

We are the Sole Agents for Gold Medal Flour

We Sell The Celebrated Gold Medal Flour.



Absolutely the Best on the market. Makes the finest and whitest bread. Try a sack. Also have a complete stock of

Hay, Straw, Feed and Grain..

And can give you low prices on any quantity desired. The quality is guaranteed the best.

Mertz & Mochel.

We always have on hand a good supply of

Hard and Soft COAL.

Which we can deliver on short notice. We keep on hand the following grades of soft coal.....

Pocahontas Seaton Lump Hocking Lump Winifried Lump

Also Best Grades of Hard Coal

Cord wood at \$4.75 per cord Delivered. Slab wood just the thing for kindling.

Lower Figures Than Ever Offered Before

Good Bread

Is the Staff of Life.

To make it you need

Washburn, Crosby Co.'s

Absolutely the best in the world.

FLOUR

Highest Grade, Highest Awards.

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

Beware of Imitations!

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 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.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moss visited in Morris over Sunday.

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

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

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

Mrs. D. O. Cole has returned to Downers Grove from Dubuque.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Heckman have a bright new girl baby, born last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moss arrived at their fourteenth wedding anniversary last Sunday.

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

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

George Potter of Albion, Mich., visited the Misses Smith and Estabrook on Wednesday of last week.

John Oldfield and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Heardt visited with the Herring family on Maple avenue last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Pridham's home circle has been increased by the presence of a bright new baby boy.

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

Rev. H. H. Rood and family visited at the pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Lacey last Monday.

Harvey Hillegas of Naperville visited Downers Grove last week in the interest of a Harvard hardware company.

John A. Skarin, a business man of Lemont, was in Downers last Monday looking after his property interests here.

W. F. Canada has secured a position with the Chicago and Alton Railway under the chief special agent of that road.

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nash will become residents of the south side in the spring having rented the Burnett house on Curtis street.

Misses Gertrude and Doris Frankel and Messrs. Rose, Edwards and Cadwell furnished music at an Eastern Star entertainment at Millard avenue Monday evening.

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.

Attention is directed to an article on the fourth page of this paper under the heading, "Charity Should Begin at Home," regarding the unfortunate circumstances of a worthy family in the village.

Nash Bros. desire to announce that they are prepared to saw your wood with power saw, anywhere at any time. They also wish to state that they carry a full line of fire-wood, sawed any length, or split ready for stove; also in cordwood length. Prices reasonable.

The Knights of Pythias will hold a special meeting on the 27th of February, at which time the second degree will be conferred. The ceremony of presenting the jewel to Past Chancellor Bunge will be performed, after which a programme will be rendered and refreshments served.

Some twenty lady friends surprised Mrs. T. S. Weaver last Thursday evening, on the fortieth anniversary of her birthday. The ladies assembled while Mrs. Weaver was absent from home. Upon returning supper was served, after which she was presented with a handsome gold watch by her mother, Mrs. J. L. Wier.

A letter from Alfred Harper, a former resident here, now in Idaho, states that times are hard there, and that he has had no employment this winter and also that there are no signs of improvement. They are at Mountain Home, Edwards county, Idaho, and left here about two years ago selling out their business to H. P. Courtright.

J. B. Moss has taken a contract to build a large residence building in Morris, Grundy county. Whoever the owner is he will get a good job. Mr. Moss is one of the best builders and architects in this part of the country and takes a pride in doing satisfactory work. He will commence as soon as spring opens and it will take him the greater part of the summer.

Misses Carrie and Winnie Martin and Messrs. Paul and Earl Herring of Downers were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Pickerill last Sunday. Last Monday evening a sleighing party consisting of Messrs. and Mesdames Pickerill, Maphis, Blakeslee, Christie, Beardsley, Freed and Mr. Barth drove to the residence of H. W. Martin at Downers Grove, where the evening was enjoyed socially and an oyster supper served. Lemont Observer.

LETTER FROM OREGON.

An Old Settler Gives a Description of that Famous Fruit Country.

McCoy, OREGON, Feb. 1st, 1897.—I have been overwhelmed with letters from all parts of Illinois asking for more information about the Illinois fruit and farm homes colony to this place, and I will try to give some pointers in regard to our advantages in this letter, that inquirers may understand what the Willamette valley has to offer home seekers looking for a mild climate.

In the first place, McCoy is near the line of Polk and Yamhill counties, on the western side of the Willamette valley, about sixty miles by railroad from Portland, the main market of this country. McCoy itself is but a small railroad station, but is in the center of a country for twelve or fourteen miles in every direction, which I believe all who see it will say is the finest looking and most attractive farming country they have ever seen.

While the town is small, on the knowledge of the large colonies which are coming here this spring, it has already commenced to grow, and we believe it will gain a thousand inhabitants the present year. A lumber yard, restaurant, boarding house and livery stable have gone in with the past thirty days, and this is but the beginning of lively times for this village for the next six months or a year. The surrounding land is a country of smooth gentle slopes, covered here and there with clumps of beautiful timber. It is in general, however, prairie land. The soil is deep and mellow. It contains no stone, and it is of such a nature that it will stand any amount of cropping without wearing out.

