said that the present water contained too much mud for him, his constitution had rebelled and he had found it necessary to install a private filter.

"You would be safer if you drank the water just as it comes from the station," said the doctor. "I want to keep all the mud and filth out of my stomach that I can," retorted Mr. Carr. "I'd break the neck of any man that tried to put a private meter in my house," declared Dr. Falson.

This question was not submitted to a vote and is still a draw. The estimated cost of fitting up the old Briar creek station is from \$5,000 to \$12,000. The opinion of the board seemed in favor of this course of action. What action the water commissioners will take and how they will receive the suggestion of the aldermen in this is a matter to guess about. The commissioners have spent quite a lot of money already and are said to be rather sensitive on the subject of further outlay. The gentlemen who spoke in favor of the resolution yesterday stated explicitly that there was no intention of dictating or encroaching on the prerogatives of the water men, but merely to call their attention to what is, in the opinion of the aldermen, a pressing need of the city. All the same, next Tuesday night at the meeting of the commissioners there is likely to be something done worth recording.

The position of the aldermen on the questions outlined in the foregoing, so far as could be judged from the discussion, is that something ought to be done. All are by no means in agreement with all the propositions contained in the resolution passed. They merely voted for that to bring the question into notice. They do feel, however, that some action, in those directions, is advisable. There was strong objection, however, from some, to Mr. Carr's idea of pumping the water from the proposed new station across the city, connecting it with the water main. It was held by

be here Sunday, but he did not come. They knew nothing, it was also stated, of any relation between Fonville and Jones, the missing assistant cashier of the Charlotte National Bank. Randolph & Co say they are stock brokers, but are not members of either the New York, Philadelphia or any other stock exchange. Post Offices to be Discontinued. In effect March 30, the following post offices in this State will be discontinued, and served by rural free delivery: Bobbitt, Vance county; Chowan and Cisco, Chowan county; Cockley, Edgecombe county; Creekville, Northampton county; Lucia, Gaston county; Pinkney, Wayne county; Waugh, Irwell county; Wiggins Crossroads, Gates county; Ebenezer, Chatham county; Enno, Wake county, and Longtown, Yadkin county. Commencing March 25, 1907, R. P. O. service in trains 3 and 4 will be extended to end at Washington, N. C., increasing distance 52.59 miles, making whole distance 136.57 miles. Service in trains 7 and 10 will be discontinued, and trains 2 and 5 between Norfolk and Edenton will be known as short runs of the line, which will be designated the "Norfolk, Edenton & Washington, R. P. O."

Miss Margaret Porter to Sing in First Baptist Church To-Day. The many Charlotte friends of Miss Margaret Porter, formerly of Billmore, will be interested in the announcement that she will sing a solo in the First Baptist church, at the morning service, to-day. Miss Porter is now one of the soloists of the Metropolitan Temple choir, New York City. Miss Porter possesses a voice of remarkable sweetness and purity and is winning laurels for herself in the metropolis. Miss Porter is spending a week in the city with relatives and, yielding to the entreaties of friends, has kindly consented to give a Charlotte congregation an opportunity of enjoying gift.

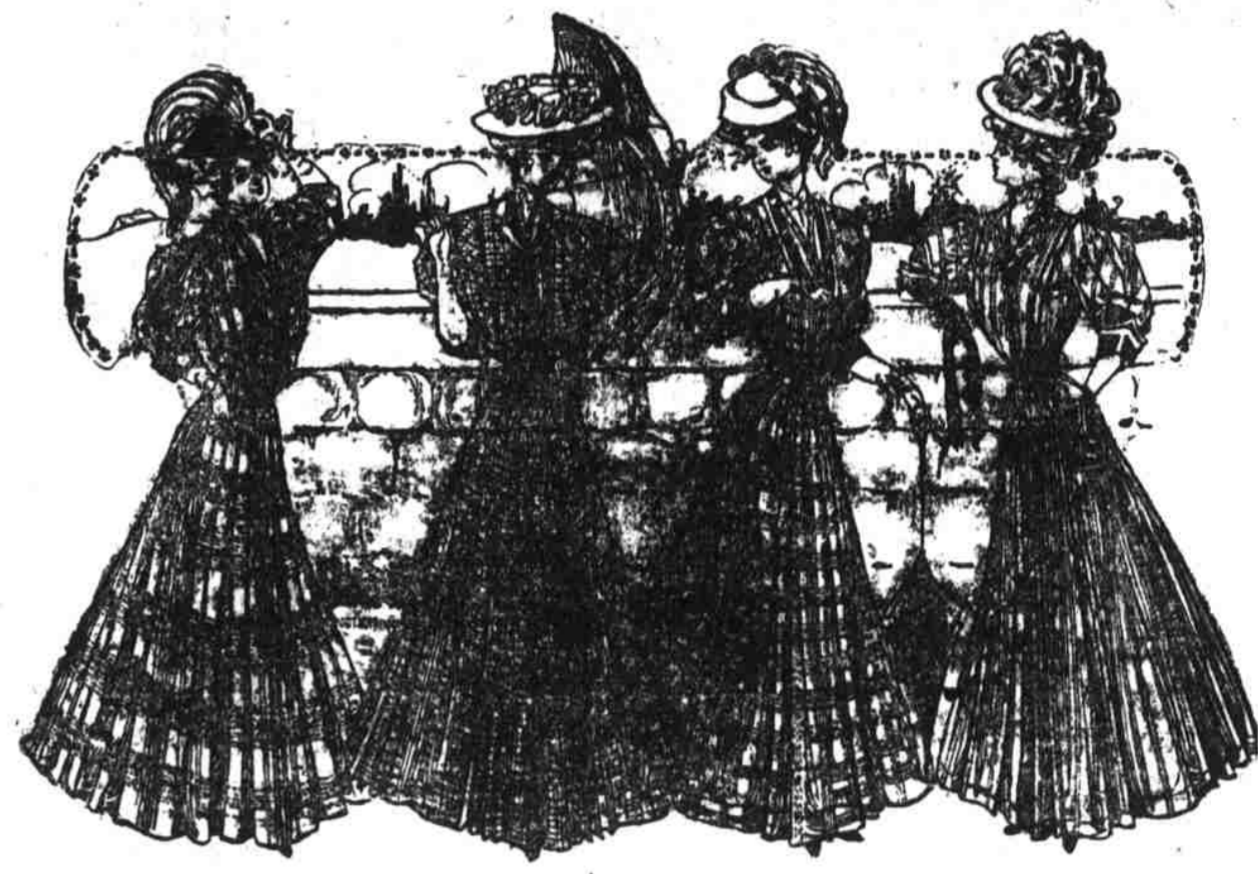
Henry Allison Will Talk. The boys' mass meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 7:30 o'clock will be addressed by Henry Allison, who is chairman of the boys' meeting committee. He will speak on "Temptation." Lewis Porter will preside. All boys invited. the opponents of this project that to connect the sources of supply would defeat one purpose for which it was proposed, in that an agency or circumstance which put one out of commission would affect the other similarly.



FRANC H. JONES.

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Dent's 12-button real Kid Gloves in Tan, Brown, White and Black. Special this week at \$2.98. Regular value \$3.75.

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Blacks, Whites and Evening Shades, 12 and 16-button lengths. Fingers double tipped \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Evening Shades \$1.25.

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