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

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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.

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These Flours are Equal in Every Respect.

Additional Local.

D. G. Gal on rented three houses last Saturday.

Dr. J. A. Bell, of Naperville, was over Saturday.

Several Naperville houses were burglarized last week.

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

Baptist's fine bakery goods to be had only at Mary B. Diener's.

Mrs. A. H. Saxon was numbered among the sick the latter part of last week.

Prof. Sweet, of Aurora, was a guest at Supervisor Blodgett's last Thursday night.

Mrs. Kennedy has returned to the Grove and will make her home here again.

Mr. and Mrs. Peasoll have moved into the McIntire house on Oakwood avenue.

Naperville will again vote on the question of waterworks at the coming spring election.

C. H. Dicke is unloading and playing a carload of machinery for use in his factory this week.

Miss Lou Stanley was the guest of her friend, Miss Eva Hunt, in Naperville, the past week.

Captain Wm Blanchard was in the Grove last week. He will become a resident of Downers, May 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Colwell started yesterday for a visit in California. They will be gone about three weeks.

John Ward moved his family to Oregon, Ogle county, the fore part of the week. He is established in business there.

George Kennedy, son of Superintendent Kennedy of the Deering Harvester Works, is here visiting with his grandmother.

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

J. A. Laraba, of Chicago, has moved into the Sheadle house on the North side. He has a position in the piano factory here.

Gov. Tanner has issued a proclamation designating Tuesday, April 20, as Arbor day, and calling upon all citizens to properly observe the day by the planting of trees and appropriate exercises.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Deltz, of Chicago, have established their home on the Allen Wheeler place, south of East Grove. They are pleasant, sociable people, and this community extends them a hearty welcome. Mr. Deltz has a position with the Q.

A large order of the celebrated 'New' ladies' and misses' shoes, just received, delivered at Thompson's. The line consists of the latest things in black, tan and oxblood, button and lace, and range in price from \$1.75 to \$2.75. Ladies are invited to call and examine our stock.

Thomas W. Watson died at his home in Warrenville, last week Tuesday, of dropsy, aged 79 years. He had been a resident of Warrenville for 51 years, conducting a blacksmith shop there for twenty-eight years. The funeral was Wednesday, the remains being interred in the Warrenville cemetery.

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 14th 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. Bunze, agent C. B. & Q. R'y.

Wild geese have been speeding northward unusually early and in great flocks. They are at least a week or ten days ahead of the season in their great northern flight, so that the weather sages are smilingly positive that spring is already in the land. At different times on Sunday three flocks swept over this village, marked like a chain of winged dots against the cloudless heaven, and they were not so far aloft but that their shrill cries were heard distinctly in all parts of the town.

The Australian ballot law imposes many duties upon the village clerk. The law requires that three times as many ballots be printed as were cast at the last previous election; that the judges be provided with twice the number of ballots cast and that the other third be kept on hand as a safeguard against accident. The ballots must be issued to the judges in sealed packages of 100 each and must be carefully counted and prepared. The voting places for the town election and the judges are the same as at presidential election.

Blood and Nerves are very closely related. Keep the blood rich, pure and healthy, with Hood's Sarsaparilla and you will have no nervousness.

Hood's Pills are best after-dinner pills, aid digestion, prevent constipation

WHEATON.

The poor farm has twenty boarders, and the receipts from produce sold the past two years exceeds the amount expended. How is that for a showing?

There is so much dissatisfaction shown by voters who are barred out of republican caucuses because they are democrats or prohibitionists, that party lines will be drawn at all elections next year, and each political party have a ticket in the field.

The last grand jury recommended tallow candles for the alms house. Former grand juries recommended electric lights, and as the county has an engine there for pumping water, we do not see why a small dynamo could not be purchased, and the inmates given a safe light at a nominal cost.

Mrs. Mary Griffith, foster-mother of Mrs. R. S. Chandler, of West Chicago, was found dead in her room, at the home of Mr. Chandler, last Monday morning. She had attended church on Sunday and retired in the evening in apparent good health. She was 83 years of age, and the cause of death given by the coroner's jury was heart disease.

They say that Lombard is getting to be a sporty town. They had cock fights until all their birds were slaughtered by visiting crows, and they went one round up the ladder and had a regular Corbett-Fitzsimons slugging match. The mill came off a week or so ago, and the big bets were all made on the heavy weight, the money staying in Lombard. No press representative was allowed in the North-side hall, but the next grand jury will take a hand in sitting the chair from the wheat.

The grand jury was given a statement of the cost, amount of warrants issued, and the business generally relating to the erection of a new court house. Although many members of the jury had been objectors to the building of a new court house, yet they could find no fault with the doings of the building committee, and recognized value received for every dollar expended. The warrants are now all issued and amount to \$11,500. They are all held by parties in DuPage county. The balance of contract price will be paid in money from taxes collected.

HINSDALE.

The commissioners of Highways of the town of Downers Grove, made the following report for the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1897, to wit: Road and bridge money received, \$1,548.25; road and bridge money expended, \$618.89. Balance on hand, \$3,329.37.

Hinsdale club closed the season of Saturday night entertainments last Saturday evening, with an exhibition that surpassed in interest and anything given by the club this winter. President Cook, at great expense and no end of trouble, secured the Williams family of Chicago, the famous musical and dancing act. The club, thoroughly amused the members and their friends. The plans for the supper were most elaborate, and the final blow and was a great success.

The Knights of Pythias gave a most provoking reception to nearly a dozen neophytes Friday evening. The candidates were initiated in due accordance with the ancient rites of the order, and the occasion afforded amusement to the members of the local lodge and the visiting lodges from Downers Grove and Chicago. During the evening a number of able and eloquently delivered addresses were made by several of the distinguished guests, which were responded to by the officers of Junonia lodge.

The following is a statement of James McClintock, supervisor of the town of Downers Grove, of the amount of public funds received and expended by him during the fiscal year just closed, ending on the 30th day of March, 1897, showing the following items: Amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year, commencing the first day of April, 1896, \$856.69; received from Jas. W. McKeen, county treasurer, 1896 tax, \$801.61; Frank J. Prentiss, collector, 1896 tax, \$1829.14. Total receipts, \$3287.44. Total expenditures, \$2122.21. Balance on hand March 30th, 1897, \$1165.23.

Dr. Morrow together with his patients and assistant underwent quite a scare from a small blaze which occurred in his office in the Schickorra building, Monday morning. The doctor uses a small gas machine in his laboratory for melting and heating materials used in his work and it was from this that one of the draperies caught fire and heated the storage tank of the generator nearly to the point of explosion. In the adjoining room was another machine holding one hundred and fifty gallons of very explosive gas under a pressure of fifteen hundred pounds to the inch. Had the flames reached this the entire front of the building would have been wrecked and the explosion would have been attended by some loss of life, as quite a number of people were in the street below. As it was the fire was speedily extinguished and the damage was confined to the wood-work and furnishings.

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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
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Fairy Lunch " " 14c
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