This gently sloping land extends in all directions from the town until at a distance of seven or eight miles the foot hills of the Coast range of mountains is reached. These foot hills are the ideal fruit raising section of this country, and it is on their sloping, rich loams that are being planted large orchards of peaches, apples, pears, plums and plums. The more level parts of the valley have been settled for many years, and they are devoted to wheat and grass raising. The settlers will find a country of tidy farm houses, and green fields right in the midst of winter, and where the water supply is one of the finest in the United States, both from wells and from springs. Land varies in price according to circumstances, but even that at the lowest price of \$8 to \$12 an acre, is of just as good a quality as the older settled farm lands, which have long been under the plow. Further back in the mountains there is government land to be taken, but it is very heavily timbered.

The Illinois people will make no mistake in coming to our beautiful country. They will find a country of just the mildness they have been looking for, for we never have much cold in winter or much heat in summer. This is caused by our nearness to the great Pacific ocean. They will have nothing to complain of in the quality of the soil or in regard to our excellent markets. It looks, however, as if there would be many hundreds of settlers from your state the present spring. This will make very lively times. I am told that most of them will desire to go into the fruit raising business, but after they get here I am equally sure that many will engage in grain raising and in the hop raising industry.

Yours Truly, W. C. POWELL.

THE OLYMPIC THEATRE.

Success follows success at the Olympic theatre, where the rule of offering the best of shows for the least money is continued. The wonderful Mulan-bark troupe of Arabs, the sensational whirlwind dancers, the DeForrests, and the talented English comedienne, Lillie Laurel, have filled the house to its capacity twice each day this week, and the audiences have found that the program is one of the best that has ever been given them. Next week Yvette Violette, the American girl who imitates Gilbert so well that she has been universally pronounced better than Gilbert herself, will head the bill, with the four marvelous Cohans in second place. Lizzie Daly and her daughter Vinnie will dance. Cora Routt will sing, Hilda Thomas and Frank Barry will give a refined and entertaining sketch, Bobby Ralston will imitate Outcault's yellow kid, John and Nellie McCarty will create laughter, Post and Clinton will introduce new humors, the three Morrellos will mingle artistic rope walking and acrobatic feats with clever clowning, and the three Wright sisters will give a clever acrobatic dance.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

I will be in Downers Grove for the collection of taxes every Friday and Saturday, and in Hinsdale every Tuesday and Wednesday, until March 10th, except this week, when I will be in Hinsdale Friday and Downers Grove Saturday.

F. J. PRENTISS, Township Collector.

Wonderful are the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla and yet it is only because as the one true blood purifier, it makes pure, rich, healthy, life-giving blood. Hood's Pills for the liver and bowels, act easily, yet promptly. 25c.

National Light Oil..

1 gallon 15 cts. 5 gallon 75 cts.

Refined from best Pennsylvania crude, and is the finest burning Oil that can be procured at any price.

Standard Oil Co's "Perfection."

1 gallon 8 cts. 5 gallons 40 cts.

We keep just what we advertise and furnish the specified brands of these goods at the above prices.

California Evaporated Fruits.

Ranging from 8 to 20 cts lb.

Peaches, Apricots, Pears, Prunes, All the best quality of the grades and at prices from 8 to 20c lb.

Extra Fine Highland Monogram Navel Oranges...

The cream of the California crop. Large sizes, 35 cents per dozen. Try them; they are very choice.

Extra Fancy, Nuts, Figs and Dates.

The choicest to be found.

Paper shell California Walnuts, 15 cents per pound New Taragona Almonds, 15 cents per pound Hand Picked Roasted Peanuts, 10 cents per pound New Fard Dates, 10 cents per pound Extra Fancy New L. L. Figs, 15 cents per pound Choice California Figs, 10 cents per pound

A few Winter Caps.

And Felt Boots to be disposed of at your own price. Come quick before they are all disposed of.

A few Winter Overshirts.

Left which we offer at 33 1/3 per cent. off the regular price. We are making prices that sell them.

NASH BROS.

FIRE SALE!

We are now closing out our stock of goods recently damaged by smoke and water during the fire which visited our place of business last week. Everything will be sold at greatly reduced prices to make room for new goods.

...ALL OUR...

Men's Furnishing Goods

Gloves and Hosiery, Boots and Shoes,

The smell of smoke will cling to them until aired, otherwise not damaged. A bargain will be found in every article.

Job lots of Canned Goods,

Preserves, Jellies, Pickles, etc.

None the worse, go at half price.

Ladies' and Children's Rubbers go at Your Own Price.

Spices, Teas and Baking Powder, good as fresh, very cheap.

Give us a call. You will surely find something that will pay you to purchase. Visit us early, as the stock is rapidly disappearing under the inducements we are offering.

NOTE—We have quite a sum of money outstanding which would greatly assist us at this time could we receive it. We trust our friends will respond.

Bateman and Palmer