

THE OAKLAND AVENUE SEWER.

MAY HAVE TO PUT IN ENTIRELY NEW LINE.

The City Engineer Makes Exhaustive Report on a Break in Sewer, Giving Relative Cost of Repairing Old Line and Making New Line.

The following is the report of the city engineer on the Oakland Avenue sewerage, that is giving so much trouble. He was instructed by Council to make another survey, on Bartlett street. The minutes of Council will show what action was taken: Mr. J. P. Booth, Chairman, Public Work Committee, City Council, Sumter, S. C.

Sir:—In accordance with a resolution of City Council passed May 10, last, directing me, "to investigate the Oakland Ave. sewer line, to report on condition of same and estimate cost of repair, also the cost of a new line by Factory Branch," I beg to submit the following report:

I have examined the Oakland Ave. line as carefully as possible. I have opened up or exposed the pipe to view in six different places and in three places I find the pipe broken. One place very badly crushed, causing a bad cave in the street. The bottom of the pipe has no indication in many places of having had cement in the joints or if ever cemented the water in the ditch washed it away. In other places the cemented joint appears to have been in water when it was soft before it "set up." What remains is honey-combed and of no use or very little, in keeping out the great quantity of ground water in which the pipe is located.

Nearly all of this line is laid in a strata of water-bearing sand and when constructed am told the ground water was allowed to rise in the pipe and flow through same to the outlet at the septic tank below the cemetery. The line is three thousand feet long and from sixteen (16) to twenty-two (22) feet deep.

The grit chamber in the septic tank is nearly full of sand thus indicating that sand is getting into the line above, through the joints.

It is my opinion that this line will continue to give trouble if not properly repaired and to repair it is a very dangerous and difficult undertaking because on a level with the pipe in more places (all of the places I have opened up), the sand has washed down from the bank leaving the bank liable to fall and trip the braces in the open trench.

The handling of the sewerage and ground water while this line is being repaired will be an expensive piece of work. In my opinion the water should be kept off the concrete until same sets up thoroughly.

It is my opinion that if this line is reinforced with six inches of concrete around the pipe, the same keep dry until it thoroughly sets up that the line will no longer give trouble.

A survey has been made from the corner of Salem and Oakland Ave. down Salem to Bradford, thence down Bradford to near the Jenkins ditch, thence to Factory Branch, thence down said Branch to Green Swamp for a sewer line to take the place of the deep sewer down Oakland Ave., where the breaks appear and I will give below the estimates of cost of

this new line and also the estimates of the repair work on the Oakland Ave. line.

Estimate of cost of repairing Oakland Ave. line:
3,000 feet excavating and backfilling trench, 16 to 22ft. deep. \$3,850.00
Timbering for trench 40,000 ft. at \$15 per M. 600.00
Concrete for reinforcing 480 cubic yds. at \$7 per yd. 3,360.00
Estimate of handling water and sewerage 600.00
Total \$8,410.00

Estimate of cost of new line by Factory Branch:

This line is 6,000 feet long, beginning at corner of Salem and Oakland, and running to run of Green Swamp.

EXCAVATION AND REFILLING.

2,000 ft. over 12 in. not over 14 in. at 0.62 per lineal foot.	\$1,240.00
700 ft. over 10 in. not over 12 in. at 0.42 per lineal foot.	294.00
400 ft. over 8 in. not over 10 in. at 0.32 per lineal foot.	128.00
1,000 ft. over 6 in. not over 8 in. at 0.17 per lineal foot.	170.00
1,200 ft. over 4 in. not over 6 in. at 0.13 per lineal foot.	156.00
1,700 ft. over 4 in. at	70.00
Total	\$2,958.00
Add 20 per cent.	412.00
Total for excavating and refilling	\$3,470.00
6,000 ft. 22 in. pipe at 0.70 per lineal foot.	\$4,200.00
Laying pipe at 0.10 per lineal foot.	600.00
15 Man-holes at \$30 each	450.00
30,000 feet lumber for trenches at \$15 per M.	450.00
Septic Tank.	2,200.00
Total	\$10,370.00

The above figures on excavating and refilling are taken from the contractor's bid and his actual work of the Manning, S. C., sewer, which was completed last December. I have added 20 per cent. to same to cover any contingency. His labor was paid from one dollar to one dollar and fifteen cents per day.

