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A SUDDEN DEATH

The sudden Death of James A. Miller of Southfield Avenue, Was a Great Shock To His Many Friends

In the death of James A. Miller, which occurred so suddenly on the night of Feb. 22, 1911, Birmingham lost another one of its old and respected citizens. In apparently his usual good health he arose from his easy chair and was about to fix his furnace for the night. He stepped into the bathroom on his way to the cellar, at the same time Mrs. Miller heard him make a strange gurgling sound and hurried to his side. She thought he had fainted and being unable to revive him she called her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, who came at once just as Mr. Miller breathed his last, and so passed from this world a most devoted husband and father, a most worthy friend and citizen. It was not many minutes before all the neighbors were at hand, for they saw at once that there must be something amiss in the quiet little home on Southfield avenue, and they must needs come and inquire, and to say they were shocked, pained and grieved is far beyond our words to express. "Why it cannot be, why I just saw him down town this afternoon" or "I saw him this evening" was the expression heard on all sides as the news spread throughout the village.

Mr. Miller was born in the north of Ireland about 75 years ago. His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. He came to this country with a sister when but eight years of age and they remained in Philadelphia for two years when the young boy of 10 came to make his home with an uncle in Southfield, here he learned to be a farmer, working on the surrounding farms during the summer and attending school in the winter and although a comparatively young boy and working for little money, he managed to save enough to acquire some property, so that when he reached the age of 23 and took to himself a wife and married Helen M. Babcock, of Southfield, we find him one of the rising young men of Southfield township. Through his thrift, good management and thorough knowledge of farming, he prospered and became one of the foremost citizens of Oakland county. Seven years ago Mr. and Mrs. Miller gave up their active life on the farm and moved to our village, where they enjoyed their well earned distinction of being "retired farmers."

Mr. Miller is survived by his widow and their three sons, Henry A., Volney B. and Dr. James A. Jr. Mary, the only daughter of the family, having died three years ago.

The funeral was held Saturday, the 25, at the home, Dr. Jamieson of the First Presbyterian church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Paul Livingstone of the United Presbyterian church of Southfield, and the Rev. F. F. Kraft of St. James' church of this village. Mr. Miller was a Mason for over 40 years and his brothers, 60 in number, came to pay their last respects to their departed brother, and conducted their fraternal burial service at his grave in Greenwood cemetery.

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BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sermon themes, Sunday morning, "The Vicarious Sacrifice." Evening, "Neglect of Salvation."

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6:15. Topic, "Lesson From Great Lives, Moses." Leader, Harold Salyer.

The Ladies' Aid society have been making some improvements in the basement of the church.

The teacher's training class in connection with the Sunday school, having completed their book are beginning at the beginning for a review preparatory to taking the examination given by the state Sunday school association.

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PEOPLE'S PARTY CAUCUS.

The People's Party of Birmingham village will hold a Caucus at the Town Hall in said village, Saturday, March 4th, 1911, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for village officers to be elected Monday March 13, 1911, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

Dated, Feb. 21, 1911.

SANITARY SEWER!

Read Very Carefully What President George E. Daines has to Say About Sewerage.

That every person in the village of Birmingham may thoroughly understand the sewer question, I will, as far as I can, explain it to you as the Council looks at it under the existing conditions that confront us in the matter:

To make it plain and decisive there is only one system that can be successfully installed in the village and that is a system of sanitary sewers.

In this system, a disposal plant must be erected of sufficient capacity to take care of the sewage for some time to come looking for a large growth of the village.

This plant will consist of a large well holding from 50 to 100,000 gallons; two large septic or settling tanks, each of from 50 to 100,000 capacity, and two sand filtering beds.

The filtering beds are underdrained by lines of tile placed from 5 to 15 feet apart. They connect with one large cross section of tile of sufficient size to carry away all of the filtered water. This is discharged into the outlet or water course. The construction of the filtering beds are as follows. The bottom of the beds are generally covered with a layer of graded pebbles or broken stone to make the drainage more nearly perfect. The stone are then covered with a layer of coarse gravel and then another layer upon this of still finer gravel and so until the last layer is placed which is of very fine sand.

