At a Session of the Board of Public Service Yesterday Afternoon the Predicted Sensational Charges om Mr. T. W. Hawkins Falled to Work Touched Agyclop-Street Work Touched Upon, But There Were no Denunciations of the Aldermanic Board From the Members of the Comion-Mr. Hawkins Prepared a

"I came here prepared to lick somebody or get licked," remarked rather smilingly Mayor T. S. Frankrather smilingly Mayor T. S. Frank- change. The proposition is to lower lin at the meeting yesterday after- Eart Trade street four text from noon at 2 o'clock of the board of

"I have a paper here that I meant to read in connection with the street work, but I fear that it will find its way into the newspapers and therefore I think I will not make it pubthe approach to the only sensational features of the meeting.

The Leyden-jar of the meeting failed of discharge.

The paper that never was effled with the board—this goes down in municipal history as a document mysterious both in its contents and In its primal purposes. About the only thing known about the treatise is that it was fathered by Chairman T. W. Hawkins, of the street committe from the board of public service, and the further alleged fact that it was intended to show the rights of this commission to control work of laying permanent street Improvements and such other matters as lie inherent within this corporate body. Mr. Hawkins read it to Mayor Franklin privately after adjournment was taken.

STREET WORK TOUCHED UPON. The question of time for starting the street work was designed to be primarily settled at this meeting, but as a matter of fact, it was merely touched upon during the session, some of the members occasionally throwing out suggestions as to the prerogatives of this board to take up this work whenever it saw fit.

"Of course we know that the aldermen have nullified the contract which this board entered into with the Atlantic Bitulithic Company, tract under its charter, and the aldermen would hardly have the pow-er to invalidate it at their pleasure," said Mr. Hawkins at one time during the meeting. This he said in a very quiet and in his accustomed squve tone, mildly but authoritatively, as if nobody in the world would contradict It was very probably due to this mannerism of his that no reonse was made by Mayor Franklin, for the last named gentleman made no enswer to this proposition. Captain Franklin had already stated, when Mr. Hawkins made the announcement about the paper that lever was filed, that if the service board was merely going to attack him and the board of aldermen, he would refuse to enter into the controversy just at this time.

"I WANT PEACE"-WASHBURN.

Hawkins' intimation about the paper he had prepared, saying that he was in favor of allowing nothing filed or printed in the newspapers that was intended to make a breach between the board and the parent-"I am sure that what we need most of all is harmony," re-marked Mayor Franklin at this juncture, and with these statements the paper prepared by Mr. Hawkins became gradually silenced. It is due Hawkins, however, to add that was the first person who suggested that the paper should not be read, even though he had written it. stating that it was merely to set straight the matter of getting the preliminary street work out of the way so that everything would ready for laying the permanent im-He furthermore declared that he had been misquoted, and that his interview with a newspaper representative had apparently written so as to lead the public to misconstrue his motive. He denied concection of any story or interview, or writing any articles for the offy papers, intended to excertate the present situation, or accelerate the present tension.

ME. WASHBURN WANTS INFOR-

MATION. "I make a motion that the mayor put in writing his idea of what the commissions have to do," said Mr. "I think it is due us to Washburn. knew what power we have left since the aldermen passed the recent res-clution revoking all unexpended appropriations, and giving the aldermen the sole power of saying what the city's money shall be spent for hereafter. I want the mayor to define his policy clearly so that there can be no further misunderstanding If you will agree to do that, I will not make the motion: otherwise, I will."

"Well, I don't know whether would do it, even if you did pass such a motion," said Mayor Franklin calmly, explaining that he was not a lawyer, and would not like to have thrust upon him the duty of handing out a legal document in definition of the duties of the various boards. This was not urged by Mr. Washburn after Mr. Franklin's ex-planation, although he persisted in easing that it would be the proper

thing to do.

THE FENCE ON THE SQUARE. At the last meeting of the board of aldermen, the complaints registerby parties concerning the height of the fence on the square were referred to the board of public service. Chairman Hawkins summoned Mr. J. H. Little, president of the Char-lotte Trust and Realty Company, and Contractor J. A. Jones to the meet-ing yesterday afternoon, and heard their requests and answers to questions relative to the wisdom of a fence of this height. They were also asked numerous questions about the necessity of cutting off entire passage the sidewalk and excavating made matters of record upon the terday afternoon at times indicated a degree of spiritedness seldem exceptions and suspensions. The company was given re-enforced substitution to dig away the sidewalks and to maintain the fence on the square so long as it was not unreceptive to a seminary. the sidewalk for the purpose of se-

MR. HAWKINS RATHER QUIET.

