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Miss Susan Larkins was the guest of Joseph Douglass last week.

Mrs. Jennie Coe of Walled Lake is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Spencer.

One day last week there was a quiet wedding at the home of H. G. Spencer, the contracting parties being Homer Wolcott of Pontiac and Miss Carrie Spencer of Birmingham. We wish them much joy.

Mrs. D. C. Brooks spent a few days last week visiting her sister, Mrs. James Brooks of Detroit.

L. J. Haack, our township treasurer, is hustling those who are behind on their taxes.

A. C. Desmond is going to work for the American Harrow Co. of Detroit.

Clarence McQuarter has moved to Birmingham and settled in the Beckman house on Brown street. He will make a business of teaming.

Walter White has bought a new horse and he is a dandy. Watch out for the dust.

Joe Miller, L. D. Bingham and Ezra Briscol went to Detroit last week with a mixed load of provisions.

Miss Lou Douglass is visiting her uncle at Redford.

CASH IN ADVANCE.

Country Weeklies Are as Much Entitled to It as Magazines.

A curious thing that comes very forcibly to our notice is the fact that people never question the requirements of publishers of most magazines or newspapers that subscriptions must be paid in advance, while with the local or country paper the great majority seldom pay in advance. And yet, the country or local paper is far more in need of the money than are the great dailies and magazines. The latter have capital back of them, while the country paper usually has to struggle to get enough to carry on its business. We wonder if there are any of our subscribers to whom it would make any particular difference if they paid their subscription in advance. It would only be a small amount to each subscriber, but to the publisher it means the loss of the use of the total subscriptions of all subscribers and much time in collecting. In the case of the Independent it amounts to many hundred dollars. Dear readers, would it not be a good idea for each of you who are in the habit of waiting a year or more before paying for your paper to put in practice the golden rule, so often quoted but seldom practiced, of doing as you would be done by, and send in your year's subscription? We think, and the testimony of many is, that we are furnishing you an excellent paper. There is no other country paper that excels the Independent. Do you not think you ought to treat us as well as you do the publishers of the magazines? We are offering you extraordinary inducements in our special clubbing rates for you to pay up, but if you do not want any of the publications we hope you will kindly consider the justice of our statement and remit your subscription for one year.—Hamburg (N. Y.) Independent.

Millions Put To Work.

The wonderful activity of the new century is shown by an enormous demand for the world's best workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. For Constipation, Sick Headache, Billiousness, or any trouble of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys they're unrivalled. Only 25c at the drug stores of Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.

A grass garden, containing a dozen different kinds of grasses should be planned for the coming year, if the farmer does not know what grasses will do best on his land.

Speaking of clothes, a judge says that lawsuits become attorneys.

Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp, drains.

When you feel blue and that everything goes wrong, take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse and invigorate your stomach, regulate your bowels, give you a relish for your food and make you feel that in this old world is a good place to live. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

ABOARD A TRAINING SHIP.

Daily Routine of Work For the Apprentices at Sea.

Farragut's famous old flagship, the Hartford, is still one of the most useful vessels in the United States Navy. Although she is no longer of avail on the fighting line, being, with her wooden walls, unfit to cope with a modern armor-clad equipped with big guns, she is serving a most excellent purpose as a training ship for naval seamen. Antiquated as she is, she is stanch and spacious, and, as ships go, furnishes comfortable quarters for those aboard of her. Supplied with engines, she retains her masts and sails, and as a fine specimen of the old-fashioned type of American war craft, she would attract attention apart from her historic career.

The Hartford recently returned to the Brooklyn Navy Yard for repairs, after a cruise of six months in West Indian waters. Her southern voyage was begun February 2, at Newport, R. I. She carried 300 apprentices and a regular crew of 190 men, and there were in all 508 persons on board, a pretty large contingent for a vessel only 226 feet long and of only 2800 tons. Yet there was space enough for all, and the old ship proved herself as reliable as a sailor as she was roomy, weathering a hurricane in good shape and getting back in very seaworthy condition.

"These boys who come on to learn to be seamen are green enough at the start, and nobody blames 'em, sir; for it's a world of its own, and we have a language the landsmen don't understand. Many a boy who comes on to learn has to be told over and over again what we call things.

"Each petty officer takes a certain number of the landsmen and drills 'em every day in ship work. You may not know that when we are at sea we sail the Hartford. It's only when there's a storm or big head-wind that they use steam. In this way the youngsters learn all about going aloft; all about reefing sails; all about bending sail; and spar drill. No boy is ever allowed to go aloft the first time unless a petty officer is with him. It's just the same here as it is in anything. Some boys learn it right off; some never learn.

