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DETROIT, G'D HAVEN & MILWAUKEE RAILWAY.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

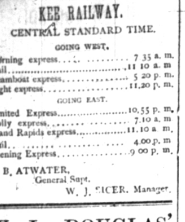
Morning express	7 35 a. m.
Mail	11 10 a. m.
Steamboat express	5 20 p. m.
Night express	11.20 p. m.

GOING EAST.

Limited Express	10.55 p. m.
Holly express	7.10 a. m.
Grand Rapids express	11.10 a. m.
Mail	4.00 p. m.
Evening Express	9 00 p. m.

A. B. ATWATER, General Supt.
W. J. SPICER, Manager.

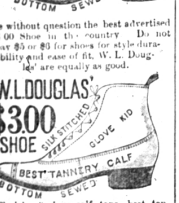
W. L. DOUGLAS' CELEBRATED $3.00 Shoe,



Are without question the best advertised $3.00 Shoe in the country. Do not pay $5 or $6 for shoes for style durability and ease of fit, as W. L. Douglas' are equally as good.

They have glove calf tops, best tannery calf vamps, stitched with silk and button holes worked with same.

'They a WARRANTED! To be as Represented.



L. B. Peabody,
—DEALER IN—
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS
is the Agent for Birmingham.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR SALE—Two choice brood sows with 17 small pigs. For further particular call on Will Todd, one and one-half miles east of Royal Oak burying ground. 24

18 Registered Merino Rams For Sale—Anyone wishing anything of the kind can do so. J. H. 7mo

$65 A MONTH AND BOARD FOR 3 active young men or ladies in each county. Address P. W. ZIEGLER, Chicago. 35

FOR SALE—I have for sale at all times stone boats finished at $3 each, and stone boat plank which I will sell cheap; also a first-class fishing boat and plenty of cider and cider vinegar. For particulars call on W. H. Smith, one mile north and one-half mile west of Birmingham. 49

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Wages $2 per week. Apply at this office. 4717

FOR SALE—At Southfield Centre, the former home of S. Fuller. Seventeen acres, pleasant location, good buildings and fruit, and four acres of timber. Inquire of G. A. Waters, Southfield, Mich. 4717

HOUSE FOR SALE:—Frame dwelling on Saginaw street, house story and a half high with good horse barn, well, and two lots with plenty of small fruits; all nearly new; buggy and harness, and a large milk safe. For full particulars and information, apply to George Blakeslee, Birmingham, Mich. 4704c

JERSEY BULL. "MIDAS," No. 1856, REGISTERED IN THE AMERICAN JERSEY CATTLE CLUB. First premium Oakland Co. fair, 1885. Service, $2.00. Should the get be male, $1.00 will be refunded, at Springstein's, Royal Oak. 4664

Business Cards.

WILLIAM YOUNG,
auctioneer and commissary agent. All calls promptly attended, and satisfaction guaranteed in every case. Terms reasonable. Address as above.

F. P. BEEKMAN,
Pruner, Trimmer and Grafter of all kinds of fruit trees, evergreens, grape vines and shrubbery. Over 15 years' experience and thoroughly understands the business in all its branches. Best workman in Oakland county. All orders promptly attended to. 4664

Waverly House, Pontiac,
GEORGE S. HICKS, PROP'R.
Every attention paid to the to the travelling public. First class in every particular. Terms moderate. One of the best stables in the county in the connection with the house. 5n33

DENTAL SURGERY.
D. M. Johnston, L.D.S.

Gas and Vitalized air used for the painless extraction of teeth. Office opposite National Hotel. Hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.
W. W. Reed, druggist of Winchester, Ind., writes: "One of my customers, Mrs. Louisa Pike, Bartonia, Randolph county, Ind., was a long suffer with consumption and was given up to die by her physicians. She heard of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and began using it of me. In six months' time she walked to this city, a distance of six miles, and is now so much improved she has quit using it. She feels she owes her life to it."

Free trial bottles at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

LOOK!

Getting our New Stock for the Spring Campaign.