At a Session of the Board of Public

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Mr. Washburn.

SUB-WAY ON EAST TRADE WANT-

The matter of securing a sub-way on East Trade street by lowering the street and raising the railroad tracks was brought up by Mr. Saryent who stated that he found the railroad people open for a proposition in this Anderson, S. C., Mail. Communication, Setting Forth His regard, and therefore thought the Attitude, But He Didn't Rend It. time favorable for taking it up. me favorable for taking it up. was stated that only one property holder in that vicinity had so far raised an objection to the proposed College across the railroad, and to elevate the railroad the remaining. necessary distance. This catire matter was referred on motion of Mr. fully" separated and divorced from Hawkins to the street countries to report back to the word.

CONFLICT OVER SCHOOL PROP- opportunities of having their wishes ERTY.

Mr. Washburn introduced a resolulie," said Mr. T. W. Hawkins, and tion, after making proper trellmin-these two statements approximate ary remarks relative to a conflict of opinion about the ownership school property, the resolution being in the nature of a recon noutation to the aldermen to transfer all real estate and property used by the school authorities to the beard of school commissioners and to their exclusive control. This receiption was introduced, said Washburn, after a disagreement between himself and Mr. J. L. Saxton, of the sencol commissioners, as to who ther'd pay for improvements result now on a house used by the school authorities and is aimed to set straight once for all a question that has bothered the city officials for several years.

REQUEST FROM RETAIL MER-CHANTS.

local retail merchants to be allowed from her husband, because of one vice board occasioned by the service board occasioned a lengthy de-bate that finally landed the application on the table without any official action. At one time, a motion made to grant the request seemed about to prevail when objections began to be raised in volumes. The only reason for holding the question open was on account of the fact that the board feared that favorable action might be taken as a precedent and other bodies would desire the use of the room. was suggested that the office on the second floor now occupied by the armory would shortly be vacated and I suppose you all know that this the association might hold its meet-board had the right to draw this con-ings there.

Attention was called by Mayor Franklin to the condition of the S. A. L. subway and asked that the board take the situation in hand. Mr. Hawthe conclusion that bitulithic pave-ment should be used there. He was PLAN WELL M aware of the fact that some improvements were badly needed right now at this point, and he favored immediate

Considerable speculation will be aroused in regard to the withheld communication of Mr. Hawkins. The most prophetic and succinct statement "Mr. Chairman, I want to say in this conection that I favor reading to paper or taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the property of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the property of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the property of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the immediate prosecution of the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor the paper of taking any action that I favor th will bring this board into antagon
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and I want to go on record as favor
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two boards." said Mr. A. H. Wash
burn with fervid emphasis.

favor the immediate prosecution of
the preliminary work, laying the wa
ter mains, etc.. and it is due the
yexposing him and swearing out a warrant before Magistrate E. B. C. Snipes
for his arrest.

The magistrate placed the warrant
in Sheriff Green's hands and for the
past few days the sheriff's office has
burn with fervid emphasis. burn with fervid emphasis.

Mr. John R. Pharr made practitained with some degree of elaboration in the prepared paper to the
colner. He moved his sent of operation in the prepared paper to the
tions over to Williamston several days
Mr. Hawking intermediate. Company could not be charged with ago, and on one or two occasions being a party to the delay according Deputy Sheriff Scott has gone to Wilto the contract which he himself liamston to effect an arrest. Steed wrote. He said that the contract in evidently "got wise" to the proceedthe proviso relative to the possible ings and has skipped out. He de-postponement of the work, did not atlow the city to lay aside the agreement at will, neither did it provide quaintances in Williamston believe for the city to nullify the contract on that he has gone for good and all. account of no available money clause which he had inserted related to contingencies extraneous to this condition, and for that reason the city could not console itself by saying that the work has been postponed at the instigation of the company.

A further statement which he made

openly during the meeting also is be-lieved to reflect significantly the position taken in the unread and there-fore unprinted communication. He said as stated above, that the conwith the birglithic company arawn by him for the service tract in the matter et all. It is understood that this position he assumes unreservedly in the communication at the served of the communication at the communicati board and could therefore be executed for the city by this board, without the aldermen's say-so or their hand same time displaying no intention to take this course. His agreement to decree pre confesse, order of publi-withhold the paper which he preparwithhold the paper which he prepared especially for the meeting is taken to indicate that he will not place himself in the attitude of fixhling the posiponement, no matter how keenly posiponement, no matter how keenly in the plaintiff is entitled to the relief to the relief that the plaintiff is entitled to the plaintiff he may feel his rights as a member prayed for in her said bill of com-of the service board may have been plaint.