"But there are some things they must learn. There's the watch system—the first, second and third watches. The first watch is from noon to 4 p. m., the second from 4 till 6 p. m., the third from 6 till 8 p. m. Then there's the dog watch from 4 till 8 p. m. Then comes the first watch at night from 8 up to midnight, and the second from midnight to 4 a. m.; then the third from 4 a. m. up to 8, when the first watch I mentioned begins again. Seven bells is breakfast; eight bells is breakfast for the relief watch. Nine-thirty o'clock is quarters, and then drills up to 10.15. The drill consists in handling small arms, single stick and sword exercise; great guns; three-inch rifles for landing purposes. Eight bells at noon is dinner. Then come instructions from 2.45 till 3.50 p. m. Two bells at 5 p. m. is supper. After supper it's scrub and wash down decks. That catches the landsman pretty hard at first, but he soon comes to it. Seven bells at night means swing hammocks. At eight bells watches relieve watches, and all others turn in.

"After a cruise of six months the landsmen, or seamen, are transferred to receiving ships and thence to battleships, unless there should be occasion to transfer to the battle ships immediately."—Leslie's Weekly.

The Badger as a Fireman.

A badger, which had made its home among the granite cliffs, dealt with the fire god with sagacity and skill, says Nature. A friend, while painting a sea piece discovered a badger's lair, and thought to play the animal a practical joke. Gathering together a bundle of grass and weeds he placed it inside the mouth of the hole, and igniting it with a match waited for the ignominious flight of the astonished householder. But Master Badger was a resourceful animal, and not disposed to be made a butt of practical jokers. He came up from the depths of his hole as soon as the penetrating smoke told him that there was a fire on the premises and deliberately scratched on the burning grass with his strong claws until all danger was past. No human being could have grasped the situation more quickly, or displayed greater skill in dealing with an unfamiliar event

NOTICE OF DRAIN LETTING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I, A. B. Bixby, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, will, on Saturday, the 14th day of February, A. D., 1903, at the residence of Louis J. Haack on Section 13, Township of Southfield, in said County of Oakland, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain drain, known and designated as "Hill Drain," located and established in the Townships of Southfield and Royal Oak, in said County of Oakland, and described as follows, to-wit:

SURVEY OF THE HILL DRAIN.

Commencing at a point in the McClelland Drain 16 links west from where the same crosses the east ½ section line of section 18, of the Township of Royal Oak, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Thence over and across the W ½ of S E ¼ of section 18, town, county and state aforesaid, owned by James Hill, as follows:

N 0 deg., 35 min., W 3.50 chains, N 63½ deg., W 5.88 chains, N 24 deg. 10 min., W 4.99 chains, N ½ deg. E 3.99 chains, N 88¾ deg., W 6.98 chains, N 1½ deg., E 2.76 chains, N 86 deg. 25 min., W 4.42 chains to the west line of said parcel and a point 5.61 chains south of the northwest corner thereof.

Thence over and across the E ½ of S W ¼ of section 18, town, county and state aforesaid, owned by Henry Bachart as follows: N 86 deg. 25 min., W 1.90 chains, N 72 deg. 5 min., W 3.47 chains, N 49½ deg., W 6.95 chains to the north line of said parcel and a point 9.12 chains east of the northwest corner thereof.

Thence on the line between said land of said Bachart and the E ½ of N W ¼ of said section 18, owned by Wm. Soults, N 89 deg., W 9.12 chains to the west line of said lands.

Thence N 89 deg., W on the line between the W ½ of S W ¼ section 18, owned by Lott Cavanaugh, and the E ½ of W ½ of N W ¼ of section 18, owned by Wm. Elwood, 9.76 chains to the west line of said Elwood's land.

Thence N 89 deg., west on the line between said Cavanaugh's land and the W ½ of W ½ of N W ¼ of said section 18, owned by Amanda Heth, 9.43 chains to a point 35 links E of W ¼ post of said section 18.

Thence N 0 deg. 10 min., W parallel with the west line of said section 18 and on said W ½ of of W ½ N W ¼ 9.91 chains.

Thence N 88 deg. 35 min., W 35 links to west line of said parcel and a point 9.91 chains N of the ¼ section corner of said section 18.

Thence N 88 deg. 35 min., W on the S ¼ of E ½ of N E ¼, section 13 in the Township of Southfield, county and state aforesaid, owned by David Taylor, a distance of 19.86 chains to the west line of said parcel and a point 9 links south of northwest corner thereof.

