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Twenty-first Quarterly Meeting
Will be Held at Owenton
College—Programme.

The twenty-first quarterly conference of the Birmingham District Epworth League will be held today at the North Alabama Conference College at Owenton, and a large attendance is expected.

There will be three sessions, morning afternoon and evening, and interesting programmes have been arranged, as follows:

Morning Session, 10 a. m.
Opening—Devotional services, by Rev. George Stoves, Huffman.
"The Ideal Man," Dr. J. P. McFerrin, First church.
Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Myers.
"The Southern League Conference at Atlanta, Ga.; Its Purposes and Results," by Dr. G. W. Read, Bessemer, Ala.
"The Tri-State League (Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana), at Biloxi, Miss.; Its Purposes and Results," by Prof. W. P. Stott, N. A. C. College.
Solo, by little Miss Cecil Myers, Twenty-first Avenue church.
General Discussion.
Miscellaneous.
Collection.
Benediction.

Afternoon Session, 2 p. m.
Devotional Services—By Rev. J. W. Alken of Sunnyside.
"The Reading Course of 1900 and 1901, and How to Use It"—By Rev. E. H. Hawkins, East Lake, Ala.
"The Demand of the District for Church Local Mission Work"—By Mrs. L. C. Branscomb.
"An Appeal for Catechism Instruction as a Basis for Bible Study"—Prof. H. A. Smiley, Bessemer, Ala.
Solo—By Miss Maude Bumgardner, Jonesboro.
"The Boys' Industrial School"—By Mrs. Gen. R. D. Johnston, Birmingham.
Discussion.
Miscellaneous.
Collection.
Benediction.

Evening Session, 7:30 p. m.
Devotional Services—By Rev. H. E. Wheeler, West End.
Music—Bessemer Male Quartette.
Address—"The Regulation of the Sale and Disposition of Liquors by the Dispensary"—By Hon. James E. Webb, Esq., Birmingham.

THE DEDICATION

Of the Third Baptist Church Postponed

The dedication of the Third Baptist Church, commonly called the Fountain Heights Baptist Church, has been postponed until next Sunday afternoon, October 1. The rain of last Sunday necessitated this postponement.

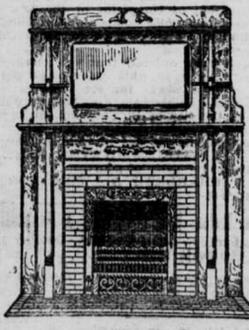
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**THE MAIN SEWER
FOR THE COUNTY**

Ablly Discussed With the Board
of Revenue.

MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

Of Jefferson County's Total Valuation of \$40,000,000, Fully \$36,000,000 in the Precincts Directly Affected

It is believed that the Board of Revenue will make an appropriation of \$1000 for a preliminary survey of the main sewer for Jefferson County. The board now has the matter under advisement and will make known its decision this morning.

The committee raised by a mass meeting September 26 to take up the question of building a big sanitary sewer to run from East Lake to Bullard's Shoals, below Bessemer, went before the Board of Revenue yesterday afternoon and formally requested an appropriation of \$1000 to be expended in making a preliminary survey of the sewer.

Rufus N. Rhodes, acting chairman of the committee, was principal spokesman for the committee. He set out the purposes of the committee and the necessity for the sewer. He said that the only question to be considered in connection with the building of the sewer was its importance; that it was necessary for the maintaining of good health in the valley from East Lake to Bessemer he did not think any one would doubt.

Question of Life and Death

E. J. Smyer, chairman of the committee, who joined the other members of the committee in the office of the Board of Revenue, followed Mr. Rhodes in advocating an appropriation for a temporary survey. He stated that the tax books would show that of the total assessed valuations in Jefferson County, about \$40,000,000, over \$36,000,000 of the property was located in the precincts to be connected with the main sewer. He said that it was not a question of appreciation in property values, but of life and death to the people of Jefferson County. He said if the population of the county continues to increase as rapidly as it has in the past four years, that within ten years more than a quarter of a million people will have their homes in the county, the bulk of whom will live in the valley to be drained by the sewer. These people, he said, must have a sewer to carry the sewage beyond the populous section. He said that if an epidemic was to break out in the county it would be brought to Birmingham, and that if one were to break out in Birmingham outside communication would be cut off from every farm in the county.