It is therefore ordered and adjudghis stand is given without a glimpse ed by the court that the binds of the communication, and merely a diverse a vincule matrimonii and of the communication, and merely a diverse a vincule matrimony herefrom statements he made during the meeting, without the least sign of tofore existing be and are hereby for-wounded pride and without any evi-dence whatever of being unduly ir-ritated over the mutter. Mr. Hawkins by the court that the plaintiff have seen in origin. seen in print.

ALDERMEN ACT IN GOOD FAITH. No reason is assignable to Mr. No reason is assignable to Mr.
Hawkins for concluding not to read
the paper he had prepared unless it
comes from a possible interview he
had prior to the meeting with Mayor Franklin. It is altogether likely that he was apprised of the fact that the aldermen acted in good faith when they adopted a resolution postponing this work until early summer or late Mr. Hawkins does not take the position that the permanent improve-ments should be laid at once; on the other hand, he favors only a definitements should be laid at once; on the other hand, he favors only a definiteiv fixed date as to the beginning of these operations, and as a matter of fact that represents practically his whole contention. Mayor Franklin refused to openly commit himself at the plaintiff attorney instead. whole contention. Mayor Franklin refused to openly commit himself at the meeting yesterday afternoon as to the time the aldermen have in mind, but to show that they were acting in good faith he cited the service board to the fact that a car load of fixtures to the fact that a car load of fixtures to the fact that a car load of fixtures are the marked the word "judge" under his decree, any intelligent person could recessary to the new water mains had recessary to the new water mains had already arrived, and instead of storing them, he ordered that they be scatter-

UNIQUE SWINDLING GAME DIVORCE DECREES FOR WOMEN

Claiming to Be a Lawyer a Slick Guy Visits Anderson and Other Palmetto
Towns and Agrees to Procure For
Women Who Want Them Divorces
—A Retaining Fee of \$5 and Another of \$15 Collected, and Many
Good Sisters Bit—Trickster's
Scheme Discloused and He Skips.

Of all the swindling games the greatest has been perpetrated in this

county during the past few weeks and as a result many women have The game was a divorce decreeing

Sallsbury, Feb. 10.—The 2-year-man of 55 or 60 years, claiming a old child of Mr. John W. Huss died knowledge of law, drifted into Anderson. He visited the various cotand will be buried to-morrow morn-

divorces. Steed evidently had everything his own way. His game progressed nicely and many women, tired of their husbands or because their husbands had deserted them, fell victims to the talk of the "lawyer." He collected considerable money in Anderson, Williamston and Pelzer. His operations were confined chiefly to cotton mili villages.

THE SCHEME.

Here was Steed's game: He would find out the name of a woman that woman; explain to her that it was not necessary for her married life to continue, and that he could arrange it with the courts so that she might be made a single woman again. He would make a contract with the woman that upon the payment of \$5 he would prepare for her execution affidavits sustaining a complaint against her husband, upon which

Steed's understanding with his clients was that he should take the com-plaints before a judge in the courts of Florida and there procure the divorce Upon his return with the decrees. S. A. L. SUBWAY NEEDS ATTEN- decrees, he was to receive an additional payment of \$15, making his

services worth in each case \$20. He enticed several women of the Cox Mills, some in the Orr Mill village and some in other mill villages kins stated that he had been advised of the city to become his "clients." about this subway and had reached In each instance he would collect his

PLAN WELL MAPPED OUT.

After getting up all of the com-plaints, Steed would disappear for a few days-he would leave this part action, if the finance committee of the aldermen were in position to grant villages elsewhere to continue his nefarious work. After an absence of

light yesterday morning, and his ac-

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTS. The Anderson Ear Association held a meeting several days ago to investigate Steed and his works. He claimed to be a lawyer and the bar association wanted to know something about him. his qualifications and workings. A committee was named

for the investigation. This committee has secured the divorce decrees delivered by Siced to lowing is a copy of one of the pa-

L. E. Cleveland

This cause coming to be heard was

ed by the court that the plaintiff have

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their minority as against the said de-fendant, Samuel Cleveland.

It is further ordered and adjudged by the court that the plaintiff, L. E. Cleveland, have the right to marry again under the statutes made and provided in such cases.