The main sewer discharges into the well, in which a power pump is placed and runs automatically with an electric motor. When the well is filled to a certain height the motor starts the pump, and when the sewage is pumped down to a certain level the current is cut off and the pump ceases to work until the well is again filled.

The sewage is pumped into one of the septic tanks and when it is filled the other is used, allowing the sewage to remain in it from 8 to 24 hours; during that time nearly all of the heavy material has settled to the bottom. In letting this water out of the tanks onto the filtering beds it is done by what is called alternating siphons. They are so constructed and so placed in the tanks that they will not draw off any of the scum from the surface or any of the sludge or heavy matter from the bottom.

After the sewage has been in the tank a sufficient time the siphons are started and sewage is discharged into a large sewer pipe which passes down the center of the bed with small openings on each side about 10 feet apart for distributing the sewage evenly over the surface. Here the sewage is filtered and the water is as clear and odorless as spring water.

The septic tanks have openings on the sides which are closed with gates, and at the side of the tanks and somewhat lower than the bottom of them is what is called a drying plat form. When the tanks are ready to be opened which is only about once a year, the gates are opened and the sludge is let out on the platform, and when it is thoroughly dried it is hauled away and plowed under for fertilizer.

The cost of operating the pump will not exceed fifty cents per day, so the expense of operating the plant is scarcely anything once the system is installed.

There has been mentioned by some, wanting a combined system in place of the sanitary system.

It is utterly impossible for Birmingham to ever have a combined system of sewerage.

I will point out the reasons and then you will see that it is impossible and furthermore it is not at all necessary. In the first place if you will stop and think how the disposal plant is constructed, you will readily see that it would ruin the plant, as it would not be able to take care of the large amount of storm water during heavy rains; it would flood the well and run all of the sewage into the outlet, which would pollute the stream and we would be facing a damage suit for allowing such a condition to occur.

Again, the sanitary sewage which constitutes the dry weather flow of combined sewers, is very small in comparison with storm sewage. That in circular sewers, that forms merely a trickling stream with little velocity over the bottom of the large sewers required, while with the separate system the sewers are proportioned for small volumes and the sewage consequently has good depth and velocity. Moreover, sanitary sewers are free from the sand and other street detritus, which are inevitably washing into combined sewers during storms and which are especially troublesome in forming deposits. Hence in the separate system it is easier to make sewers self-cleaning from deposits.

On account of the comparatively small size of the sanitary sewers of the separate system, it is easier to flush them so as to keep them clean. Automatic flush tanks can be used at small expense to do this very satisfactorily.

On account of the comparatively small size of the sanitary sewers of the separate system the air in them is much more frequently and completely changed by the daily fluctuations in the depth of sewage, and by the currents of air through ordinary ventilation openings.

In order to make a combined system practicable it must have a river of sufficient size to carry away the sewage and not pollute it. There are very few cities situated on rivers of sufficient size in Michigan to admit of this system.

The Legislature is enacting more and more stringent sanitary laws in regard to sewage disposal into the rivers and it will not be long before nearly every inland city in Michigan will be compelled to build disposal plants. Pontiac is using the Clinton river for the disposal of its sewage but their time is short and will have to seek some other method to take care of the sewage.

The trouble that most citizens of this village have had in regard to storm water is this, that nearly all of the sewers we have in the village have been constructed in view of draining cellars, and in so doing it has been necessary to go to depths in most cases that the outlets have been too shallow and in most instances the water would back up and flood the cellars. This trouble would not occur if we were to have sanitary sewers for they would be placed at a depth of from 2 to 4 feet lower than any cellar in the village, thus giving the best of drainage.

The storm sewer on Woodward avenue, is large enough and of proper depth to drain all of the village lying west of the railroad and all south of Maple avenue, Maple avenue and Middle street included; in fact, it is nearly accomplishing that at the present time.

