Make a Useful Selection for a Holiday Gift

Holiday Bargains:

We have an endless assortment of articles suitable for holiday gifts that combine beauty and utility. Come in and examine our stock; it will appeal to the eye as well as the pocketbook. For the little folks we have sleds and skates in profusion. Look at some of the prices offered:

Neatly Painted and Strong Hand Sleds	from 25c to $1.50
Good Club Skates. All Sizes	per pair 30 cents
Nickled " " " "	per pair 65, 75, $1.15, $1.50
Ladies' Skates	" " 65 to $1.50
Good Stag Handle Carving Sets	50 cents
Fancy " " " "	from 75 to $2.00
Rogers Best Triple Plated Knives and Forks	per set$ 3.00
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Come in and examine this stock. We have them in the latest styles and can surely please you.

Mertz & Mochel.

We offer Special Bargains in

Sewing Machines

During This Month

For Cash Only:

4 Drawer	NEW HOME Machine latest style with full set attachments	$26.00
4 Drawer	DOMESTIC same as above	26.00
4 "	NEW CROWN " "	23.50
4 "	Low Arm SINGER	10.50
4 "	High Arm SINGER	13.00

You certaily cannot select a more useful present as a holiday gift than one of the above Sewing Machines. You will find above prices lower than same makes have ever been offered at before.

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Highest Grade, Highest Awards.

Took Medal at World's Fair, Chicago, and wherever exhibited.

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When buying Washburn, Crosby's

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Be sure the sack bears the firm's name and look out for the yellow center; without this the flour is not genuine.

For Sale, Superlative, by W. H. Barnhart.

Gold Medal, by Mertz & Mochel.

These Flours are Equal in Every Respect.

Additional Local.

Seasonable fruits and vegetables at Thompson's.

Ideal yellow canned peaches, 15 cents, at Nash Bros.

Capt. Cornelius talks of locating in business in Western Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Stratford returned from the city last week Wednesday.

W. H. Edwards and family were Chicago visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. R. G. Furguson of Waterman was a visitor in the Grove last week.

Mertz & Mochel have some good bargains in second hand heaters.

Case of Village vs. Earl H. Prince has been appealed to Circuit Court.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Waples, Tuesday, December 8th, a fine boy.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache. 25c.

B. Frank Davis of Chicago who owns real-estate here visited in Downers last Friday.

Mr. Hitchcock of Chicago visited with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mayer over Sunday.

Makes the whitest and sweetest bread—Pillsbury's Best flour at Thompson's.

Hon. L. S. Coffin occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sabbath evening.

Subscription to the REPORTER may be left with D. G. Graham who will receipt for same.

Miss Jessie Potter visited here Saturday and Sunday, returning to the city Monday morning.

L. P. Blodgett of Waukegan visited with his uncles, Chas. and Israel Blodgett and families, last week.

Groceries that are fresh and clean are wanted by everyone. Colville's stock will never disappoint you.

Charles G. Knight, formerly with Bush & Simonson, was shaking hands with old acquaintances and friends last Thursday.

Nash Bros. are selling an extra fancy solid packed canned tomato for 10 cents. Best article in the market for the money.

Fresh groceries, pure breakfast and prepared foods, canned goods and everything new in the grocery line is found at Thompson's.

Thompson is prepared with a full line of underwear for the coming winter's trade. All grades of cotton and woolen underwear in stock.

The house committee of the Downers Grove club, have arranged a smoker for their members and friends Saturday evening, December 26th.

Leave orders at Hughes & Gallup's for hauling trunks, freight and expressing. They will be promptly attended to. J. D. MCVEAN.

Frank J. Miller is at home a few days this week, laying off, recovering from an accident sustained in the city last week, while raising a loaded coal wagon.

Will Cadwell of LaGrange and Geo. Curtiss of Clarendon Hills attended the leap year party last Thursday evening. They were the guests of A. L. Rose while here.

Quite a number of the young people met with Miss Edith Graham last Monday evening and organized a Literary Society. They will hold meetings every two weeks.

County Clerk Lawrence has made Miss Carrie Ellsworth first assistant in his office and will also keep Mr. Champlain and Mr. Riddler until the tax books are out.