Stocking up in all Lines.

Too busy to give Details.

Come and get Bargains.

J. R. CORSON, JR.

CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, Boots and Shoe.

SPRING CAMPAIGN.

OUR PANTALOONS

We have the exclusive sale of the celebrated O. P. Hazard Overalls, Pants and Jumpers. The best made goods in the market to-day and every article warranted. Give them a trial and you will buy no other.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Our Men's all Calf Congress	$2 50
Our Men's all Calf Bal	2 50
Our Men's all Calf Congress	3 00
Our Men's all Calf Bal	3 00

BEST LINE OF $2 50 AND $3 00 SHOES MADE. DON'T BUY ANY OTHER

The above line of men's shoes have been made from the best selected stock, and for style and durability can not be beat. Every pair warranted. Give them a trial. Our ladies grain button, at $1.25 is a bargain for a low price shoe.

Ladies opera toe and button slipper the best selection in town and all new styles bought for spring trade. Give us a call as we can not fail to suit you in price quality and styles.

DRY GOODS:

We shall offer the best and latest styles in DRESS FABRICS, Suitings, and also a new Line of the Broadhead Dress Goods. Our stock of Hosiery, Embroidery, Fancy Shawls, Handkerchiefs and Towels are the cheapest we have yet been able to offer.

When in want of anything in the above line of Goods give us a trial, as we can save you money. Everything new, Cheap and Warranted as Represented.

F. BLAKESLEE & CO.
Birmingham, Mich.

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper; this tells you when your Subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

Smoke the "Orient."

J. Rev. Goodman is home from Clare.

'Bout time to prepare for the glorious fourth.

The firm of Chapman & Hyde of Southfield has disolved.

Have you yet secured your ticket in the great drawing?

Miss Lottie Kimball visited with Mrs. E. S. Wooster the past week.

George Kemp playeth the snare drum in the newly organized band.

We noticed on our streets one day last week, Dr. J. A. Post of Detroit.

Ed McKinney is quite ill at his father-in-law's residence in Farmington.

Clare Warner has moved from the village to Rev. H. Hood's tenant house.

Blakeslee & Co.'s knitting factory is turning out ten dozen pairs of good sock daily.

Broox Martin of Reed City was the guest of H. A. Randall the fore part of this week.

The Troy band is steadily improving and is now able to discourse some very sweet music.

George W. Mitchell of Detroit spent Tuesday wi h his brother, R. J. Mitchel of this place.

Mrs. O. J. Niles of Troy is very ill at this writing and no hope of her recovery is entertained.

Granulated sugar 7c; good white sugar 6c; new laces, lawns, ruchings and gloves at J. R. Corson, jr's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hutton of Northville were the guests of P. H. Sherman and family last week.

Misses Kittie and Belle McKay of Detroit visited relatives in town Sunday and returned Monday.

J. L. Hudson has a change of ad in this issue that is of interest to all who are in need of clothing.

Our village is more than over-run with traveling agents, mostly those representing Detroit houses.

Flinn & Durfee's ice cream at Mrs. Furman's every Wednesday and Saturday, afternoon and evening.

Bargains in glassware and crockery in our 5, 10 and 25 cent departments. Just in this week at J. R. Corson, jr's.

John Heth's motto: "Not one cent for tribute, but millions for de fence."

Mrs. E. A. Randall is seriously ill.

Our old friend A. C. Wallace has been quite sick for some time past, but we are glad to see him on the street again.

Mr. Levi Wooster and wife and Mrs. E. S. Wooster attended the funeral of Mrs. L. D. Morehouse on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coo er of South Bend, Ind., are enjoying their honeymoon, the guests of Charles Bartlett and family of this village.

Look at our 10c hose; gent's bows, ladies' collars, handkerchiefs, combs, spectacles and many other 10c goods just received at J. R. Corson, jr's.

Another wedding on the docket—we don't mean Grover Cleveland, but a wedding in our own midst and right up amongst the "tum-tums," too.