Suburban Needs

Mayor Burruss of Woodlawn said that it was a fact that Birmingham had no place to dump its sewage, that its woods would permit it to reach, and that Woodlawn and Avondale had no outlet at all. He referred to the suits that have been filed in court against Birmingham on account of the sewage now being dumped into Valley Creek, a few miles below the city and said they would continue to be filed until the sewage was carried beyond the populous sections.

T. H. Molton, J. R. Gillespie, Mayor Drennen and Major F. Y. Anderson of the committee urged upon the board the importance of the proposed sewer.

President Tarrant of the Board of Revenue stated that the board would take the matter up at the earliest possible moment, and that it would be given the most careful and thorough consideration. The board, he said, could not act at that time; but it would do so Tuesday and the committee would likely be given an answer by noon.

Mr. Crook of the Board of Revenue said he was as heartily in favor of the construction of the sewer as any man in Jefferson County. He said the board had asked for a report from Board of Health, and expected to have that by this morning when intelligent action on the request of the committee could be taken.

Mr. Laird of the Board of Revenue spoke favorably to the building of the sewer, as did Mr. McGeever, also a member of the board.

While the Board of Revenue did not act on the request for an appropriation yesterday afternoon, those who were present at the meetings of the board and the committee left under the impression that the appropriation would be made today.

City Engineer Julian Kendrick was present at the meeting of the board and the committee and gave valuable information concerning the proposed sewer. He has made rough estimates of the cost of a preliminary survey of the route of the proposed sewer, which he was sure would not exceed \$1000.

There will be another meeting of the committee soon after the Board of Revenue acts for an appropriation for the preliminary survey. No definite time has been fixed for the meeting, but it will be subject to the call of the chairman.

Not So Optimistic

Berlin, October 8.—The somewhat optimistic view of the Chinese situation, which prevailed in Germany last week, has been unfavorably affected by the report that Chinese court has resolved to settle permanently at Singan Fu, capital of the province of Shen Si. This, the Berliner Tageblatt regards as "indisputable evidence that the Chinese are as anti-foreign as ever."

"The failure of the court to return to Peking," it says, "makes a farce of the proposed peace negotiations, inasmuch as the Chinese government could annul the whole procedure at any moment by revoking the credentials of Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang."

Without claiming any official authority for its attitude, the Tageblatt comments favorably upon a proposal to declare Emperor Kwang Su deposed.

Driver Injured

Lexington, Ky., October 8.—James J. Galcomb, the noted driver employed by Thomas W. Lawson, while working out First Love today, collided with Frank Creamer. In the fall which resulted the muscles in his side were torn loose and a hemorrhage from the lungs resulted. His injuries are serious.

**LIVING AND DEAD
AND THE MYSTERY**

The Avondale Park Suicide. Probable Identity of Dead Man. Remarkable Personal Likeness



THE DEAD.

The identity of the young man who was found in Avondale park Saturday afternoon in a dying condition from the effects of an overdose of morphine has been established, or it is believed that it has.

The body, which has been at the Warner-Smiley Company's place since Saturday night, was seen late yesterday afternoon by W. C. Leggett, a clerk in the Alabama Great Southern freight office, who recognized it as that of an old schoolmate of his, J. Ernest Barbour by name.

Prior to that, however, telegrams had been received from J. K. Barbour of Thomasville, Ala., stating that, judging from the description published in the Age-Herald of Sunday, he believed the dead man was his son. The telegram was addressed to Dr. J. H. Banks or J. S. Marshall, and requested them to call at the undertaker's and look at the body. The messenger could not find either Dr. Banks or Mr. Marshall, but left the telegram at Warner-Smiley's. Later a request came for a more definite statement of the clothes worn by the dead man and for other marks that would confirm the belief that he was Eugene Barbour. These were furnished, and in a few minutes a telegram came announcing that J. F. Barbour would arrive in Birmingham this morning to see for himself if the dead man was his son.

