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of all styles, makes and descriptions.

We have them to suit the pocketbook for
CASH or EASY PAYMENTS.

See our CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:

Nice, dark Mahogany Piano, **\$198.00**

including stool and scarf.

\$10.00 Cash, \$7.00 per month.

A full line

Regina

Music Boxes

ranging from \$20.00 to \$115.00.

Easy payments.

**W. F. Schwentker's
NEW PIANO HOUSE,
110 South Market.**



These Wintry Days

The ride to town is a
chilly one.

When you arrive you look for
a place where you can warm up
and set in circulation your half-
frozen blood.

Our store is always comfort-
able. We keep it so expressly
for our farmer friends. It is
the regular town resort for
country people.

There's nothing like a comfort-
able store to trade in. You
can buy with better judgment
when you feel good.

So accept our invite—while
in town make your headquarters
and home at

**Huffman & Co.'s
Dry Goods Store**

113-115 S. Court St.

We will meet you—greet you
heat you and treat you

RIGHT

Here's what we offer "on the
side."

- Good cotton bats at 5c each.
- Best calicoes at 5c yd.
- Plaid dress goods at 12 1/2c yd.
- Heavy muslin at 5c yd.
- Good blankets at 65c pair.
- Fleeced hose at 12 1/2c pair.
- Flannel wrappers at 75c each.
- Boys mitts at 15c pair.
- Bed spreads at 65c each.
- Red table linen 25c a yd.
- Towels, 12 1/2c each.
- Ladies' corsets 50c each.
- Men's Fleece Underwear, 50c each.
- Women's Fleece Underwear 25c each.
- Table oil cloth, 15c yard.
- Good comforts 75c each.
- Childs Hdks., 1c each.

"Yours for Pleasant Shopping."

HUFFMAN & CO.,
113-115 South Court St.
OTTUMWA, IOWA

BUTLER RELEASED.

Supreme Court of Missouri Reverses
Court's Decision.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 9.—The Supreme Court today reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of Colonel Edward Butler of St. Louis, convicted in October last of attempted bribery, and discharged the prisoner.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder Disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by W. W. Ennis, druggist, Ottumwa, Iowa.

NONE SO RICH IN QUALITY AS.....
O'MALLEY'S KI KI 5c CIGAR

expected home today from Sheridan, Wyoming, where he has been for nine months.

Miss Mary Stinson of Lucas, was a guest of Chariton friends yesterday.

Mrs. Myrtle McComas and baby of Traer are expected this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Andrew and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bell of English township, left yesterday for a visit with relatives at Unionville.

David Weidert is expected a few days with friends in Orient, where he formerly resided.

Mrs. Lona Boston of Lucas arrived here yesterday on her way to her aunt, Miss Emma Richman, who is seriously ill with consumption.

Mrs. Louise Reice and little son of Denison, Texas, returned home yesterday after a three months' visit at the home of her father, L. N. Edson.

Mrs. Henry Jodon of Ottumwa, was greeting her Chariton friends yesterday while on her way to Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Geo. McKinley of Humeston, returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with Mrs. D. G. Bonnell.

R. E. Trembley made a business trip to Humeston yesterday.

Will Watsabaugh of St. Joseph, Mo., is visiting in this city at the home of his father-in-law, E. Baker.

A. B. Williams and family left yesterday for Mora, Minn., where they will reside.

Miss Lydia Ewald of Russell visited in this city yesterday with Mrs. E. B. Blanchard.

Geo. Williamson is off on a business trip to Webster City.

Jas. Kneeland of Atlantic, formerly of this city, is here for a visit with old friends.

Pearl Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard of this city, died at his home in Russell yesterday morning after a few weeks' illness with catarrhal fever. He leaves a wife and two children, who have the sympathy of the community in their great sorrow.

Mr. Howard and family were residents of Chariton until about a year ago, when they moved to Russell. He had many friends here who will learn of his death with deep regret.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BURGLARS AT ALBIA.

Hardware Store Entered and Re-
turned Taken by Thieves.

Albia, Dec. 9.—Burglars broke into Duncan & Duncan's hardware store Sunday night and took all the revolvers the firm had, numbering about one dozen. They entered through the tin shop from the rear. The store runs clear back to the alley and the second story extends only part way back and the burglars got up on one story part and got in through one of the windows into the tin shop and came down into the store. The revolvers alone are missed. There is no clew.