The Rochester Era jumps into its 14th year as full of vigor and encouragement as though it were a yearling and it has every indication of smooth sailing.

Hiram F. Daniels is the proud possessor of a beautiful flowing well and is correspondingly happy. Verily every one who wanteth a flowing well getteth it without much trouble or expense.

Mr. Sherman of Southfield, near the base line, had a valuable cow stolen on Monday night last. The cow was traced to Southfield Center and thence east.

Last week in our locals we said he mistake that John Heth of Southfield sold standard fencing at 70 cents a rod It is 75 cents a rod and satisfaction guaranteed.

Lost, last week Friday in the town of Sterling or Troy, a good heavy lap robe, black on one side. I will pay one dollar reward for its return. James Wooster, Birmingham, Mich.

The last race for the cup will be decided next Saturday evening at the roller rink. Walt Allen and Phil Crombie are the contestants and a good time is assured. Admission as usual.

Reuben Russell of Royal Oak on Monday last surveyed and platted into village lots, two and a half acres on Fremont steet, belonging to Hiram Hood. Verily the village boometh.

Mrs. Jerome Aldrich of Troy is quite ill. Drs. Raynale and Galbraith concilled one day last week and at last reports she was better. The family has the sympathy of relatives and friends.

Wm. Hall of Franklin is a most wonderful man, inasmuch as he has absolutely no peculiarities whatever; another thing about him is the fact that he is the first white person born in the township of Bloomfield.

Two and a half dozen clothes pins 5c; 4 boxes (1200) matches 5c; shoe polish 5c; shelf papers 5c per doz; table mats 5c, and a beautiful fan or card with every dollars' worth of goods bought at J. R. Corson, jr's.

The Orient, a new brand of a 5-cent cigar manufactured by James W. McGregor of this place, is the best 5 cent cigar in the market. Just read elsewhere his sworn statement of facts regarding the Orient.

Now is a good time to have your lawn mowed. You've no idea how much it will improve your premises, Arthur Blakeslee has lawn mowers to rent or will have your lawn mowed for you in good shape at reasonable rates. Try him.

The base ball score for the whole National league games is received every evening at 7 o'clock at Whitehead & Mitchell's store. A club of 15 pay 10c per week and the Owl cigar store at Detroit kindly furnishes the boys the news by telephone.

Donaldson Bros. of Bad Axe, formerly of this place are putting things in shape to do a live business during the season. They are arranging for a full stock of dry lumber of all qualities when they will be prepared to furnish sash and doors by wholesale and retail.

There will be a special communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., this Thursday evening and also next Thursday evening. Work both evenings third degree. Please let us have a full attendance. Ira J. Chatfield, secretary.

J. S. Stockwell & Co. of Pontiac are shouting "money! money! money!" What all this din is about can be learned by reading their new ad. elsewhere. Call on them and you can feel assured of a pleasant and courteous treatment whether you wish to purchase or not.

The board of review of the assessment roll of the village of Birmingham, consisting of Alanson Partridge, assessor, and George H. Mitchell, clerk, "sat" Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to receive all complaints and adjust claims of over-assessment. They were lightly worked.

The elegant passenger steamer City of Milwaukee is now making daily trips between Grand Haven and Milwaukee making close connections with trains west, leaving here at 5.20 p. m., and with train east arriving here at 10.55 p. m. Sleeping berths on the boat free to all holders of first-class tickets.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association will take place at Coldwater on June 1 and 2 and winds up with a grand excursion to Niagara Falls and Buffalo on the 3d and return on the 4th. Goin'? Well, yes; but the wives of the craft are unanimous in saying they won't take any sleeping car accommodations unless President Aldrich of Coldwater corrects the spelling of the word "births" in his membership certificate.

On Wednesday of last week Fred Stockwell of Pontiac mounted his bicycle and started for Detroit to witness the game of ball between the New Yorks and Detroits. He made the trip in two hours and a half. Returning he left Detroit at 7 o'clock, reaching home before 10. The last half of the distance was in the midst of the thunder storm and almost impenetrable darkness We would much prefer to be conducted by common horse sense than to take our chances on any of the new fangled perambulators in a dark night.

