FACTS AND EVENTS.

The annual rainfall of St. Louis is said to be 42 inches; of London, 23; of New York, 41.

An attempt is being made to export flowers from Australia, refrigerating them as beef and milk are treated.

Washington is to have a museum for all sorts of curious life saving appliances, including the earliest kinds of life boats, rockets and life preservers.

Aluminum drums are proving most successful in the Russian military bands. Not only are they lighter than the ordinary kind, but they are said to give out a much fuller and richer sound.

Prof. Dewar has demonstrated that metals augment their magnetic qualities and increase in strength by diminution of temperature. Iron at 180 degrees can endure double its normal tensile strain.

The Norwegian steamer Craggs brought 8,000 barrels of herring from Norway to Galway, and made $10,000 by the trip. A load of grain back pays expenses both ways, and three such trips will leave the vessel free of cost and nearly as good as new.

There is an old landmark on the Marietta & North Georgia railroad near Kilpay, which is often pointed out to passengers. It is a grave on the side of a steep hill. Over it a little wooden house has been built, and a lightning rod is attached to either end.

[Compular reports show that the consumption of Egyptian cotton by the New England cotton mills has grown from nothing ten years ago to more than 40,000 large bales, corresponding in weight to 60,000 American bales, and approximately valued at $3,000,000.

DRAIN LETTING NOTICE.

Baldwin Drain Located on Sections 9, 8, and 7, Township of Royal Oak, Oakland County, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given, that I, Samuel J. Serrell, the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, will, on the 30th day of August A. D. 1894, at the house of John H. Baldwin, on section 5, township of Royal Oak, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids and put under contract the construction of a certain drain known and designated as the Baldwin Drain located and established in said township of Royal Oak and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing a point in the center of the Hubbard Drain or Red Run Water Course at a point 15 chains 13 links west of where said drain crosses the Cooks Road so called; on lands owned by Belle Pixley and designated as that part of the e ½ of s w ¼ sec 9 T 1 N. R 11 E lying west of Cook's Road and which thence running s 85° w 9 chs; thence n 88° w 5 chs 50 links; thence n 76° w 6 chs 75 links; thence n 71° w 2 chs 50 links; thence n 87° w 8 chs 13 links; thence n 75° w 6 chs 62 links; thence n 86° w 1 ch; thence n 68° w 4 chs 62 links; thence n 48° w 2 chs 13 links; thence n 60° w 3 chs 25 links; thence n 88° w 50 links; thence n 52° w 1 ch 50 links; thence n 50° w 93 links; thence n 67° w 1 ch; thence n 87½° w 17 chs 31 links; thence n 56° w 1 ch 13 links to the south and east quarter line of said section 22 at a point 22 chs 25 links n of the corner of said section 22, s 0, N. R 11 E. Said drain to be one and, one-half (1½) feet wide on the bottom with a slope of banks on each side of one and one-half (1½) feet to each one (1) foot in rise or depth.

Said drain will be let by sections the section at the outlet of the drain first and the remaining sections in their order up stream in accordance with the diagram, profile, plans and specifications now on file in the office of said County Drain Commissioner to which reference is hereby made, and may be had by all parties interested, and the same will be open for inspection at the time and place of letting of the width of top and depth when completed required for the proper grade of the ground at each back stake now being marked and set, beside each bank stake said drain for convenience in letting, is divided into three sections; the first from stake No. 0 in center of Big Beaver Drain to stake No. 5 near east line of Gibbs' land; the second from said stake No. 5 to stake No. 4 to stake No. 14 near east line of Parks' land containing 90 rods; the third from stake No. 14 to stake No. 20 at the outlet.

Bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidders giving adequate security for the performance of the work in a sum double the amount of the contract price then and there awarded and bidders will be prepared with sureties to then and there execute contracts before orders are let or awarded; reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids.

Notice is further hereby given that at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter to which the said Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Lane Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the special assessment district of said drain, viz:

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