A special from Thomasville to the Age-Herald last night stated that Mr. and Mrs. Barbour had left there for Birmingham. They will come over the Southern Road, arriving here at 5:30 o'clock this morning.

One of the telegrams from J. F. Barbour yesterday stated that when his son left Thomasville he wore patent leather shoes, made by the Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis. The shoes that the dead man wore were of that make and kind. The special to the Age-Herald states that when Ernest Barbour was last heard from he was at Drysdale's restaurant in Selma. The dead man when found had an envelope with "Drysdale's Restaurant" stamped on it.

The Story from Thomasville

Thomasville, October 8.—(Special.)—From description of the body and clothing it is supposed that J. E. Barbour of this place is the person who committed suicide in Birmingham Saturday. He was a young man of about 25 years of age, well liked and stood well in this city. He was employed as salesman with the Thomasville Mercantile Company, and left here Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, purchasing a ticket to Sunny South, a small station eight miles north of Thomasville. Since then he was heard from only once, and then from Drysdale's restaurant at Selma.

He served in the Ninth Regiment, United States Infantry, during the Spanish-American war, took part in the battle of Santiago and was honorably discharged at Montauk Point after the end of the war on account of injury to his health sustained in the Cuban campaign. His father, J. F. Barbour, resides at this place, and is a traveling salesman for the Locomotive Paints Company of Williamsport, Pa. His many friends here mourn his sad fate, and still hope it may prove to be some one else.

His father and mother leave tonight for Birmingham to identify the body. There is no known cause for his action.

Wasn't Weiburn

As stated in The Age-Herald yesterday, several persons who saw the body Sunday, among them being officer Langston, identified it as Jim Weiburn, a young man whose people live at Bankston, Ala. Others who saw the body said it was a young operator named Weiburn, who works at the Western Union Telegraph office in this city. Weiburn, however, reported for duty yesterday morning, but the resemblance between him and the dead man was so great that one might easily be taken for the other. As the accompanying cuts show, it would be a hard matter to tell them apart if the two had been seen together in life. There were a great many inquiries at the Western Union office for Weiburn yesterday by friends who had read the article in The Age-Herald and by some who had also seen the body at the undertaker's. They were much relieved when informed that he was not only alive, but was then at work in the office.

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(Continued on P. 20.)



THE LIVING.

The mystery surrounding Barbour's death has not yet been solved, and the probabilities are that it never will be. He was found in Avondale park Saturday afternoon in a stupor, from which he never recovered. An opiate had been administered to him; about that there was no question, but whether by his own hands or by the hands of some one else is unknown. There are evidences that he was not alone, and one person stated to J. E. Marshall, detective, yesterday that he saw a man and a woman near the top of the hill in Avondale park Saturday about noon. They were at that time sitting on a log, the man resting his head in the woman's lap. The man who saw them—Mr. Marshall did not ascertain his name—says he watched them for several minutes, thinking that he knew the man, but on finding that he did not, went away.

Barbour was seen alone in Spring street, Avondale, about noon Saturday—probably a few minutes before 12 o'clock or probably a few minutes after that hour. He was not seen, so far as known, with any one else Saturday, unless he was the man with the woman in the park.

Opinion is divided between the murder theory and the suicide theory. Coroner Paris says he is confident that it was murder, while there are others who believe it was suicide. So far no clew has been discovered upon which to work out the theory of murder.

A cleared space of ground several feet in diameter thirty or forty feet up the hillside from where the body was found bore evidence of a number of persons having been seated there, and the presence of a number of tracks also leads to the belief that Barbour was not alone and that his death was not the result of a self-administered opiate.