E. L. Whatley, Special Judge This the 27th day of January, 1908.

Attention is called to the wording of the above decree. Note the shrewd-

ness of the "lawyer." decree, any intelligent person could easily ascertain whether or not Fiorithem, he ordered that they be scattered along the streets where they will be placed. He gave this incident to satisfy the board that neither he nor the aldermen contemplated any long delay, but intended on the other hand, to start the work at the earliest possible mement.

of his neck. It is said that he has two children living in Williamston, where he made his headquarters. It is safe to say now, however, that since he has got wind of the fact that the officers are behind him with the inention of breaking up his game, he will not put in an appearance at Wil-

THE DEATH RECORD.

liamston any time soon.

Miss Mildred Trammell, of Pores

Special to The Observer. Forest City, Feb. 19 .- Miss Mildred Trammell, an aged and highly respected lady, died here early this morning from typhoid fever. The burial will take place to-morrow at Mount Vernon Baptist church, the services being conducted by the pas-tor, Rev. J. S. Wilson.

their husbands for any cause or Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. causes whatever were furnished the Special to The Observer.

ton mills and learned through gossip ing at 10 a. m. The little fellow got and otherwise which women in the willages were disappointed wifh their busbands, and the names of these wointo meningitis, proving fatal. men who would pay for and accept

Mrs. Jennie Leach, of Maxton,

Special to The Observer. and the interment was at the family cemetery nearby.

Mr. William B. Gilbert, of Winnsboro, S. C.

Special to The Observer. Winnsboro, S. C., Feb. 10 .- Mr. William B. Glibert, who for the past three weeks has been in a critical condition at his home here, passed complaint the divorce proceedings away yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, should be made.

He was in the 73d year of his life. Mr. Gilbert had enjoyed excellent health all of his life until about three weeks ago when he was stricken with apoplexy.

The deceased was born and reared

In Fairfield county, and until the war of secession resided near what is now known as the Jennings section. When the war broke out he enlisted in Boyce's guards of the Sixth South Carolina Regiment and was a soldier in every sense of the word. Fear was unknown to him. Never was there a time during the long struggle when Private Gilbert declined to undertake a duty whether of danger or not. He was a resident of Winnsboro after surrender and for more twenty-five years served as the chief of police of Winnsboro. Never was order and respect of law more pro-nounced than when Chief Gilbert was

He is survived by a widow and two children, Miss Ida and Deputy Sheriff William B. Jr.,

The funeral services were conducted this afternoon by Rev. J. M. Halladay from the Presbyterian Mr. Gibert was a good man. ehurch. loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact. 'All Winnsboro mourns his death.

of laugh producers. McIntyre and Heath, who have been stage partners longer and more concenially associated than any two professionals known to the world, will be the attraction. to the world, will be the attraction, in their world-famed musical novelty entitled "The Ham Tree." To the thousands and hundreds of thousands and a few more who have seen these two inimitable negro impersonators no recommendation is required. These two artists have been closely allied. on and off the stage for nearly thirty years. They are so familiar weach other's acts, movements thoughts that their performance so perfect that they might be class as a perfect machine. Some people wonder why a large proportion of the public visit their performance time after time and apparently enjoy themselves as if they had never see the performance before. Nearly every line McIntyre and Heath speak is familiar to old theatre-goers, yet when spoken by these artists they come as fresh as if they had never been spoken before. One never seems to tire of seeing McIntyre and Heath. especially now that they are surrounded with an all-round star cast and the most marvelous singing and dancing Maxton, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Jennie
Leach, relict of the late Hugh Leach,
died at her home three miles north
of Maxton at 10 o'clock yesterday
morning, after a few daya' illness of
grip. She was in her 85th year and grip. She was in her 85th year and around, and no happier selection had been in declining health for several years. She was the mother of and music than that of William and the will be will be will be with the will be John Leach, one of Maxion's Jerome and Jean Schwartz. The cos most prominent and popular business tumes and scenery are all that money men; also of Mr. Dougald Leach. a and art could devise and construct most successful farmer of this section. Every member of the cast has been and Miss Janie Leach. The funeral selected with care and intelligence was held at the home this morning, | each and every one perfectly fitted for the parts which they impersonate. The advance sale of seats has been very heavy and a crowded house will be on hand to-night in the popular

> Seats will go on sale this morning at Hawley's for the engagement of "Terry the Swell," which will be offered as the attraction at the Academy of Music for three nights beginning Thursday. While this piece is new to Charlotte theatre-goers it is said to be a rather novel and entertaining farce comedy, with musical inter-polations. The company presenting the play is claimed to be an excellent

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