

Bridges.

The August 1908 freshet caused us heavy loss. We had completed at considerable expense piers under Princeton, Epps and College avenue bridges, the latter we had recovered and resided. The high waters came from North, Northeast, and swept down the Sandy Creek bridge at Mitchell's bottom and brickyard, also College avenue and Whitehall bridges, the

bridge at Jennings's mill was shifted at one end, Broad street bridge in which the county is half owner was damaged. Our Board thought it could be restored and so did King, the bridge bullder, but our Engineer, Mr. Strahan after close examination found it in such a condition that he favored the removal. These considerations together with solicitations from Council, and the element of risk in the old bridge as restored, caused us to join the Clty in building the splendid iron bridge just completed at the cost of \$5,000, our part \$2500. We call to your attention that we did not comply with the law requiring competitive bids and advertisement for contract, for the reason that the city had secured bids and the delay would have been considerable and we considered the evasion only technical. We are glad to say we recovered and restored all the other bridges, suplying broken and lost lumber each with new material. We report all bridges in good shape. We have on hand and paid for a number of iron bridges for small streams and large drains.