Thence N 88 deg. 35 min., west on the W ½ of N E ¼ section 13, town, county and state aforesaid, owned by Lewis J. Haack, a distance of 11.23 chains and a point 9.91 chains north of the south line of said parcel.

Survey or grade stakes are set not more than eight rods apart the entire length of said surveyed line, being 57 in number and are known as stations and fractional parts of stations, the first station being station No. 0, the next station being No. 1, thence numbered in their order to station No. 57, which last station is 7 rods and 15 links in length.

The sides of said drain shall be on an outward slope from the bottom to the surface of one and one-half feet to one foot of rise or depth from station No 0 to station No. 41, with a width of bottom of three feet. The sides of said drain shall be on an outward slope from the bottom to the surface at an angle of (45) degrees, with a width of bottom of two feet from station No. 41 to station No 57. The depth, width of bottom, width of surface excavations are to be as shown upon the profile of said drain which is made a part of this survey.

The extreme width of land necessary for the deposition of the earth in the construction of said drain shall be fifty (50) feet.

December 18th 1902.

JOHN H. THAYER,
Surveyor and Engineer.

Said job will be let by sections. The section at the outlet of the said drain will be let first, and the remaining sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the said County of Oakland, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, That at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter that I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Hill Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof, will be awarded by me and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

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

TOWNSHIP OF ROYAL OAK.

Description of Lands.	Section.	Town.	N Range.	Acres.
E ½ of W ½ of N W ¼, frac	18	1	11e	38¼
W ½ of W ½ of N W ¼ frac	18	1	11e	38¼
N W ¼ of S W ¼	18	1	11e	40
N W ¼ of S E ¼	18	1	11e	40
N ¾ of N E ¼ of S W ¼	18	1	11e	30
3a off the S W ¼ of N E ¼ of S E ¼	18	1	11e	3
S ¾ of E ½ of N W ¼	18	1	11e	70

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHFIELD.

Description of Lands.	Section.	Town.	N Range.	Acres.
W ½ of N E ¼	13	1	10e	80
E 10a of E ½ of N W ¼	13	1	10e	10
W ½ of S E ¼	12	1	10e	80
S 50a of E ½ of S E ¼	12	1	10e	50
N 50a of E ½ of N E ¼	13	1	10e	50
N E ¼ of S E ¼	13	1	10e	40
S ½ of S E ¼ of N E ¼	13	1	10e	20
N ½ of N W ¼ of S E ¼	13	1	10e	20
S 40a of W ¾ of W ½ of N E ¼	12	1	10e	40
E ½ of W ½ of N E ¼	12	1	10e	20
W ½ of E ½ of NE ¼ except N 5a and S 10a	12	1	10e	25

Townships of Southfield and Royal Oak at large for benefits to public health, convenience, welfare and benefits to certain highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you, Louis J. Haack, Wm. N. Castle, James S. Cannon, James Pearsall, G. Young, David Taylor, Samuel D. Beekman estate, A. Clark Bloomberg, A. Loxley Perkins estate, Henry Bachart, Wm. Elwood, Mrs. Amanda Heth, Lott Cavanaugh, James Hill, D. C. Gage, William Soults, H. N. Lavery, Supervisor, and Silas Brazington, Highway Commissioner of the Township of Royal Oak, and George Bingham, Supervisor, and David Brooks, Highway Commissioner of the Township of Southfield, are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Hill Drain," in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also, that at such time of letting from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the Hill Drain Special Assessment Districts, will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such letting as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

A. B. BIXBY,
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland.
Dated Pontiac, Mich., January 24, A. D., 1903.

NOTICE OF DRAIN LETTING.

SURVEY OF KILLIAN DRAIN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I, A. B. Bixby, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, will on the eleventh day of February, A. D. 1903, at the store of James Parks on Section 25 in the township of Southfield, in said County of Oakland, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the cleaning out of a certain Drain known and designated as "Killian Drain," located and established in the Township of Southfield in said County of Oakland, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the base-line 18.13 chains west of the southeast corner of section 35 T. 1 N R 10 E, thence N. 40 links to the south side of the highway on the S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of said section 35 owned by Adolph Maas. Thence S. 89¼ degrees E. 17.40 chains to a point 33 links west of the east line of said section 35. Thence north 20.20 chains to the north line of said parcel of land. Thence north on the N. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of said section 35 owned by August Feole 29.40 chains. Thence north on the S. ½ of S. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼ of said section 35 owned by J. J. Jones 9.77 chains to the north line of said parcel of land. Thence north on the S. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ of N. E. ¼ of said section 35 owned by Augusta McClelland 4.87 chains.