I advise that the Oakland Ave. line be repaired. It can be done for less money and in my opinion safely.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. LEE,
City Engineer.

AN AUTOIST MAKES SUGGESTION.

What He Says Worth Thinking About.

An automobile owner of Sumter—he took stage fright when he realized he was talking to a reporter, and refused the use of his name—thinks an automobile feature of firemen's week will prove a great hit. He thinks moreover that the tournament is a great opportunity for the advertisement of Sumter, and that the machines can help in this advertisement. Here are some of his notions.

In an hour's time six of seven hundred visitors could be driven over the city, giving fifteen or twenty minutes to the riding of each set of people.

Have a parade, the rear of each car to be ten feet from the car behind it. Have the cars lined up according to size, the little "one lungers" to lead and the big forty touring cars to bring up the rear. The size of this parade will be a feature in itself.

Have a family parade, each car to be occupied by the owning family, and if possible to be driven by a lady.

Have a short race with cars from standing start. Let the cars be lined up, engine dead, and driver in car. At the signal driver to get out of car, crank, get back in and go. He thinks there would be something for the spectators to look at in that.

A demonstration contest for points. He modestly adds, too, that he guesses that other people may have as many ideas on the subject as he has. Perhaps they have, and if so, let's have them.

Mr. A. T. Woods has been appointed magistrate at Mechanville, vice Mr. J. M. Fraser resigned.

The party that went from here to Forrester to fish this week have probably had a wet time of it. But that's to be expected when one goes fishing.

The first case to be tried by Recorder Manning was that of M. L. Swan, white, who was charged with skipping a board bill. Swan is an immigrant agent and he would corral a number of negroes and get board for them till they could be moved. It was the board for these that he refused to pay. He was fined \$2 or 4 days on two counts.

For a sort of star performer, the comet did not make much of a hit with this old earth, after all.—Washington Herald.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MEMBERS OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF HEALTH RESIGN.

The Oakland Sewer, Sumter Street, Auto Fire Engine, Awnings, Auto Regulation, and a Lot of Other Things Come Up for Consideration—New Recorder Elected.

Council Chamber, Sumter, S. C., May 24, 1910.

Council held a regular meeting at 8 o'clock p. m. Present:

Mayor, L. D. Jennings, Aldermen, J. P. Booth, D. W. Cuttino, J. F. Glenn, J. W. McKeiver, H. J. McLaurin, R. K. Wilder and R. L. Wright.

Absent: Alderman E. H. Rhame. Minutes of 10th inst. were read corrected and confirmed.

Ex Mayor W. B. Boyle appeared before Council and stated that having learned of the election of a New Board of Health, because of the fact that there had been no terms of service shown by the minutes at the time the Board was appointed on June 1st 1908, he deemed it proper to say that the election had been for specified terms. He produced the original memorandum of appointment which showed the terms as follows: Dr. F. K. Holman, 5 years; Dr. E. R. Wilson, 4 years; Dr. E. S. Booth, 3 years; Mr. R. K. Wilder and Mr. Isaac Schwartz, 1 year. The Mayor stated that he had recognized the appointments as shown by the Ex Mayor.

Mr. Boyle also explained that the former Council had combined the office of Recorder and Clerk and Treasurer under an opinion from the Attorney General of S. C., that the combination could be lawfully made by making the Recorder ex-officio Clerk and Treasurer.

Mr. J. M. Harby came to ask the adoption of an Ordinance to permit the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. to lay a track across Silver Street into premises of The Building Supply Co. The request was granted, the Ordinance was read and ordered published, under a suspension of the rule which requires a second reading.

Friday Kershaw requested permission to repair a residence within the fire limits on Hampton Avenue, which was granted. He also applied for a permit to change two windows of a wooden building on Hampton Ave., used as a restaurant, into doors. This request was referred to the Fire Department Committee with power to act.