One day last week Harry Russell of Southfield went over to George Waters' and wanted to be weighed on his hay scales. George wanted to know what was the matter with his own scales? "Well, you see," said Harry, "they won't weigh more than 500 pounds." "Well," said the accommodating George, "you can use my scales to weigh yourself if you want to, but I don't really see"—and then Harry blushingly remarked that a little boy had put in an appearance over in his house and the fond father imagined that he weighed a ton at least.

By request we publish the following from the Howell Republican: A. B. Dillingham of Conway was victimized by a roof paint agent and compromised by giving his note for $200. J. W. Wilkfong of Ohio claims to have purchased the note in good faith, brought suit to compel payment and the case was tried last week by a jury. Dillingham's attorneys held that the note was obtained by fraud and without consideration, and the jury returned a verdict to no cause for action. The paint is still in the Fowlerville station and was proven on trial to be nothing but tar, worth about two cents per gallon.

Jim Camp is running Fountain farm in a masterly manner and the other day remarked that inside of two hours after his day's work was done he'd have that weasel's scalp or do something dreadful. Well, Jim loaded up his old army musket that night, braced himself against the barn and began his watch for the "varmint." This was about 7.30 in the evening and a few minutes before midnight his wife's fears being aroused she went to the barn in search of the lost man, wondering if the weasel had been caught asleep or if the weasel had caught Jim asleep. Well, there sat Jim with his gun loaded to the muzzle, hammer up and pointed at the moon and the weasel killer sound asleep, snoring so loud that the trees were vibrating. The weasel was safely away with two chickens and after a vigorous shaking Jim woke up and sadly sauntered into the house where he was soon sound asleep, dreaming of killing all kinds of animals by thousands which was more satisfactory than watching for one little weasel.

The following from the Holly Advertiser speaks truthfully elsewhere as well as at home: "Why is it that some persons are cursed with a disposition to see an evil motive in nearly every action of their fellow beings? A courteous act of a lady or gentleman toward a member of the other sex is at once by them construed to cover a covert meaning; each little item of their neighbors' family affairs that comes to their notice is told and retold to every acquaintance; at first perhaps, nearly the truth is related, but afterwards it is told as it appeared to their distorted imagination and the first thing we know a full-fledged scandal is being rolled under the tongues of the chronic gossips, who poison the minds of friends against each other, often creating feuds, the effects lasting a lifetime. People are foolish to listen to such persons, much more to pay the slightest attention to their gossip, but humanity is more or less credulous, and at least a portion of a scandalous tale told as if the narrators believed it themselves, is apt to be given too much credit by us all. Holly has several chronic news spreaders who, while hardly fit to live, are certainly not fit to die. Let us shun them and believe only that our friends are good and true, until their evil doings shall be brought personally to our notice, then we can best judge whether to withdraw or continue our friendship.

THE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

A society to be known as "The Village Improvement Society" has of late been formed among the pupils of the Birmingham high school, having for its object the improvement of our village in such ways as do not come within the province of the village board, such as tree planting, making its streets neat and tidy and improving in any way its public grounds. The society is made up of about twenty bright, active young people with energy enough to make them power in our midst, if only helped on and encouraged by our people; and when we think that the boys and girls of to-day are soon to be the men and women who will manage the business of our village board—library boards, cemetery associations, school boards, under whose administration we must pass our old age, can we refuse to educate and help them on to this work?

The celebrated Laurel Hill society which made the village of Stockbridge, Mass., one of the boasts of New England began with a much smaller number than is starting in the work here. But it is not so much after all what a body likes this will do (though they mean work), as the spirit it teaches. When we can convince the boys and girls of our town that its trees and its streets belong to them and not to the old man or woman who lives behind them, you have given him an interest in their welfare and made him a help instead of a hindrance.

One plan of this society is to ask us to become honorary members of the society for the year by the payment of five cent a month. This sum is so small that no one will miss it and we will not even required to tax our minds to remember its time of payment, for a committee will be appointed by the society to make the collection on the first of each month.