Thence north on N. ¾ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ of N E ¼ of said section 35, owned by Sarah Shanklin, 4.94 chains. Thence north on the E. 70 acres of N ½ of N. E. ¼ of said section 35 owned by E. J. Secor, 19.52 chains to the north line of said Section 35.

Thence N. on the S. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of section 26 owned by August Haack, 20.50 chains. Thence north on the N. E. ¼ of S. E. ¼ of said section 26, owned by Purdy Brothers, 20.25 chains. Thence north on the E. ½ of N. E. ¼ of said section 26, owned by Daniel Parks, 39.25 chains to the terminus of said drain.

There are 710 rods of said drain. The depth, width of top and width of bottom is to be as shown upon the profile of said drain.

November 13th, 1902.

JOHN H. THAYER,
Surveyor.

Said job will be let by sections. The section at the outlet of the said drain will be let first, and the remaining sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the said county of Oakland, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, That at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Killian Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof will be awarded by me and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of said Drain, viz:

Description of Lands.	Section.	Town.	N. Range.	Acres.
S E ¼ of S E ¼, except E 10a	23	1	10e	30
S ½ of N W ¼ of N W ¼	25	1	10e	20
N ¾ of W ½ S E ¼ N W ¼	25	1	10e	15
S W ¼ of N W ¼	25	1	10e	40
N W ¼ of S W ¼	25	1	10e	40
W ½ of N E ¼ of S W ¼	25	1	10e	[illegible]
E ½ of N E ¼ of S E ¼	26	1	10e	20
E ¾ of E ½ of N E ¼	26	1	10e	60
N ½ of N E ¼ of S E ¼ of S E ¼	26	1	10e	5
W 3a of N W ¼ of N W ¼ of N W ¼	26	1	10e	3
S W ¼ of S W ¼ of S E ¼ of N W ¼	36	1	10e	2½
S W ¼ of N W ¼, except N E 10a	36	1	10e	30
S 1a of E ½ of W ½ of E ½ of N W ¼	36	1	10e	1
W ¾ of N ½ of N ½ of S W ¼	36	1	10e	30
W ¾ of S ½ of N ½ of S W ¼	36	1	10e	30
20a of W ¾ of S W ¼ of S W ¼	36	1	10e	20
S E ¼ of S E ¼	35	1	10e	40
N E ¼ of N E ¼ of S W ¼ of S E ¼	35	1	10e	2½
N E ¼ of N E ¼ of N E ¼	35	1	10e	10
W ½ of S W ¼ of S W ¼	25	1	10e	20

Township of Southfield at large for benefit of public health, convenience and welfare, and for benefit of certain highways.

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you, Mrs. Katherine Killian, James Parks, Edward McHugh, John and George Purdy, Daniel Parks, August Haack, Henry Haack, Mrs A. Stoll, John Haack, August Feole, Thomas Smith, Adolph Maas, Mrs. Wm. Purdy, E. J. Secor, Adam Ried, George Bingham, Supervisor, and David Brooks, Highway Commissioner of the Township of Southfield, are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the cleaning out of said "Killian Drain" in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also, that at such time of letting from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Killian Drain" special assessment districts will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such letting as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

A. B. BIXBY,
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland.
Dated Pontiac, Mich., January 22, A. D. 1903.

A man named Miser lives on the boundary line of California and Oregon and pays taxes in both states. The question before the court is, does he vote in both states?

A Cincinnati man is about to put two million eggs in incubators as the first setting of a big hennery. It would be a criminal waste of time to count his chickens before they're hatched.

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FRIENDS of the ECCENTRIC are requested when they have probate business, to ask the publication of the legal notice in this paper.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of **Samuel Volney Goodwin**, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1903, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 10th day of March, 1903, and on the 3rd day of August 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., of each day at the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

EUGENE BROOKS,
CHARLES H. SILLMAN, } Commis'rs.
Feb 6-Mar6

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND. } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 24th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Present Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Mary S. Park, incompetent.

On application of A. Whitehead, guardian for the examination and allowance of his annual account.

It is ordered that **Monday, the 26th day of January next,** at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and examination and allowance of said final account.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.
jan2-feb6

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 24th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Henry W. Randall, Deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Martha Randall, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that **Monday, the 23d day of February next,** at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for proving said instrument.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH STOCKWELL,
(A true copy) Judge of Probate

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Samuel V. Goodwin, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of J. Wesley Goodwin, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that Monday, the 2d day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for proving said instrument: and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
jan9-jan30 Judge of Probate.

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—MRS. J. A. MOORE, North Star, Mich. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

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