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

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These Flours are Equal in Every Respect.

Additional Local.

Searchlight matches at Nash Bros. A. J. Dent talks of moving to Hinsdale.

If you wish fence of any sort go to Brode's. The best bakery goods at Rang's bakery.

Mrs. Geo. Hinds, of Aurora, was in our village last Monday.

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

F. A. Brode & Co. sell axle grease that gives good satisfaction.

Oscar H. Hyde of St. Louis transacted business here last Monday.

The delinquent tax list will be published in the Illinoian this week.

The pleasant season of house cleaning and May moving is dawning.

Mrs. Guy L. Bush is again able to be out, after quite a siege of malaria.

L. W. Thomas is still confined to the house, but is somewhat improving.

County Judge Geo. W. Brown has sent his resignation to Governor Tanner.

Mrs. Edith Farrar Allen of Chicago was a visitor in Downers Grove last Monday.

Mrs. L. E. Hall left Monday for Kansas City. She will be absent about two weeks.

John Bradbury is getting the start of the rheumatism now, if he can only keep ahead.

Mrs. L. P. Naramore, who has been confined at home with rheumatism, is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Kellogg and Miss Kellogg have returned home, after a long sojourn in the east.

The Episcopalists are meeting with much encouragement in their efforts for a new church building.

I have some good houses to rent in eligible locations at from \$8.00 to \$20.00 per month. D. G. GRAHAM.

Chas. H. Kayler has a handsome granite monument on track here which he will erect at Cass for Jesse Oldfield.

The Northwestern University quartet appeared at the union meetings at the Methodist church, Thursday evening.

For sale at a bargain—Chambers' Encyclopedia in ten volumes, as good as new. Call and see them. Exchange Office.

Gus Warner of the piano factory has rented the Gray cottage on Saratoga street and will move into it about the 1st of May.

Geo. Cross, with his sister, Mrs. Law, and two sons, are again residents of Downers and are at home to their friends in the Paige house on Grove street.

The lunch given by the Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church, at Mrs. Wm. Colwell's last Thursday, was well attended and was a pleasant social affair.

Dr. W. A. Tope and W. H. Edwards had a number of valuable old English books stolen from a suburban train last Thursday while being brought out from Chicago.

The only first class bakery in the Grove is Rang's, where you will always find a fresh line of bakery goods at the lowest price. Goods delivered to all parts of the city.

L. W. Stanley called in on us Saturday. He has been confined closely to his home this winter with rheumatism, but the pleasant spring days give him new life and vigor.

Chas. G. Knight, who has been employed by Bush & Simonson the past two summers as drug clerk, will fill the same position again this year, commencing the first of May.

A large order of the celebrated Neenah ladies' and misses' shoes has just been delivered at Thompson's. The line consists of the latest things in black, tan and ox-blood, button and lace, and range in price from \$1.79 to \$2.45. Ladies are invited to call and examine our stock.

The C. B. & Q. R'y will sell harvest excursion tickets on January 5th and 19th, February 2d and 16th, March 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 vice-presidents of the Agricultural Society met last Thursday at Wheaton and organized for business. They made a solemn vow to give a larger and better fair than ever before. Every man will work with his coat off and exercise enough to perspire freely. The dates for the coming exposition are Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 2 and 3.

People should be very careful and not allow their children go to the woods this year unattended by an older person. Some places are overrun with snakes. A timely warning by Thomas Holland enabled Hazel Rando to escape the bite of a large adder that was nearly within reach of her last Sunday. It is supposed that the extreme wet weather drives them from the low places as many have been seen in the village.

ODD FELLOWS SURPRISED.

Monday evening, Downers Grove Lodge No. 750, I. O. O. F., held their weekly meeting. The regular order of business proceeded and concluded as usual, and with mutual expressions conducting to friendship, love and truth, bidding each other good night, were about to depart to their homes when the door of the banquet room was suddenly opened and a vision of loveliness dawned upon the brothers' astonished orbs. And the ladies came not empty-handed. Delicious coffee and cake till you couldn't rest. It was a banquet fit for a king, and queens were the dispensers. Following came the "feast of reason and the flow of soul" in the main hall—music, games, recitations, visiting and speaking until the wifing hour when all repaired to their homes, and the universal verdict of the members of No. 750 is that they are always ready and glad to be surprised.