Mr. Weiburn and His Other Self

J. A. Weiburn, the well-known operator in the Western Union Telegraph office, resides at 416 Twenty-first street, and is married. He was born at Bankston, Fayette County, Alabama, where his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weiburn, still reside. His mother being in feeble health, he was alarmed lest she would hear that the dead man was her son. He was a telegraph operator in Savannah and in Macon, Ga., but has spent most of his life in Birmingham, where his excellent character and genuine worthiness have won him a great many friends.

"I called with a friend to see the dead body at the Warner-Smiley place, and as we looked at the face my friend said at once: 'Weiburn, he is remarkably like you.' 'Yes,' I said, 'there is no doubt about that.' 'The only really noticeable difference between the dead man and myself is that the front line of his hair is higher up than the line of my hair. Singularly enough, he is also remarkably like another operator in town—Mr. Hewlett of the Postal Telegraph office.' 'Didn't you feel queer when you heard you were dead?' 'Well, it did sound rather startling. I didn't know the dead man—never saw him alive that I am aware of.'"

FIERCE FIGHT

Two Workmen Engage in a Hand to Hand Struggle

Chattanooga, Tenn., October 8.—A fierce hand to hand fight occurred in the Southern Saddlery Works in this city this morning between two workmen. Prince Beau, colored, used a knife, stabbing Robert Wiley, white, in several places seriously. Wiley secured a pistol from the office and shot and killed Beau. Wiley is under arrest.

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There will be exhibits of all kinds of machinery made and sold in this district, and nearly all of the local manufacturing plants have applied for space in which to exhibit their products. Among the local manufacturers that will have exhibits at the fair are the Continental Gin Company, which will have a complete gin plant; the Blakelee Company, the Avondale Stove and Foundry Company, the Ensley Milling Company, and others.

Secretary E. A. Bishop of the Alabama Live Stock Association writes that he will co-operate with the Fair Association in every way possible to make the fair a complete success.

All of the buildings will have been completed by the end of this week, and the placing of exhibits will be well under way by the first of next week.

Applications for privileges are coming in rapidly, and all available space will have been let out before the fair opens.

The advertising lithographs have been received, and bill posters will be started out over the State within the next day or two.

President Falkner came up from Montgomery last night, and will be in the city until tomorrow night or Thursday. He speaks relyantly of the outlook for a successful fair. He says that he feels more encouraged each day, and now has no doubt of the complete success of the fair. On his arrival in Birmingham last night he received the following telegram from General Freight Agent Compton of the Louisville and Nashville road: "Col. J. M. Falkner, Birmingham, Ala.: "Regard to rates on exhibition for Alabama State Fair to be held in Birmingham November 1-10, it has been agreed to transport shipments to Birmingham at full tariff rates, and that same be returned from Birmingham to original point of original shipment by same route free, provided certificate of official of State Fair is presented and surrendered, showing same have not changed ownership, and original expense bill indicating billing on which shipments moved to Birmingham to be also surrendered."

As has been heretofore stated in the Age-Herald, Traffic Manager Graham informed Colonel Falkner several days ago that no charge whatever would be made on mineral shipments intended for exhibition at the State Fair.

BESSEMER

Day's Doings in the Marvel City—Items of Interest

Bessemer, October 8.—(Special.)—Amos Bertram, aged 16, died yesterday at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Charles Stain, in Nineteenth street, near the big pipe works. The cause of death was congestion of the brain. The interment took place this afternoon in Union cemetery.

William F. Nolan, chief of the Fire Department, left today for Charleston, S. C., to attend the annual convention of fire chiefs.

Mr. Herman L. Bains is able to be at his business again after quite a serious illness of fever.

I. H. Bailey of the Bessemer cornice works left today for Columbus, Miss., to be gone until Friday.

Alex Dallas, manager of the Steiner properties, remains quite ill at his rooms in the Steiner block.

Mrs. A. E. Smiley, wife of Professor Smiley, formerly principal of the Jonesboro Academy, has been critically ill for several days. She is slightly better today.

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