Mr. Booth for the Committee of Public Works submitted report of two weeks as follows:

Sewer Trenches filled	\$7.00
Cleaning S. Main Street	4.50
Work on Water Trough,	1.00
Repairs on W. Liberty street	3.00
Farm Work,	8.00
Repair Cart,	12.00
Jenkins Drain and Clay work on Dingle street,	295.90
Hauling Garbage,	51.00
Street Sprinkler,	9.00
Street Sweeper,	14.00

Pay Rolls, \$405.40
No. men—38. Checks 10.

Mr. Booth presented a letter from A. C. L. R. Co., offering gravel for street improvement at 40 cents per ton and advised acceptance of the offer. Messrs. McLaurin and Glenn urged the necessity of improving Sumter Street and on Mr. McLaurin's motion the Committee of Public Works were authorized to purchase gravel and proceed with the work.

Mr. S. H. Edmunds, Supt. of Schools invited Council to attend closing exercises of the City Schools on 25th and 26th insts., and stated that seats had been reserved for them. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

A letter was read from Z. E. Walker requesting improvement of the railroad crossing on West Bartlett St., and referred to the Committee of Public Works with power to act, should they find that the required width of street (50 feet) has been donated by adjacent land owners.

City Engineer, W. L. Lee made a report on the condition of the Oakland Sewer line and estimated cost of repairing it—\$8,410.00. He also reported the survey of a new line by Factory Branch to Green Swamp to cost \$10,370.00. He advised repairing the Oakland Avenue sewer which he thought could be satisfactorily done. Mr. McLaurin suggested survey of Bartlett street as perhaps offering a better line to connect with western tank. He declared that one costly error had been made and Council should be careful not to make another and that the Engineer should make soundings to ascertain the character of the soil in which the pipe is to be laid. On Mr. McLaurin's motion time was granted to the Committee of Public Works for the survey and to report at a special meeting of Council.

A letter was received from Mr. T. B. Jenkins complaining of the unpleasant conditions from the broken sewer in Oakland Avenue and threatening a suit of damages arising from loss of rents from a tenant who has notified him of intention to move on account of the sewer. Also because of the probable necessity of moving his own family. The letter stated that Health Officer Reardon had informed

the writer that every day spent in that neighborhood is a grave risk to life, on account of the failure to use disinfectants, and the swarms of flies going in and out of the sewer.

Mr. Booth declared that the statement in regard to disinfectants was false, as the Superintendent of Streets disinfected the sewer twice each day. Mr. Lee asserted that the work on the sewer has been done by consent of the Board of Health and that Mr. Reardon knew all about it and was supposed to do the disinfecting, and in fact it had been done according to Mr. Reardon's instructions.

COKER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Address by Hon. T. B. Fraser—President Baldy Resigns.

Hartsville, May 24.—The second session of Coker College came to a close today with the graduating exercises at noon. On Sunday the commencement sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert W. Lide, of Darlington, to an audience which crowded the large Baptist church. His theme was: "The Way of Success and Achievement is the Straight Way; the Way of Eternal Life Involves the Spirit of Self-denial and Self-sacrifice." The music at this service was especially fine.

On Monday the art reception was held at the College at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, under the direction of Miss Thomas, the teacher. The display at this reception was a delight and revelation to the many who attended. Immediately after the president's levee was held on the college campus, at which were gathered the friends and patrons of the school.

At 8 o'clock Monday night the college concert was given in the auditorium and participated in by the entire student body. The numbers were rendered in most excellent manner and it was, on the whole one of the best concerts given in this place.

Today at 10 o'clock the commencement exercises proper were held at the auditorium and the following were given certificates in the business department: Misses Odessa Wall, Bessie Carter and Lola King. The president made a short address to the assembly and then introduced the Hon. T. B. Fraser of Sumter, the orator of the occasion. Mr. Fraser's address dealt with the denominational college and pointed out the value of the denomination school as contrasted with the State and independent college. He paid high tribute to the State institution, but emphasized the fact that there was a place for the denominational college which it only could fill. The address was a most thoughtful and enjoyable one.