STUCK IN THE SAND.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad had a unique experience, Sunday. A freight train stuck in the sand near LaGrange and had to be pulled out, as out of a snow bank, one car at a time. The company is raising its tracks ten feet to permit another railroad to pass under. This sand dried out and during the heavy wind Sunday drifted across the tracks. The sand is lake sand from Whiting, Indiana. Superintendent Judson is firmly convinced that all things exist for a purpose. The Lake Michigan sand he says, was created for the purpose of raising the C. B. & Q. tracks and incidentally, of course, the tracks of other railroads. It is unlike other sand as it can be cut like clay, and packs down into a firm road bed. One hundred thousand cubic yards of this sand will be used in making the improvement and the tracks will be raised for one mile, the elevation ranging from nothing to ten feet. This work is being accomplished without interfering with the passage of trains. There happens to be three tracks there, over two of which the business of the road can be transacted. By raising one track at a time, the work is progressing slowly, but surely. It will be an expensive job.—Express.

ITEMS FROM CASS.

Mrs. Palmer and children, of Springfield, Ill., are visiting with her mother, Mrs. Walten.

Rev. McLaughlin occupied the pulpit Sunday. A good league meeting is reported in the evening.

Mrs. Price returned to Chicago Monday, after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Cass.

Quite an exciting runaway is reported last week. Somebody (s) was in Lemont too long. Look for the scratches.

The arbor day exercises at the school was not very well attended on account of bad weather. It is reported that the children did well however. Following is the programme:

- Instrumental Music: Grace Smart, History of Arbor Day, Florence Craigmile, Almost Time, Julia Smith, Good Morning Sweet April, Caroline Dolman, Pussy Willow, Tony Dolman, Jack Frost and Sunbeam, Lulu Hearty, The Robin, Philip Hathaway, The Jolly Sun, Leslie Smart, Dialogue—"The Brownies", B. Class, Song—"Bird's Greeting", Maudie Cleveland, The Sea Shell and the Clock, Clara Swanson, Who, Ada Smart, Good News, Jos. Dolman, Little Bird Hips, Julia Smith, The Bird's Education, Afa Hathaway, The New Leaf, Arthur Marcitz, The Little Fisherman, Fred Smith, Arbor Day Exercise, Two Older Classes, Song—"Arbor Day", School Question Resolved, that birds are more beneficial to man than trees. Afirmative, Grace Smart, Cora Smart, Afa Hathaway, Maudie Cleveland, Florence Craigmile, Mabel Hearty, Nellie Smart, Negative, Frank Blakelee, John Breyer, Edith Marcitz, Lena Breyer, Julius Smith, Jos. Dolman, Arthur Marcitz, Arithmetical Contest, Marching and Song.

HOME TESTIMONIALS.

Regarding Dr. Kensington's Abilities as an Expert Specialist.

Naperville, Ill., March 16, 1897.

I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. M. L. Kensington to those requiring the services of a physician. He honestly completely cured me of a severe case of granulated eye lids. He is a gentleman of integrity and a physician of ability. J. A. KENYON.

Naperville, Ill., March 16, 1897.

Dr. M. L. Kensington removed from my nose and throat a palpus or tumor, which I now have in a glass bottle, preserved in alcohol. It stopped up my nose so I have not been able to breathe well or get air through my nose for over three years. I am now able to breathe well and am perfectly satisfied with his treatment. Dr. Kensington is a skillful physician. I take pleasure in recommending him to my friends. JERRY FRALEY.

The doctor has cured others of deafness and many other diseases in Naperville.

DOG TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual dog tax is now due and payable and must be paid on or before June 1st or all dogs not licensed at that time will be shot. By order of the village board. BERT C. WHITE, Clerk.

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Black Cat brand, for boys and girls. The best and cheapest article for schoolchildren because they are nearly indestructible and always look well. Sizes 6 to 9 1/2. 25 cts.

Men's cotton half hose, 2 pairs 25c. Men's socks, cotton, 2 pairs for 25c, and others at 10c; 3 pairs 25c. Ladies' black hose, they're good, 25c.

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