You can be well when your blood is rich, pure and nourishing. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood rich and pure and cures all blood diseases, restoring health and vigor.

The piano factory is working a larger force than ever before. Orders are coming in faster than they can be filled. Mr. Straube contemplates building extensive additions to the plant in the spring.

Mrs. Dowding stopped off at the Grove Monday afternoon. She took the evening train for Hannibal, Mo. where they will make their future home as Mr. Dowding has accepted a call there.

At the regular election of the Christian Endeavor society at the Congregational church last week Monday night, Mrs. F. E. Mayer was re-elected president; Mrs. H. H. Rood, vice-president; H. M. Bateman, secretary, and E. H. Huntington, treasurer.

V. Simonson has of late developed into quite an amatuer photographer of no mean ability. He has recently purchased a high grade camera of improved design and during spare moments will be found diligently focusing said instrument upon objects of interest in the neighborhood.

The bazaar given by the ladies of the Congregational church, in Thompson's hall last Thursday afternoon and evening, was in every particular a success. Supper was served after 6 o'clock, and the sale of articles usually offered by the society continued until after 9 o'clock p. m. The sum realized will materially add to the funds of the society.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE NO. 23.

An ordinance providing for the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Elm street.

Be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois:

Sec. 1. That a sidewalk be constructed on the west side of Elm street in the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, Illinois; and immediately in front of the following lots and lands, towit: That part of block 2 of Richmond and Whitney's addition to Downers Grove, which abuts on Elm street and lying north of Rogers & Whiffin's resubdivision of the south ¾ of said block 2 in said Village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, State of Illinois.

Sec. 2. That the whole cost of said walk shall be levied upon said lots and lands in proportion to their frontage upon said sidewalk.

Sec. 3. Said sidewalk shall be constructed under the supervision and to the acceptance of the street commissioner of said village, and the same shall be of the width and constructed of the materials and in the manner as follows, to-wit: Said walk shall be 4 feet and 8 inches in width and constructed of the best number one common pine lumber. The planks shall be laid crosswise and be not less than 1¾ inches in thickness, nor less than 6 inches or more than 10 inches in width, same to be supported by and securely nailed with wire nails (twenty penny) to three pine stringers not less than 2 by 4 inches, securely bound together at the joints. Said stringers to rest on flat stone blocking or cedar posts.

Sec. 4. That the owners of the said lots and parcels of land are hereby required to construct said sidewalk in front of their respective lots, agreeably to the provisions of Section 3 of this ordinance, within thirty days after the publication thereof.

Sec. 5. Upon the default of any owner or owners to construct that part of said walk immediately in front of his or their respective lot or lots within thirty days after the publication of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the said Street Commissioner to cause the same to be constructed in behalf of said village at the cost of said owner or owners. The said Street Commissioner shall certify to a bill of the cost of said walk constructed by the village in front of said lots, showing in separate items the cost of grading, materials, laying down and supervision, and file it in the office of the Village Clerk, together with a list of the lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of said sidewalk, the names of the owners thereof and the frontage of their respective lots onsaid sidewalk.

Sec. 6. The Village Collector is hereby designated as the officer to collect the special tax herein provided, and to whom warrants for the same shall be directed.

Sec. 7. The Village Clerk shall in all respects comply with the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An act to provide additional means for the construction of sidewalks in cities, towns and villages," in force in the State of Illinois, July 1st, A. D. 1875.

Upon failure of the Collector to collect said special tax pursuant to the provisions of said act, it shall be the duty of said Clerk to make a report of such special tax in writing to the County Treasurer and ex-officio County Collector on or before the 31st day of March, A. D. 1897, as required by said act.

Passed Dec. 9, 1896.

Appgoved Dec. 9, 1896.

C. V. CARPENTER, President.

BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

SHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Downer's Grove, Ill., Nov. 2, 1896.

Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 8 o'clock by President Lindley, Members Blodgett, Carpenter, Nourse, Towsley, Wooten and Worley being present. Minutes of meeting held October 13th were read and approved.