Major J. L. Coker addressed the audience after this, congratulating the faculty and pupils on the high class of work done during the past session and expressing confidence in the future of the college.

Dr. Baldy, who has been president for the last two years and who has labored most faithfully for its up-building and has beyond doubt laid a splendid foundation for its future growth, has resigned, to devote all of his time to the ministry.

Why should the President denounce the Insurgents? Hasn't he got Wickersham right at hand to do that for him?—Charleston News and Courier.

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DIVORCE QUESTION POSTPONED

PRESBYTERIANS FAIL TO DETERMINE CHURCH'S ATTITUDE.

General Assembly Continues Committee to Investigate Important Subject—Divided Report—Columbia Minister Added to Committee—Rev. E. P. Davis Causes Clash on Matter of Women's Synodical Societies.

Lewisburg, W. Va., May 21.—Faced with a division amongst leaders that seemed well-nigh irreconcilable, the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church today postponed for one year action on the question of the attitude of the Church toward marriage and divorce. The resolution for postponement was based on "the fact there is not sufficient time for thorough deliberation on such an important subject."

The same committee which has had the subject under consideration for a year was continued. That committee had been unable to agree on a report, two of its members being in favor of the Assembly keeping hands off the matter, two in favor of recognizing only adultery as a ground for divorce, but allowing the "guilty party" to remain when the Church was convinced of his repentance, and two had not made up their minds on the subject.

To remedy this condition, Dr. R. A. Webb, of Louisville, Ky.; Dr. W. T. Hall, of Columbia, S. C., and T. R. Sampson, of Austin, Texas, were added to the committee.

During the day Louisville, Ky., was chosen for the next place of meeting.

The commission to pass on the complaint of the Rev. W. J. Sinnott, against the Northern Presbytery of Alabama, decided adversely to the minister. The Presbytery had declared in favor of the prohibition amendment in Alabama, after the complainant, the commission was told, had expressed views publicly against prohibition.

The minority of the commission are fighting against a report that might have the appearance of giving approval to the Church sanctioning an issue in a political campaign.

The first clash on the floor in regard to women in the Church occurred when Dr. E. P. Davis, of Greenville, S. C., chairman of the committee on women's societies reported in favor of the organization of Synodical societies for women. Dr. W. E. Boggs, of Atlanta, Ga., announced

that he was opposed to this report, and consideration of it was postponed until he could prepare an amendment to it.

Business was rushed through the Assembly and the indications tonight are that the Assembly will adjourn Thursday.

MR. A. A. MANNING ELECTED.

A Young Attorney Succeeds Mr. Hurst as Recorder.

At meeting of Council Tuesday night Mr. A. A. Manning was elected Recorder to succeed Mr. Hurst, who was asked to resign because of an opinion of the city attorney that it was unconstitutional for him to hold two offices. Mr. Hurst was re-elected as clerk and treasurer and his salary was fixed at \$1,700, the same as it was when he held both offices. Mr. Hurst was thanked for his faithful services. Council would have liked to continue him as Recorder if the constitution had not been in the way. There was but one applicant for the office, Mr. A. A. Manning. He was elected and qualified Wednesday.

Court this morning was conducted by the new Recorder. In taking charge he said that he would do his best to follow the example of his predecessor—that the mantle of Elisha may fall upon Elisha.

Mr. I. A. Ryttenberg is having posted in his window at 22 N. Main street daily the progress of the lady autoists who are touring across continent. He gets a night letter by wire daily. He has a map indicating the progress also.

Efforts are being made to organize an automobile club for Sumter. One was organized several years ago, but soon become defunct.

Joe Olden, who had a preliminary hearing for stabbing another negro is still in jail, in default of bond. The charge of vagrancy was withdrawn by Chief Bradford.

A daughter of Mr. Joe Newman saw a negro on their piazza at No. 208 Council street, looking in the window at 2 o'clock on Monday night. She called her father, and the negro became alarmed and fled. A number of chairs have recently been stolen from porches in that section of town. Whether the negro's object was to steal a chair or to enter the house is not known. The law against vagrancy should be enforced rigidly and reduce such occurrences to a minimum.

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