If we were to install sewers with the objective point of taking care of the storm or surface water only, we would have very little trouble in so doing and at a very small cost in comparison to what the sewers have cost—that have been built where the depth has been so great for the express purpose of draining the cellars.

The sewer proposition has been agitated in this village for several years and in the meantime the systems for the disposal of sewage have been greatly improved and it has reached that point where it is a certainty, not an experiment.

A system of sanitary sewers can be installed in this village that will not only increase the value of the property of the village four times its cost, but will be the commencement of a growth of the village that is hard to realize. As the old saying there comes an opportunity once in every one's life, we might say the same of cities and which nevertheless is true. It appears to me that it has come to Birmingham at last. Now, by all means, do not let it slip away, for it may never come again in our day. If this question is carried, Woodward avenue will be paved from Willow avenue to Willetts street in the next two years at the farthest; I have canvassed the residents of the avenue and over three-quarters of them are willing to sign a petition tomorrow to that effect; until a sewer is laid it cannot be done. Twenty-one years ago the proposition to bond the village for $15,000 for a system of water works was presented to the electors, the result you can well remember. Only 29 voted against it, they using the argument that it would ruin the village and drive everybody that had any money out of town. You all well know the result, in place of any one moving out of town it has steadily increased in population and we are now the largest village in Oakland county, being next to the City of Pontiac. Let every one do their duty on the 13th of March and try and make it less than 29 votes against.

GEO. E. DAINES.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Jas. A. Miller and family wish to thank their many kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy, and beautiful flowers offered in their sad bereavement. Especially do they thank Mr. Kraft for his kind words.

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TAKE NOTICE

And Don't Miss Hearing the Fine Speakers at the Second Annual Banquet on March 9.

A first class banquet will be given by the Presbyterian ladies of Birmingham at the church on Thursday evening, Mar. 9, commencing at 6 o'clock. Nothing will be left undone to make this the event of the season, surpassing, if possible, the St. Patrick's entertainment of last year.

Ater-dinner speeches will be made by the Rev. F. F. Kraft, of Birmingham, Rev. J. D. MacDonald of Highland Park, Rev. J. B. Clark of Detroit and Mr. Latham of Birmingham. A celebrated vocalist from Detroit will add to the intecest of the evening. A very enjoyable time is expected. Don't fail to be present.

The tickets are on sale until Saturday evening, Mar. 4. Following is the menue.

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GOOD OLD TIMERS

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The eldest is Mrs. Mary Blumberg, the widow of Henry Blumberg, of whom many of the older citizens of Birmingham, have very pleasant recollections. Aunt Mary is in possession of her faculties to a remarkable extent when you consider that she is in her 91st. year.

Next in rank comes Mrs. Phœbe Ellwood, 87 years young, and widow of Hiram Ellwood who died 15 years ago, and who was one of the distinctive land marks of a past generation. Mrs. Ellwood is happy in having a comfortable condition of things with her daughter, Mrs. Heth.

Miss Eunice Hall, the youngest of the trio, almost feels outclassed by her sister, Mrs. Ellwood, and her life-long friend, Aunt Mary Blumberg as Eunice Hall is merely a blushing young maiden lady of 71 summers, but she helps others along over the rough places, and her companionable ways and cheery spirits assist Mrs. Heth most materially in making things pleasant.

We heartily congratulate the trio of venerable ladies upon their longevity and their fortunate position which they occupuy in a cozy, comfortable home and cheerful surroundings.

LATER.

Mrs. Mary Blumberg, the subject of the above sketch, since it was written fell Sunday last, while on her way to visit the family of Mrs. Wm. Castle on Willits st., and met with the worst result possible, especially for one of her years. She broke and put out of joint her hip bone, and broke a bone in her wrist. She was tenderly taken to her home at Mr. Heth's where she is carefully attended by Dr. N. T. Shaw. Owing to her advanced years the result is considered hopeless even for her to recover. It is indeed a sad case.

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Citizen's Party Caucus.

There will be a caucus held at Town Hall, Monday evening, March 6th '11, for the purpose of nominating village officers for the coming village election. All citizens are urged to be present.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

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