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

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These Flours are Equal in Every Respect.

**Additional Local.**

Miss Ella Bartle is ill with the measles.  
Ideal yellow canned peaches, 15 cents, at Nash Bros.  
Bapat's fine bakery goods to be had only at Mary S. Dieger's.  
Rev. Rood's little son has been wrestling with the chickenpox.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Kimball, on Monday last, a daughter.  
Genuine New York buckwheat at Nash Bros. Guaranteed pure.  
J. W. Carnahan leaves today (Thursday) for a week's stay in Indiana.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davay are nicely settled in their new home in Cass.  
Constable Dixon transacted business at the county seat last Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keist of Chicago called on friends in Downers Grove last Sunday.  
Miss Bessie Cornelius has been quite ill the past two weeks with the measles.  
April 26th next will be the 78th anniversary of Old Fellowship in America.  
Mrs. Charlie Willis and Mrs. L. W. Stanley have been on the sick list the last week.  
Mrs. May Coyle, of Turner, is spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. E. O. Stanley.  
Mrs. H. E. Aimes, of Chicago, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carnahan, the past week.  
There are now 140 children at the I. O. O. F. orphan's home at Lincoln and not one on the sick list.  
Mrs. Hattie Mitchell and Miss Lizzie Davis of Galesburg visited their sister, Mrs. Elbert Stanley last week.  
Capt. Wm. Blanchard will move his family from the city here in April and will once more become residents of Downers.  
Misses Grace Oldfield and Edith Atwood visited friends and relatives in Hinsdale and LaGrange the fore part of the week.  
The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blodgett extend congratulations. The little granddaughter arrived last week with the robins.  
In the Bond obituary notice on the first page, the deceased lady's name should read Mrs. Fanny Bond instead of Mrs. Roselle W. Bond.  
Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Heilner of Aurora, were visitors in the Grove yesterday. They are on their way East, where they will visit with relatives for a few weeks.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bond wish to thank their friends and neighbors for kindly aid and sympathy during the sickness and death of their beloved relative, Mrs. Fanny Bond.  
Mrs. W. B. Carpenter entertained a party of young ladies last Tuesday evening, at tea. The occasion was in honor of Miss Susie Edwards, whose birthday anniversary occurs on the above day.  
The ladies' aid society of the Congregational church will give the first lunch of this season at the home of Mrs. Thomas Lyman, on Thursday, Mar. 25th. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.  
The C. B. & Q. R'y will sell harvest excursion tickets on January 5th and 19th, February 2d and 16th, March 2d and 2d and 16th, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th, 1897, to all points northwest, west and southwest at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. For full particulars apply to G. H. Bunge, agent C. B. & Q. R'y.  
A fake wall-paper hanger is canvassing the village trying to secure work. His plan is to furnish a fair grade of paper and paper the room complete at the uniform price of \$3.00 per room. Local paper hangers state that for this amount they would put on the very best quality of paper and still make a much greater profit than their regular rates yield. It is always safest to patronize your home institutions. You can save money by so doing.  
Tax Collector Prentiss closed his books Saturday night, and when he figured up the receipts, found that over \$6,000.00 had been paid in taxes that day. Saturday broke the record. All day long a crowd of people assailed the postoffice and succeeded in keeping Collector Prentiss and his assistants on the jump. The delinquent list must be returned to the county treasurer next week, and in the meantime Mr. Prentiss will be the busiest man in town. The collections this year exceed \$50,000, which considering the times is remarkable.  
There is now before the Illinois Legislature a bill which will interest Downers and other bicyclists. It provides that one bicycle shall be carried free as baggage for each passenger by all railroads or other common carriers doing business in this state under same rules, regulations and liabilities as other baggage is carried, and in case a bicycle carried as baggage makes a greater weight of baggage than is allowed by the rules of any railroad of common carrier, no greater rate shall be charged for such excess weight than for an equal excess weight of other baggage.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

