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
Bissel's Best Quality Grand Rapids Carpet Sweepers	each $2.50
Good Bracket Lamps all complete	each 50 and 75 cents

Also a nice selection of **Fancy Stand Lamps** at Bottom Prices

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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
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To make it you need

Washburn, Crosby Co.'s

Absolutely the best in the world.

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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

Gold Medal and Superlative Flours

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 edal, by Mertz & Mochel.

These Flours are Equal in Every Respect.

Additional Local.

Seasonable fruits and vegetables at Thompson's.

C. G. Knight was out from Chicago last Thursday.

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

An excellent baking powder at 20c per can at Thompson's.

For fine bakery goods leave your order with Mary S. Diener.

Bapst's fine bakery goods to be had only at Mary S. Diener's.

Finest bread in town, fresh every morning, at Mary S. Diener's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jones spent Sunday with relatives in the Grove.

A. A. Jackson is filling the position of Walter Hull, at "U" Block during his vacation.

A choice piece of crockery free with every package of Clipper coffee, at Thompson's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mullen spent a few days with friends in Englewood the past week.

Miss Theodocia Aldrich has gone to Deer Park, Ala., to spend her vacation with her mother.

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

Mrs. Chas. E. Lacey and daughter arrived home today from a week's visit with her parents at Oregon.

List your houses for rent with D. G. Graham. He has secured quite a number of tenants the past month.

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

Charley Wells has secured employment in the C. B. & Q. offices in the city and entered upon his duties last Monday.

Geo. Hoffert had a successful operation performed by Dr. Gourley, Monday, to remove a foreign growth in his right eye.

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.

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

Fred H. Foster of Wabash, Ind., was visiting his uncle, Geo. S. Foster, here last week and calling on old friends. Mrs. H. D. Foster returned home with him.

Mrs. Josephine Austin is shipping two or three car loads of black walnut lumber from her timber lands at York Center. The Reader boys are doing the work.

Thompson's 5 cent canned corn and tomatoes are as good as higher priced goods elsewhere. He also handles the famous Club House brand of canned goods, the finest that can be purchased.

Walter Hull, operator at "U" Block is taking a ten days vacation, during which time he will make Miss Carrie M. Skinner of Aurora his bride. The congratulations of all their friends are extended.

D. G. Graham had a birthday last Monday—a fact that was very evident to the rest of the REPORTER people inasmuch as he remembered them with some excellent Havana cigars. They were appreciatively smoked, and thanks duly returned. May he have many more—birthdays, not cigars.

On account of the sudden illness of Bishop McLaren, the confirmation services announced for last Sunday at the Episcopal church, was necessarily postponed. The Bishop is much better but has been abvised by his physician to take a long rest. His visit to St. Andrew's will therefore not take place until a later date, which will be announced in these columns.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. F. O. Swisher of Chicago, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in the Grove. Their many friends here will be pleased to learn that Mr. Swisher's hours have now been so arranged at the Chicago postoffice, where he is head clerk in the box office division, that they will again be enabled to take up their residence here about the 1st. of next May. Mr. Swisher has a very nice residence property in the Straube subdivision.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of the Fair association last week: President, Thos. Betts, of Naperville; secretary, Lewis Ellsworth; treasurer, L. C. Stover; general superintendent, H. D. Compton; corresponding secretary, N. E. Matter. Vice-Presidents: Addison, Geo. A. Fischer; Bloomingdale, Elmer Way; Wayne, C. D. Bartlett; Winfield, E. D. Mack; Milton, P. W. Stacey; York, Wm. Hammerschmidt; Downers Grove, H. C. Middaugh, C. B. Blodgett; Lisle, S. A. Ballou; Naperville, W. M. Crampton. Auditing committee: C. D. Bartlett, H. C. Middaugh and H. M. Plummer. The vice-presidents will meet on one of the days of the County Institute and fix the dates for the fair.

WHEATON.