Saturday night burglars tried to enter the Castner hardware store and got one of the rear windows lowered but they were frightened away. Several parties saw them and one woman thinks she recognized one of their voices but they did not succeed in turning them. The woman will not say who she thinks the prowler was but thinks the work was done by local talent.

The Westminster choir of London, England, gave an excellent concert Saturday evening at King's opera house. This was the third number on the lecture course and is given good satisfaction.

Henry Narver, who was struck by the Wabash passenger train recently and rendered unconscious, is getting along as well as could be expected, and he is thought to be out of danger now.

Bert Taylor of Santa Anna, Cal., arrived here yesterday for a visit at his old home. He will remain probably a month as he has some business affairs to look after.

Thomas Moore of Ebeland, was transacting business in town this morning.

Frank Brogan, J. G. Lee, S. D. Wilson and Walter Sipes of Oskaloosa, spent Sunday in town.

F. M. Wagner of Lucas was transacting business in town this morning.

J. A. McWilliams of Hynes was an Albia visitor yesterday.

The new town clock is being rapidly put in place in the court house. It rang out the time to the people of Albia for the first time Tuesday.

W. G. Hammond, wife and son Paul who have been visiting relatives and friends in Wayne county for the past five days, returned to their home in Albia last night. They report a very pleasant visit.

The new Iowa Central and Wabash depot is nearing completion and will be ready for the patrons of these roads in a very short time. The structure is a neat and commodious one and is much appreciated by the citizens of Albia. The old station has been moved west of the tracks and with the addition of several sheds and other conveniences will be used for a freight depot, when the new one is opened to the public.

W. E. Lutz, assistant cashier of the Savings bank, was in Oskaloosa yesterday attending to some important business matters.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by the children of the Sabbath school will give a cantata on Christmas night. Interspersed with singing will be a literary program, consisting of recitations, drills, dialogues, etc.

T. C. Hammond was transacting business in Ottumwa Tuesday.

Rev. Winthrop Allison, pastor of the Presbyterian church, has been on the sick list the past week. Consequently he was unable to give his sermon, "Some Phases of Modern Gambling," last Sunday evening. It will probably be given some time in the near future.

Dr. R. T. Bartram, who has been confined to his room for a time with neuralgia of the stomach, is much improved, a fact which his many friends and patients are glad to learn.

The residence that is being erected by John Ralston in the Third ward is almost ready for occupancy. When completed it will be one of the handsomest and most convenient homes in the city.

Chariton.

Chariton, Dec. 9.—Mrs. C. F. Weed of St. Joseph, Mo., formerly of this city, visited friends here the first of the week.

Miss Laura Olson of Stanton visited in this city yesterday with Miss Freda Larson, while on her way home from an extended visit.

Edwin Paine, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Paine of Lincoln township, is

TODAY'S MARKETS.

This market is furnished by
Grain Co., Chicago, E. C. French, Suite
18, Hofmann building, Agents.

Wheat—Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	82 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2
Jan.	82	81 1/2	81 1/2
May	82	81 1/2	81 1/2
July	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Corn—			
Dec.	40 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
Jan.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
May	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
July	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Oats—			
Dec.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Jan.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
May	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
July	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2

LOCAL MARKETS.

Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close.
Dec. 82 1/2 81 1/2 80 1/2
Jan. 82 81 1/2 81 1/2
May 82 81 1/2 81 1/2
July 77 1/2 76 1/2 76 1/2

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Live Stock.
Choice hogs, 120 to 150 lbs. 8.75
Choice hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. 4.00
Choice hogs, over 200 pounds 4.10
Choice sows 3.50 to 2.75
Stags 2.50
Cows, per hundred 1.50 to 3.00
Hens, per cwt 2.45 to 3.25
Sheep 2.00 to 2.50
Lamb 4.00 to 4.75

POULTRY.

