

My Greatest Week

Sold a Solid Car of Pianos Last Week

TO THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- TWO AT MARTINSBURG..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT HEDRICK..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT KIRKVILLE..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT ELDON..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT LIBERTYVILLE..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT RICHLAND..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT KILBURN..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT HIGHLAND CENTER..... KURTZMANN
- ONE NORTH OF CITY..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT ROCK ISLAND ILL..... KURTZMANN
- ONE AT HITEMAN..... APOLLO PLAYER
- FIVE TO PARTIES IN CITY.....

Received a car load of Kurtzmans Friday and put six of them right out in the boxes before they were ever unboxed.

People have learned of this splendid old German instrument, "Old Reliable Kurtzmann," and come from all over to purchase them where they absolutely know the price is right and guarantee reliable.

Store will be open evenings from now on till Christmas to accommodate any who cannot call in day time.

G. B. BAKER

Pianos that wear. 103 South Market

California via Colorado A Popular Winter Route

It holds first place for magnificent scenery and for comfort, too, for those who take advantage of the opportunity to join one of the Burlington's through-t-o-destination-under-personal-escort parties.

Some folks fear being snow-bound via this route in winter. This is a great mistake! Because, in Colorado there is more sunshine than in Florida, and less snow than in any state east of the Missouri River. There is less delay from snow blockades on this route than on other, less attractive routes.

Get a copy of our "California Excursions—Personally Conducted" folder. It will tell you a whole lot of things about California. Then ask me how to join one of these special parties.

W. S. PARKE R. Agent C. B. & Q. R. R.

The Standard Railroad of the West.



TODAY'S MARKET NEWS

SOFT PEDAL ON THE HOMESWEETS

WITH THE PRICE OF NUTS SOARING AND USE OF GAS, STOP SIGN IS GIVEN.

LOWLY LEMON IS LOWER

Oranges Remain Steady, but the Proud Cabbage and Haughty Potato Start on Rise and Corn Beef Hash is Luxurious.

Abas with the home made candy. Father's gas bill is getting to be enormous. Lucie, and it is doubtful if he will accept your excuse regarding the amount of Christmas candy you make. Moreover the price of nuts has increased and that is another reason why economy should be practiced if you expect to keep that sleek pony coat after the first of the month.

It would be much better if you would content yourself with the mere expense of the season's greetings or send letters with Red Cross seals so the receiver would know that this is the gay and merry season. Be that as it may, the cost of high living has attracted the attention of the head of the house and in the future only the evening can be spent on guests.

Every one has acquired the nutty craze during the last two weeks and the epidemic will increase during the time that intervenes from now until Christmas, according to the wholesale dealers. Cooks who formerly scorned to place such decoration on their culinary creations, have at last fallen for the modern game and now trim their cakes and cookies with sweet tasting kernels until the output resembles a Brazilian banquet in the jungles. The year's crop of nuts has been something wonderful—thanks to the time that intervenes from now until Christmas, according to the wholesale dealers. Cooks who formerly scorned to place such decoration on their culinary creations, have at last fallen for the modern game and now trim their cakes and cookies with sweet tasting kernels until the output resembles a Brazilian banquet in the jungles.

have reduced so appreciably that any one can give his hated rival a citric souvenir as a Christmas present. While the sour stuffs are being discussed it might be well to inform the New Englanders that cranberries are not for the poor and humble. Not this season. They are meant for the well to do purchasers who will buy regardless of the price, as the automobile dealers say in their publications. Thanksgiving almost cleaned the market and left only a few lonely cranberries to be sold. While more have come in since that time the crop is well sold out and the price has gone up.

Oranges Are Steady. Navel oranges are among the life savers on the market and are selling in big lots at the same old price. They are among the most popular fruits of the Christmas season. It is predicted that the price will drop after the Santa Claus season is over and that the crop will hold out during the winter.

The cheap grades of apples have been sold out and the big apples are being received. They are popular for family use. They are expected to continue at the same price during the winter.

Cabbage has its nose up in the air and indications are that even the luxurious corn beef will not be able to keep in the lofty attitude attained by its table companion. Potatoes forgot their plebeian training and boosted their price during the last week, but outside of that they have not changed. The south has come to the rescue with its usual shipment of vegetables, which are selling at reasonable prices. Onions, lettuce, cauliflower and spinach are the headliners. The local hot-houses are supplying large quantities of radishes and lettuce.

LOCAL MARKETS

HOGS ARE INCREASED.

Medium Weight Porkers Jump to \$7.35 as the High Mark—Other Classes Vary.

Hogs, 120@180	7.25
Hogs, 180@200	7.25
Hogs, 200@310	7.35
Hogs, 300@350	7.35
Hogs, 350 and over	7.50
Packers	6.85@7.10
Choice corn fed hogs	4.50@5.00
Good hogs	2.15@4.00
Choice corn fed cows	3.50@4.25
Good cows	3.00@3.50
Choice light calves	4.50@5.50
Good light calves	4.00@4.50
Packers	7.00@7.85
Heavy calves	4.00@5.00

Grain and Hay—Street Prices.

Oats	28@27
Rye	25@24
New corn	78@80
Wheat	45@50
Barley	11@14
Hay, ton	11@14
Straw	10@9

Wool, Hides, and Tallow.

Hides, No. 1 cured	9
No. 2 cured	8
Hides, green No. 1	7
No. 2	6
Wool, tub washed	21@20
Medium unwashed	21@20
Coarse unwashed	20@21
Seewax No.	20
No. 1	20
Grade No. 2 cream	19

Butter and Eggs.

Butter, packers pay	24
Eggs, packers pay case count	23
Tallow, No. 1	23
Tallow, No. 2	22

Poultry.