Now don't say they never can do anything with this small sum, but just give them a chance; put down your name and give your five cents. It is not full decided what the first work will be, but it has been proposed to place two lights in front of the school grounds, and as the society has been organized in the school it would seem a very appropriate thing to do. Now let us put that five cents in one corner of our pockets and have it ready for the committee which consists of the following members:

BERTIE MERRILL, BIRDIE JARVIS,
JULIA McKEE, TILLIE THURLBY,
ADRIAN EVERETT, WILLIE BENEDICT,
JOHN McKEE.

TAKE NOTICE.

Lost: A promissory note given by Tryphena Bigelow to Oliver Reese, dated April 22, 1886, for $35. All persons are cautioned against purchasing or negotiating the same as payment thereon has been stopped. OLIVER REESE.

TROY TWINKLES.

Nice growing weather and everything is flourishing.

J. and H. are having a little trouble over a deed of two acres of land.

Mrs. Joseph Jennings is again on the sick list.

Perry Jennings has the foundation laid for his new barn and expects to have it finished in about two weeks.

East of Troy on the plains they have chairs to rent on funeral occasions.

Ed. McMannus has gone to Canada to get out of trouble. Such a miserable scamp ought to be hung.

Mrs. McFarland of the asylum made her friends a visit last week. She says Mrs. Niles' health is very poor.

Mrs. Jerome Aldrich is convalescing.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Minard, a brother of Simeon Barr, was buried last Monday. He has resided at Mt. Clemens a number of years and has been ailing with consumption for some time. He was about 52 years old.

James Bleakley has been painting his house.

Mrs. George Houghton is under Dr. Woodruff's care.

Levi Hoard suffers with eyesiplas. Dr. Flinn attends him.

Mrs. Florence Smith, daughter of Elijah Davey, was buried Sunday. She once taught our school for a term of two years.

THOUSANDS SAY SO.

Mr. T. W. Atkins, Girard, Kan., writes: "I never hesitate to recommend your Electric Bitters to my customers, they give entire satisfaction and are rapid sellers." Electric Bitters are the purest and best medicine known and will positively cure kidney and liver complaints. Purify the blood and regulate the bowels. No family can afford to be without them. They will save hundreds of dollars in doctor's bills every year. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Whitehead & Mitchell.

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

COUNCIL ROOMS, NATIONAL HOTEL,
Tuesday Evening, May 11, 1886.
[OFFICIAL.]

Board met at National hotel at 7.30 p. m. for the second regular meeting. Present, Ira Slade, president; Trustees Thorne, Hagerman, Taber, Daines, Randall. Absent, Ford.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted by vote by roll as follows:

YEAS—Councilmen Thorne, Hagerman, Randall, Daines, Taber. NAYS—None.

The following is the statement of the Finance Committee of the village of Birmingham up to date of April 30, 1886:

To the Common Council of the Village of Birmingham:

Gentlemen—We beg leave to report the financial standing of the village of Birmingham taken from the books of the Treasurer as follows this 30th day of April, 1886. We find all orders issued correct and paid and have cancelled the same up to date. We find the balance in the hands of the Treasurer up to this date to be two hundred and fourteen dollars and forty cents ($214 40).

F. HAGERMAN,
F. FORD,
M. K. TABER,
Committee on Finances.

On motion the report of the Committee on Finances was accepted by calling roll and voted as follows:

YEAS—Councilmen Taber, Daines, Thorne, Hagerman, Randall. NAYS—None.

On motion of G. E. Daines the council proceedings were ordered published in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC for the present year. Carried.

The druggist bond of Whitehead & Mitchell for $1,000 was received an approved.

The druggist bond of F. Hagerman for $1,000 was received and approved.

The liquor bond of G. E. Daines for $3,000 was received and approved.

On motion of F. Hagerman the following mounts were voted to be raised by tax: Sewer purposes; $100, streets and roads, $200; general xpenses, $100. Voted as follows:

YEAS—Councilmen Daines, Thorne, Taber, Hagerman. NAYS—Randall.

