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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.

IT will only cost you ten cents.
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stanger were in the city, Sunday.

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

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

Genuine New York buckwheat at Nash Bros. Guaranteed pure.

Communion at Congregational church next Sabbath morning.

Allen Wheeler has leased his farm and will move into the village.

Mrs. H. F. Pinney of Fredonia, Kan., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. F. Beidelman.

Dr. W. A. Tope returned Saturday from another short trip to the southern states.

Quite a number of our citizens are in attendance at circuit court this week at Wheaton.

Postal Clerk Henning Sundayed in Downers with his family, who are visiting here.

Thomas Bickford was here from the city last Saturday, looking after his property interests.

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

John Oldfield has commenced preparations for his new brick block, which he proposes to erect corner Main and Curtiss streets.

T. T. Thompson and S. R. Smart started the first of the week for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they will remain awhile to recuperate.

Central Illinois Teachers' meeting will be held at Galesburg, Ill., March 26 and 27, 1897. For this occasion the C. B. & Q. R'y will sell round trip tickets at one fare and a third for the round trip.

FOR SALE—A second-hand Mason & Hamlin organ; in first-class condition. To those wishing a superior instrument at a ridiculously low price, this is an opportunity not to be neglected. Inquire of James Crawley.

The village board of Hinsdale are also after the deadly cigarette, having at their last meeting passed an ordinance requiring dealers to pay a license of \$200 for the privilege of selling them. The revenue derived from this source will not be great.

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.

The tail end of winter swooped down upon this locality Tuesday, with a force seldom equalled at this time of year. A strong northeast wind drove the damp snow flakes through the air, to the utmost discomfort of pedestrians who were compelled to face the blast. It was a day typical of the traditions of the windy month.

Last Thursday evening the Old Fellows and Rebekahs celebrated the 13th anniversary of the subordinate and the 1st of the Rebekah lodges in their hall in Central block. Music, addresses, recitations, visiting and refreshments formed the program. About a hundred were in attendance and all were delighted with the entertainment. Clothing, provisions and money were contributed, and forwarded to the Orphans home at Lincoln, this state.

The big bills at the Olympic are to be kept up right along as the announcement for the week beginning Monday, March 29, shows conclusively. Fred Hallen and Mollie Fuller, two of the brightest lights of farce-comedy, will head the bill, with a new comedy sketch, filled with new and bright music and farcical situations. Marie Heath, the most popular singer of child songs in America, and the most talented actress in childish soubrette parts, will have several new songs, and most of her old favorites. No one on the vaudeville stage appeals so strongly to women and children as does Miss Heath. The five Castillians, headed by Gerald Griffin, will present Towne's play, "A Game of Wits," and other fine acts will be given by Ward and Curran, Schultz's great dane dogs and Ed. Latell.

Mrs. Nancy Connelly died in Plano, Ill., March 20th, at the age of 86 years. She had lived in Plano since 1855, and had been a member of the Baptist church over 70 years—was an earnest devoted christian woman—prominent in church and temperance work—always ready and willing to assist the poor and distressed. In brain and mental capacity she was above the average and the impress of her strong character and principles was stamped on the community in which she lived. One son met his death in the civil war—battling for the principles embodied in his mother's teachings—and two sons survive her—Daniel W. Beebe residing in Iowa, and Avery N. Beebe, circuit clerk of Kendall county. The late Ex-Congressman Steward of this district was her nephew.

WHEATON.

The next county Teacher's Institute will be held at Hinsdale in April.

The court house is being rapidly pushed toward completion, and the county officers hope to occupy it before July 1.

An election has been called by the county judge for June 7, when Wheaton will decide by vote whether or no the depot surroundings shall be made more presentable by condemning the blocks south of the track for park purposes.

The board of supervisors have had experts examine the books of the various county officers. From year to year the reports of the county officers have been approved by the board of supervisors, and if shortages exist, why were the reports approved?

Two well-bred bloodhounds have been purchased by Henry Eggers, of this city, and he expects to do some good work in tracking criminals with them. The Ott murderers have come and gone, but we hope the dogs will prove so useful that crimes, both great and small, will now have a quietus, or if the wickedly inclined persist in their work, we will have a pretty sure satisfaction that they will be captured.

The council will decide at its next meeting, the water meters for all consumers. This seems to be the only just way, and paying for just what they get, giving everyone the privilege to economize in its use or not. About one-fourth of our consumers have meters now. The present meter rates of two cents per 100 gallons would seem lower than any strong man or woman could pump the water. Still these rates are expected to be reduced when everything gets equalized.

TOWN OFFICERS PRIMARIES.

Primaries for the nomination of the various town officers to be voted upon, April 6th, were held last Saturday, and resulted in the selection of the following candidates: For supervisor, Jas. McClintock of Hinsdale; for assistant supervisor, Fred Anderman of Lacey; for assessor, J. M. Barr of Downers Grove; for town clerk, Frank E. Ayers of Hinsdale; for collector, F. J. Prentiss of Downers Grove; for commissioner of highways, C. H. Warkentine; for justices of the peace, A. L. Pearsoll, and Chas. Fox, Hinsdale; J. B. Mackie, Downers Grove; Conrad Buschman, Lacey; for constables, J. W. Nicholson and Jas. Schneider, Hinsdale; A. E. Courtright, Downers Grove; Fred Lehmann, Lacey. The following township committeemen were elected: Jas. McClintock, Frank Cramer and J. W. Rogers.

THE POPULAR DOUGLAS SHOES.

There is no shoe made for men's wear that has attained a greater popularity than the celebrated W. L. Douglas shoe. The fact that they combine style and quality at a low price has given them universal indorsement. The manufacture of these shoes has made it possible for a man in the most ordinary circumstances to keep himself provided with footwear of as good style as the market affords—the extremely low price at which they are sold placing them within reach of all.

The only cheap quality in them however is the price; in all other respects they grade as high as any shoe in the market. Their lasting qualities have been fully tested and found to be unequalled. They are not only of good style when new, but retain their shape and excellent appearance until completely worn out—a very rare quality in even the highest priced shoes. They are sold in Downers Grove by Nash Bros., who has just received a new invoice of the various styles.

A PIANO AT A NOMINAL PRICE.

Chicago's largest music house, Lyon & Healy, in order to sharply reduce stock, is offering a large number of sample style new pianos, slightly used pianos, and second-hand instruments, at almost nominal prices. Uprights as low as \$125, and warranted as represented in every particular. Square pianos from \$50 upward. Send for the complete list of these pianos, just issued. Among the makers represented are: Braumuller, Decker Bros., Kimball, Knabe, Steinway, Weber, Hale, Bauer, Fischer, Hazelton and others. If you are at all interested in a piano, do not fail to write at once, as this notice will not appear again. Address Lyon & Healy, 199-203 Wabash Ave., Chicago.

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.

LIBRARY NOTICE.

All books must be returned to the library April 2d, and no books will be given out on that day. This is for the purpose of taking an inventory. M. L. BURNS, Secretary.

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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.

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