The following bills were ordered paid, upon motion by Mr. Nourse, all voting aye:

V. Simonson (Water Tax)	$ 2.03
J. ,K. Rassweiler (Disinfectants & Expressage)	4.91
Central School Supply House (Blackboard)	16.00
Central School Supply House (Clock)	3.25
A. Flanagan (Library Books)	17.30
A. Flanagan (Busy Work Material)	6.40
J. D. Bryce (Revarnishing Desks)	4.80
Donohue & Henneberry (Desks)	88.50

The salaries of the teachers and janitors were ordered paid, motion being made by Mr. Carpenter.

It was moved by Mr. Nourse that hereafter, for the remainder of this school year, the president and secretary be authorized to issue teachers' orders at the close of each month, the teachers first submitting their schedule properly signed.

Upon motion by Mr. Nourse, the Board granted to the teachers one day to be used in visiting schools, the selection of the day being left with the Superintenbent.

Mess. Worley and Blodgett were anounced as the visitors for November. Adjourned. F. D. LINDLEY, President.

W. B. TOWSLEY, Secretary.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the 3rd installment on special assessments No's. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the 1st installment on special assessment No. 5 for water works, are now due and payable at the office of the village collector.

V. SIMONSON, Village Collector.

EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

Through tourist sleeping cars for California leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m. every Wednesday via the Barlington. These cars are in charge of a conducter who goes through to the end of the route looking after the comfort of the passengers. For full particulars enquire of G. H. BUNGE, Agent.

If Heydon's bread you once will eat,
You'll find 'tis always nice and sweet;
With every kind we keep supplied,
And kinds of cookies multiplied.
He'll bake for you whate'er you wish,
To serve with any kind of dish,
And so to have them not too late
Leave order at an early date
At Mary Diener's bakery store,
Where others ordered them before.
You know she keeps things fresh and clean
As any place you're ever seen;
So leave an order there and try
When you want bread, or cake, or pie.

Fine Hosiery

We have lately received a complete line of the famous Rockford-Chicago socks and hose. In the line are the popular

"Leather Stockings"

For Boys and Girls.

Not Leather, but Wear Like Leather.

Fast Black, Sizes 6 1-2 to 9 1-2. Price 25c.

Men's Burlington Half Hose, Fast Black. Good and durable	25c
Kenosha brand half hose, Fancy colors. Two pairs for	25c
Good Woolen Hose, 25 to 40c.	
Ladies Fancy Cotton Hose	25c
Ladies Fine Fleece Lined hose	35c
Ladies Wool Hose, good quality	25c

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PURE BUCKWHEAT.

Direct shipment from T. R. Peck Milling Co., Horseheads, N. Y. Best flour in the world.

GENUINE MAPLE SAP

Curtiss Bros. Brand. Quart tins, 40 cents.

A fine assortment of California evaporated fruits:

Peaches, Pears, Apricots and Prunes.

New Figs, Dates and Nuts—all fresh goods.

Monarch Brand Canned Corn and Tomatoes,

Best goods ever placed in cans.

NASH BROS.

M. E. STANGER,

Keeps a Choice Line of the Best Brands

CIGARS TOBACCOS,

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The LaGRANGE LAUNDRY.

Laundry work called for and delivered. The best of work done and satisfaction guaranteed.

Hughes & Gallup,

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ARTIFICIAL ICE.

COAL and WOOD is also in our line. If you leave your orders with us they will be promptly attended to, and prices will be right.

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..DON'T BE FOOLED..

Into buying an inferior article of goods because they are cheap. If you wish strictly first-class goods at the lowest possible living price, I can please you every time.

Mocha and Java coffee 25 cents per lb. 3 lbs for $1. This coffee cannot be equaled anywhere for the same money.

Syrup, golden drip, the finest table syrup manufactured.....per gal., 50c

Fancy creamery butter in jars of four pounds or more.....per lb, 23c

Full cream cheese, 15c per lb. If you enjoy a good cheese I always keep this particular make and it is superior to any you can buy elsewhere. Try it.

Teas, all kinds from 20 to 60 cents.

Molasses, genuine open pan New Orleans absolutely best grade in world.....per gal.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, genuine Y. If you relish good cakes, try with our absolutely pure maple syrup.

I am never out of strictly fresh eggs, try eggs, warranted. They cost little higher than storage eggs you get at other places, but you rely on them.

A Full Line of Hay, Straw, Oats, Corn, Flour, and Chicken Feed

.....Always on Hand.....

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