The Committee on Streets and Sidewalks reported that the petition signed by Wm. Young et. al. for a certain drain was not feasible and the prayer of the petitioners not granted.

The Clerk was ordered by the President to notify the Marshal to serve notices on the citizens on Fremont street who have not yet constructed their walks according to the order of the board.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, Clerk. IRA SLADE, President.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND.

Statement as furnished County Clerk Fay by the departments of public institutions of the number of children residing in school districts of Oakland county entitled to share in the semi-annual apportionments of the primary school interest fund made May 7, 1886; also the amount of said fund to which each township and city is entitled, it being at the rate of 46 cents per capita:

TOWNSHIPS AND CITIES.	No. Children of School Age.	No. included in apportionment.	Amount apportioned.
Addison	206	206	$ 133 12
Avon	624	*560	308 40
Bloomfield	509	509	234 14
Brandon	397	397	254 08
Commerce	377	377	241 28
Farmington	521	521	333 44
Groveland	264	264	168 96
Highland	499	499	312 56
Holly	622	622	398 08
Independence	431	431	211 54
Lyon	462	462	295 68
Milford	885	885	412 80
Novi	398	398	254 72
Oakland	350	350	147 28
Orion	469	469	300 16
Oxford	547	547	349 88
Pontiac	1444	1444	924 16
Rose	501	501	192 64
Royal Oak	566	*534	341 76
Southfield	500	500	320 00
Springfield	336	336	215 04
Troy	363	363	232 32
Waterford	400	400	256 00
West Bloomfield	212	*179	110 72
White Lake	255	255	163 20
Totals	11,548	11,413	$7,304 32

*Districts No. 9 and 10 of Avon forfeit primary school money.

District No. 9 of Royal Oak, ditto.

Fractional district No. 7 of West Bloomfield, ditto.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Corn planted?

Prof. Hall has organized a singing school for the summer at this place.

Henry Stephens recently lost a very fine colt.

Mumps still prevail in district No. 8.

Tom, did you find the way home the other night?

Ira Beddow has been suffering with rheumatism for some time but is now on the gain.

The U. P's are organizing a Sunday school to be held in the school house in district No. 8 every Sunday.

We are in need of a creamery.

Born on Friday last to Mrs. Harry Russell, a boy. The happy father, as he struts around, feels as proud as he looks.

Mrs Annie Starman and Miss Ettie Lee were the guests of F. W. Hyde and wife one day last week.

House cleaning almost done.

Harry and Jerry Russell had a run, away one day last week. Luckily for them that they didn't have a ferocious team.

Miss Maggie Cannon is teaching this summer. Success to her.

Mrs. Frank Young made us a flying visit a short time ago.

We are pleased to hear that Tina McClelland's health is better and has resumed her position as teacher.

Mamie Young is teaching this summer.

The band is increasing in numbers all the time.

The report of the school in district No. 7 for the month ending May 12 is as follows: Number of pupils enrolled 24; average deportment, 91; not tardy, Mary McClelland, Alex. McClelland, George McClelland, Andrew McClelland, Issa McClelland, Grace Lee, Gertie Lee, Myrtie Beattie, Lottie Beattie, Josie Crocket, Willie Stoll; not absent, John Hanna. On the monthly examination the A grade passed an average of 92 per cent. B grade 87 per cent. Mary McClelland passed the highest, 95.

Prof. Hall and his class, assisted by friends, will give a concert at the hall on Friday evening, May 28.

"HACKMETACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cts. A. A. Rust, Franklin.

PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

BONNAT, the French portrait painter is said to make $100,000 annually.

THE queen of Italy has astonished Europe by ordering a number of dresses from Dublin.

MEN who claim to know say that Senator Payne's check is good for $5,000,000 at sight.

FRED DOUGLASS and his white wife are daily visitors in the senate gallery. They are going abroad this summer.