Hens 7
Spring chickens 7
Cocks 8 1/2
Young hen turkeys 13
Gobblers 13
No. 2 turkeys 13
Geese, full feathered 5
Ducks, full feathered 5
Stags, young roosters 8
Grains and Hay—Street Price.
Wheat fall 40 to 40
New corn, per 100 pounds 20 to 20
Oats 28 to 32
Rye, new 35 to 40
Corn, old 40
Hay 5.00 to 7.00
Oats straw 2.50 to 3.00
Timothy seed, per bushel 90 to 1.00
Clover seed, per bushel 1.00 to 1.50

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Butter, packers, pay 14
Eggs, packers pay 24
Separator butter 25

May	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2
July	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2
Pork—				
Jan.	11.05	11.07	11.00	11.05
May	11.25	11.42	11.25	11.40
Jan.	6.35	6.40	6.35	6.37
May	6.45	6.55	6.45	6.52
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	5.92	5.92	5.90	5.90
May	6.07	6.15	6.07	6.12

Northwestern Receipts.

Duluth—Today, 85; last week, 132; last year, 24.
Minneapolis—Today, 445; last week, 677; last year, 628.
Chicago—Today, 99; last week, 137; last year, 43.

Receipts Today.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Wheat, 99 cars; corn, 187 cars; oats, 120 cars.

Primary Receipts.

Wheat—Today, 1,169,000 bushels, and last year, 1,057,000 bushels. Corn—Today, 67,000 bushels, and last year, 283,000 bushels.

Shipments.

Wheat—Today, 295,000 bushels, and last year, 187,000 bushels. Corn—Today, 167,000 bushels, and last year, 283,000 bushels.

Clearances.

Wheat, 255,000 bushels; corn, 103,000 bushels; oats, 40,000 bushels.

Liver-cool Cables.

Opening—Wheat, unchanged; corn, % lower.
Closing—Wheat, unchanged; corn, unchanged.

Hog Market.

Receipts today, 40,000; left over, 5,500; estimated tomorrow, 38,000; official receipts yesterday, 32,000.

Chicago Markets.

(Furnished by the Ottumwa Commission Co., rooms 18 and 19, Leighton building, corresponding to the Ottumwa Commission company of St. Louis, Mo.)

Wheat—Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	
Dec.	82 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	
Jan.	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	
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July	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	
Pork—				
Jan.	11.25	11.40	11.25	11.40
May	11.07	11.07	11.02	11.05
Lard—				
Jan.	6.47	6.52	6.47	6.52
May	6.40	6.40	6.37	6.37
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	6.07	6.15	6.07	6.12

MARKETS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 27,000; slow. Good to prime, \$5.20 to \$5.00; poor to medium, \$3.50 to \$4.70; stockers, \$2.10 to \$4.15; cows, \$1.50 to \$4.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 40,000; steady. Mixed butchers, \$4.25 to \$4.55; good to choice heavy, \$4.35 to \$4.55; rough heavy, \$4.20 to \$4.30; light, \$4.15 to \$4.45; bulk sales, \$4.40 to \$4.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 22,000; strong. \$3.00 to \$3.35; lambs, \$4.00 to \$5.75.

New York Butter and Egg Market.

New York, Dec. 9.—Butter, easy. Extra creamery, 25c; common to choice, 16 to 24 1/2c.

Chicago Butter and Egg Market.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Butter, steady. Creameries, 16 to 25c; dairies, 14 to 21c. Eggs, firm; 24 to 26c.

Chicago Poultry Market.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Poultry, firm. Turkeys, 12c; chickens, 9 to 9 1/2c; springs, 9 1/2c.

Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 85c; No. 3 red, 83 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 80c; No. 3 hard, 78 1/2c; Dec. 80c; May opened, 82 1/2c; high-est, 82 1/2c; lowest, 81 1/2c; closing, 81 1/2c.

New York Produce Market.

New York, Dec. 9.—Wheat—May, 85 1/2c to 85 1/2c; Corn, 48c.

St. Louis Produce Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Wheat—Cash, nominal; May, 81c.
Corn—Cash, 41 1/2c; May, 40c.
Oats—Cash, 37c; May, 37 1/2c to 37 1/2c.

Peoria Produce Market.

Peoria, Dec. 9.—Corn, steady. No. 3, 42c.

HOW TO SELECT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Here are Some Suggestions
Which will Help to Decide
On a Present.

Of all Presents, Jewelry or
Fancy Table or Mantel
Ware

Are the Most Appropriate
For Christmas Time

Following the precedent established
ages ago, people are today buying
goods for the Christmas of 1903.