A cupboard for physical apparatus is being built in the laboratory.  
We heard some very interesting work in literature not long since by the pupils of fourth and fifth grades of Miss Hesel's room.  
The A division of the 8th grade are making a splendid start in the elements of Algebra. This is the first class in the history of the school to complete arithmetic and begin Algebra in the eighth grade. They are a bright class.  
A number of our teachers attended the last of the series of McClintock lectures in the city last Saturday. Any teacher who did not avail himself of the benefits offered by these lectures, has inflicted upon himself an irreparable loss.  
The apparatus for the equipment of our laboratory will arrive in a few days, and although there is much which we would like to buy, but cannot because much is needed, nevertheless our laboratory will be fairly well fitted out.  
Many of the scholars who were detained at home because of sickness in the family, have returned. Although many who have been afflicted with measles are not yet able to attend school because of weak eyes, etc., we are glad to announce that all are convalescent, and we hope will soon be able to be among us once more.  
Parents are reminded of the fact that beginning classes for children entering school for the first time, are formed twice each year, at the beginning of the fall and spring terms; in September and in April. It is not at all advantageous therefore to enter such children now. The spring term will begin about April 5, after the spring vacation. Let us then have your little ones on the first day of next term and let them come regularly or they cannot keep pace with their classes.

**CASS.**

Mrs. Leonard of Chicago was a visitor in Cass a few days last week.  
Elisha Smart has returned from an extended visit with his daughters in the city.

Queer how stories circulate, but a tip-over is not a common occurrence, especially in the mud.

The announcement was made of the election of officers in the Sunday school to take place the last Sunday in March.

Bro. Sedwick read the church letter of Mr. Joseph Hall and placed his name in the church record last Sunday. We welcome Bro. Hall.

A. L. Smart was very sick Tuesday evening. Dr. Hench of Hinsdale was called in, who pronounced the trouble neuralgia. He is better at present.

Rev. Snook of McCormick Seminary, Chicago, gave a very interesting talk to the children last Sunday morning. He used objects to illustrate his text which was "Come Unto Me."

Mrs. Shepard met with a serious accident a week ago; a horse having kicked her on the head, cutting a large gash. How serious it may prove is not known, but at the last report she was resting comfortably.

**EPWORTH LITERARY.**

The regular monthly literary meeting of the Epworth League was held at the home of Mrs. C. Bush on Tuesday evening last. The attendance, always large, reached high-water mark, there being fifty-two guests present.

The first number on the program was a finely rendered duet by the Misses Martin, after which C. K. Roe gave one of his best songs.

The event of the evening was a debate upon the question, "Resolved that more knowledge may be gained by reading than by observation." Affirmative, Miss Hesel, Mabelle Lambe, Grace Batterham and Earl Herring. Negative, Carl Slusser, Jessie Bryce, Ella Tenney and George Cross. Decision rendered in favor of the affirmative. The negative frankly admit the claims of the other side, if their definition of the word knowledge be correct. But thereby hangs a doubt. An appeal to Webster may yet be made. The whole affair aroused the keenest interest.

**NOTICE.**

I wish to inform my friends that I am not a candidate for the office of township collector, nor have thought of such a thing since I was informed of the present incumbent's wish to hold the position for another year. It is just and proper that he should have a second term, as the office for a single term will hardly recompense for time and services rendered. I shall enter the conflict, Providence not preventing, next year.  
A. H. TOWNSEND.

**SEED POTATOES.**

I have a limited supply of pure Maggie Murphy seed potatoes, which I offer at the following prices: Peck 40c; half bushel 75c. Parties desiring change of seed would do well to investigate. Samples may be seen at the REPORTER office.  
W. C. BARTLE.

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

**What do You Think of this?**

**An Awful Cut in Crackers.**

**READ THIS:**

City soda	per lb.	5c
A. B. C. oyster	" "	5c
Select soda	" "	8c
Saratoga wafers,		
14c package	two for	25c

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Ginger Snaps	per lb.	5c
Animals	" "	8c
City Sugar	" "	8c
Vanilla Wafers	" "	10c
Choc. Marshmallows	" "	14c
Coco Bonbons	" "	14c
Fairy Lunch	" "	14c
Tommy Atkins	" "	10c
Sultana	" "	10c
Bremner Lunch	" "	10c
Oatmeal	" "	10c
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A corresponding reduction in everything in crackers and biscuit line. The above line of goods are all of the best quality and fresh. No seconds. Our cut price is on first-class goods and will not last longer than the market will allow.

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After the last sale we intended continuing the wholesale business, but May 1st, Mr. G. J. Corey, the manager, will retire from the corporation and the Western business will be closed, with the exception of an office. No stock will be carried in Chicago; all orders will be filled direct from the factories. For this reason every dollar's worth of stock in the Chicago store will be sold to the highest bidder. Mr. Herman Briggs, the most gentlemanly auctioneers in the city, will resume the sale. A rare treat for the patrons. No other opportunity will ever be afforded the citizens of Chicago to buy as elegant goods at their own price.  
**AUCTION SALE BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 8TH.**

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