MAZZANTINI, one of the principal bull-fighters in Spain, is a candidate for the new parliament, and is likely to be elected.

MR. HENRY IRVING has been invited to lecture before Oxford university. The subject of his address will be "Our Old Actors."

CAPT. CANNON, the prosecutor in a libel suit for $20,000 against *The Baltimore American*, has been awarded 1 cent damages.

IT is said that ex-Senator Henry G. Davis is likely to be a candidate for the seat now occupied by Senator Camden, of West Virginia.

PROF. MAX MULLER has decided to accept the presidency of the Goethe society, and will deliver his presidential address soon after Easter.

LION-HUNTERS in London who have designs on Abbe Liszt, who is about to visit that capital, will have to polish up their German and French, for he speaks only those languages.

THE Duc d'Aumale is negotiating to purchase the late Dom Fernando's Moorish castle at Lisbon, to be a home for himself and Comte de Paris, in case of their expulsion from France.

MR. JAMES IRVINE is the latest California millionaire to depart to another world. He leaves but one son, now 18 years old, who at 25 will inherit the entire estate, valued at about 8,000,000.

MR. KEELY's subtle etheric force has been tested again, and a pressure of 2,700 pounds to the square inch was obtained by the use of one pint of water. Skeptics are to be paralyzed within a month or two.

THE late Mr. Conway Richard Dobbs, of Castle Dobbs, County Antrim, was one of the last survivors of those who fought with Lord Exmouth at Algiers. He was sent to parliament for the first time with Mr. Gladstone in 1832.

BENJAMIN CROSBY, who died recently at New Canaan, Conn., was a grandson of Enoch Crosby, the original of "Harvey Birch," the hero of Cooper's famous novel, "The Spy." He was buried at Carmel, N. Y., the native place of his grandfather.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT was town clerk of Great Barrington, Mass., sixty-one years ago, and one of his duties was to record the marriages solemnized there. Among the marriages so recorded was that of "William C. Bryant with Frances Fairchild, Jan. 11, 1821."

SENATOR JOE BROWN, of Georgia, has the most complete collection of newspaper clippings in Washington. They are all about himself and his sayings and doings. His wife, who from long practice has become an expert with the newspaper shears, is the managing editor of the senator's scrapbooks.

DURING a visit to the seaside Sarah Bernhardt saw a madwoman daily casting pieces of bread upon the waves. The poor creature explained that she was feeding the fishes so that they would not in their hunger devour the body of her son, who had been drowned at sea. The actress made note of the case, and has now illustrated it in a marble group.

RUBINSTEIN, who has made a large sum of money from his historical concerts in Russia, intends devoting 25,000 rubles to found a quinquennial international competition among pianists and composers of instrumental music. Prizes of 5,000 francs will be given to the successful candidates in each or to those pre-eminent in both. Persons of all nationalities between 20 and 26 will be admitted to compete.

KING LUIZ I. of Portugal, is now 48 years of age and quite a domestic man. His great pleasure is to be always dressed in an admiral's uniform, with huge brass epaulets. His majesty is blonde, with mild blue eyes. He performs on all musical instruments, surpasses Frederick the Great in flute playing, speaks several languages, and is a patron of literary and scientific associations. He has translated "Hamlet" into Portuguese and is now at work on "Othello."

A NOVEL use for bald heads is thus described: When the Crown Prince Frederick William made a sort of royal progress through united Germany at the close of the hostilities (with France) each town vied with its neighbor in presenting some novelty by way of honor to his imperial highness. One capelmeister conceived the idea of utilizing the ancient opera-goers, and upon the entrance of the prince into the box, already decorated for him, certain men in the pit stood up, making the letters of "Unser Fritz" in bald heads below.

AN AFFIDAVIT.

I do hereby certify that the Orient cigars, manufactured by me in the village of Birmingham, are made with havana filler and one of the best five cent cigars in the market.

JAMES W. McGREGOR.

Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the county of Oakland, the above named James W. McGregor, who certified on oath to the above statement.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Notary Public.

DATED May 17, 1886.