For Christmas presents, Jewelry and
Fancy Christmas and Silverware are the
most appropriate.

To the party who is undecided just
what to buy, we will say that never
has there been such an opportunity as
we now offer for Ottumwa people to
buy

Watches, Chains, Charms, Rings,
Handpainted China, Silverware, Cut
Glass, Toilet Sets and Cases and every
kind of Jewelry and Jewelry Novelties.

They are the most beautiful hand-
painted China Plates, Berry Dishes,
Vases, etc. These make beautiful and
useful gifts.

Our Cut Glass stock takes in Fruit
Bowls, Creamers and Sugars, Vases,
Vinegar Bottles, Perfume Bottles, Celery
Trays, Olive Dishes. What is more
beautiful than high grade cut glass?

What can you give that will be any
more appreciated?

Another nice Christmas present is a
pair of the celebrated "Lematre" opera
glasses. These are the finest opera
glasses made and represent the high-
est development of artistic finish in
this line of goods.

In Silverware there are Knives,
Forks, Spoons and then the novelties,
Brushes, Combs, Mirrors, Embroidery
and Manicure Scissors, Vaseline Jars,
Tooth Brush Bottles, Bonnet Brushes,
Pocket Knives and hundreds of novel-
ties, big and little. There are Baking
Dishes, Tea Sets, Candelabras, fancy
single Candle Sticks, Chating Dishes
and ever so many things that help you
get just exactly what you want.

This year there will be many signet
rings given for Christmas presents by
both ladies and gentlemen. Here is
the largest stock of jewelry ever
shown in the city.

Fancy Gold Lockets are also popular
presents for this year.

A nice carving set is always appro-
priate and in place.

No nicer or more useful present can
be found than one of the fine umbrel-
las which we have for this Christmas
trade. In addition to the regular line
of goods we offer we have both gold
headed umbrellas and gold headed
canes.

We invite inspection of our line of
goods and ask everyone to call and see
whether they wish to buy or not.

J. W. NEASHAM,
Leading Jeweler.

120 East Main Street.

Renovated butter..... 17

Hides, Wool and Feathers.

Hides, cured No. 1.....	6 1/2
Cured No. 2.....	5 1/2
Green No. 1.....	5 1/2
Green No. 2.....	4 1/2
Wool, unwashed.....	24 to 25
Medium, washed.....	19 to 20
Coarse, unwashed.....	16 to 17
Fine, unwashed.....	17 to 18
Tallow, No. 2.....	20 1/2
Beeswax.....	20 1/2
Tallow, No. 1.....	4

RETAIL PRICES.

Flour and Feed.

Flour, per sack.....	75 to 80
Commeal, 10 lb. sack, two for.....	25
Graham flour, 10 lb. sack.....	25
Corn chop, per cwt.....	1.15
Shorts, per cwt.....	1.25
Oats, per cwt.....	1.15
Bran, per cwt.....	1.00

Coal and Wood.

Soft coal, nut, per ton.....	2.75 to 3.00
Soft coal, lump, per ton.....	3.25
Wood, per cord.....	5.00

Tea, Coffee and Sugar.

Tea, Imperial, per lb.....	25, 50, 75
Gump wder.....	25, 50, 75
Janan.....	25, 50, 75
English Breakfast.....	25, 50, 75
Colonial.....	25, 50, 75
Ceylon.....	25, 50, 75
Uncolored Japan.....	25, 50, 75
Coffee, Mocha and Java.....	20 to 25
Elo, roasted.....	12 to 15
Golden Rio, green.....	25
Sugar, cut loaf, 100 lbs.....	1.00
Poliverized, 10 lbs for.....	1.00
Granulated, 10 lbs.....	1.00
Extra C, 20 lbs.....	1.00
Dark C, 20 lbs.....	1.00

Butter and Eggs.

Creamery butter, separator.....	27 1/2
Country butter, per pound.....	20 to 22 1/2
Eggs, per dozen.....	30

Vegetables and Fruits.

Potatoes, per peck.....	25
Turnips, per peck.....	30
Onions, per peck.....	50c
Lemons, dozen.....	80
Pineapples.....	50 to 65
Oranges, per dozen.....	30 to 60
Bananas, per dozen.....	20 to 25
Beets, per peck.....	25
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