The city condemnation case came up for hearing in the county court, Monday, and after a few witnesses had testified, all parties concerned thought it best to settle the case, and by getting their heads close together the following was agreed upon: Geo. Hageman, $20; M. E. Jones, $125; Mrs. Michels, $336.12; Mrs. Sohmer, $616.50. Everybody seemed satisfied and South Railroad street will be widened forthwith.

Wm. Hammerschmidt has spent the past two weeks at his home, near Lombard, ministering to the wants of his children sick with diphtheria, and giving his personal attention to the strict quarantine of his home to prevent the spread of the disease. The sick daughter is improving and the four boys who had been exposed and given anti-toxin treatments are passing through with but slight indications of what might have been.

The old Michels blacksmith shop has been torn down, and its unsightly appearance will no longer be an eyesore to the Board of Supervisors. M. E. Jones will move the old wagon shop to his home premises. A start has been made to beautify the depot surroundings, and no stop should be made until about three blocks are cleared and converted into a park. The depot surroundings make bad impressions on people who visit our city with a view of locating here.

There was a suit tried in the county court Tuesday that took the court, three lawyers and a jury all day to settle, and all over a dollar. The suit was brought by Allison Bank of Wayne against George Briggs for one dollar for wages. The jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff. The judgement and costs will cost Mr. Briggs several times the amount claimed, but he has had his fun and should now appeal his case. Several fortunes have been spent over smaller sums.

No little excitement was caused on the street the other day by the accident that happened to Milo Butterfield. It appears that he was driving down town when the king bolt which holds the two ends of his carriage together, came out, the horse started down the street with the front wheels, and in the rear seat of the carriage was Gus Haliman. Gus has a voice like a steamboat captain, and the manner in which he hollered "whoa" to that horse stopped every horse in the city but the one he wanted to. The several drivers got their horses started again when once more came the "whoa" from Gus' musical thorax and again every horse stood still. Butterfield's horse at last accounts was still going.—Illinolan.

CHICAGO COMMONS.

The Congregational pulpit was occupied last Sunday by Mr. Gavitt of Chicago "Commons," who gave a very interesting account of the object and methods of that settlement. "Situated in the heart of the 17th ward," he said, "it is the only place where the people can meet for social amusement outside of the saloons." It is as he described it a sort of "idealized communism," not the destructive French variety, but rather a return to primitive christianity. The residents in the settlement endeavor to make friends first, and so the work is to a great extent non-sectarian, and the "Commons" has become a rallying place for people of widely differing beliefs. Some of their best work is done in the educational line. Classes of workingmen and women have been formed in mathematics, French, German, grammar, history, social science and political economy and the advance made and interest taken in these studies is truly wonderful. Those wishing to learn more about the work will be heartily welcomed at 146 N. Union street. A visit to this settlement would undoubtedly be a revelation to many of us who know but little of the "seamy side" of life.

CASS.

Better success at the centre but for a headache.

John Anderson went to Wheaton last week—a-courting.

J. E. Oldfield laid the foundation for a family monument Saturday.

We are sorry to hear that Rev. Sedweek's little daughter was very sick last week.

Miss Nellie Reader has been visiting with her cousins, Mrs. Ira Heartt and Misses Bertha and Cora, at Wheatland.

Quite a number were present at church services Sunday morning in spite of bad weather. Rev. Caern of Evanston preached.

We understand that Jos. Hall of Downers Grove has engaged with Mrs. Walton to take charge of her place for a year. Mr. Hall is an earnest christian gentlemen and we are glad that he is located in Cass.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

I offer for sale my grocery—a complete stock—together with fixtures—all up-to-date and a bargain.

W. H. BARNHART.

Great Cures proved by thousands of testimonials show that Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses power to purify, vitalize and enrich the blood.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to be taken with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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.

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M. E. STANGER,

Keeps a Choice Line of the Best Brands

CIGARS TOBACCOS,

NEWS DEPOT, STATIONERY, PERIODICALS, ETC.

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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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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 35 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 80 cents a lb.

Molasses, genuine open pan New Orleans absolutely best grade in the world.....per gal., 50c

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

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

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

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