Hens	8
Cocks	4
Ducks, white	7
Turkeys	14 1/2
Geese, lb	7
C. Geese, each	15
Spring chickens	8

RETAIL MARKETS.

Graham flour, per sack	1.80
Corn chops, per cwt	1.45
Shorts, per cwt	1.45
Bran, per cwt	1.30
Ryan corn, per bu	75
Hay, per cwt	1.10
Straw, per cwt	1.00
Oats, lb	12
1/2 bushel ground 25 lbs	13
Old hen, dressed, lb	15
Flour, per sack	1.15@1.20

Car Lots.

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CONTRACT—Wheat, 6; corn, 8; oats, 185.	
DULUTH—Wheat, 84; last year, 65.	
MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat, 667; last year, 285.	

Estimated Receipts for Tomorrow.

Wheat, 25	
Corn, 375	
Oats—311.	

Liverpool Cables.

CLOSING—Wheat, 1 to 1 1/2 up; corn, 1/2 up.	
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Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The live stock market follows: CATTLE—Market ten lower; receipts, 41,000; heaves, \$4.85@7.20; stockers, feeders, \$3.50@5.50; cows, heifers, \$2.25@6; westerns, \$4@6.10.

HOGS—Market steady; receipts, 42,000; light, \$7.40@8; mixed, \$7.55@8.15; heavy, \$7.50@8; rough, \$7.50@7.70; good choice heavy, \$7.70@8; bulk sales, \$7.75@7.95.

SHEEP—Market steady; receipts, 4,000; natives, \$2.50@4.50; lambs \$4.50@6.80.

Chicago Provision Market.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The provision market follows: Lard—\$10.88 1/2; short—\$10.88 1/2; Barley—\$6@8 1/2; Timothy—\$10@12.75; Clover—\$10@14.25; Kid bean, dressed, lb—\$15.75; Lard—\$10.10; Ribs—\$39.80@42 1/2.

Chicago Grain Futures.

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Chicago Butter and Egg Market.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Butter—Market steady; creameries, 23@28c; dairies, 23@27c. EGGS—Market steady; receipts, 1,700 cases; at market, cases included, 19c@22 1/2c; firsts, 31c; prime firsts, 33c.

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New York Butter and Egg Market.

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ceipts of 60 to 100 day fed steers for the next two months, in spite of the fact that these cattle are losing for the feeders heavily at present. Prime yearlings topped the week at \$7.35, while there were few above \$7, and the prime heavies rarely sold at high as \$6.75. A strictly fat weight class went at \$6.25, while the bulk of 1,200 to 1,300 lb dressed beef steers of fair to good grade moved at \$5.25@5.50 and a considerable crop of warmed up stuff brought \$4.65@5.10.

RANGE OF HOG PRICES.

Range of hog values at Chicago for the past week with comparison: Mixed and Light 192@255 137@225 butchers grades. Dec. 6..... 7.15@7.45 7.15@7.65 Dec. 7..... 7.20@7.90 7.15@7.60 Dec. 8..... 7.15@7.55 7.15@7.57 1/2 Dec. 9..... 7.25@7.65 7.25@7.85 Dec. 10..... 7.40@7.45 7.40@7.50 Dec. 12..... 7.55@8.00 7.60@8.00

HOGS GAINED SATURDAY.

Lighter Run at Chicago Than Was Expected Sent the Prices Up Considerably.

Stock Yards, Chicago, Dec. 12.—Packers and speculators made a wild scramble for offerings in the Saturday trade when receipts fell to 11,000 in place of an expected run of 14,000.

The market started out 10¢ higher than Friday's closing and continued to gain strength until the general selling in the middle rounds was over. You will find some sales showed 80¢ advance over closing levels the previous session. Average price was established at \$7.37, an advance of 30¢ over Friday's average and top butcher and heavy hogs went at \$8.05, against 7.77 1/2 Friday and \$7.85 on Thursday. Bulk of the transactions were at \$7.75@7.85, and the rough hogs sold around \$7.50.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Furnished by E. W. Wagner & Co., members Chicago Board of Trade, Rooms 7 and 8, Clinton Block, Ottumwa, Iowa, phone 230.

WHEAT—High Low Dec. 12 Dec 10..... 31 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2 Dec 11..... 31 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2 Dec 12..... 31 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2 30 1/2

CORN.

Dec..... 46 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2	
May..... 47 1/2 47 1/2 47 1/2 47 1/2	
July..... 48 1/2 47 1/2 47 1/2 47 1/2	

OATS.

Dec..... 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2 31 1/2	
May..... 34 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2	
July..... 34 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2 33 1/2	

FORK.

Jan..... 19.35 18.75 18.75 19.12	
May..... 18.40 17.80 17.80 18.15	

LARD.

Jan..... 10.10 10.10 10.10 10.10	
May..... 9.87 9.87 9.87 9.87	

RIBS.

Jan..... 9.80 9.80 9.80 9.80	
May..... 9.50 9.50 9.50 9.50	

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Morris Williams HORSE MARKET.

PRIVATE SALE EVERY WEEK DAY

Our own horses sold on trial and with guarantee of satisfaction.

RALPH WILLIAMS has charge of the Teaming and Feed Department. Light and Heavy Hauling—Horse Rented and Feed Sold. Phones, Barn, 3041; Residence, 3138-L.

GRAND OPENING SALE AND HORSE SHOW ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 29-30.

We will hold no sale for three weeks. Then on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29 and 30, we will hold what I believe will be the largest and best December sale we ever held.

While this sale is held on the last days of the year it will be virtually the opening of business for the new year. Horses bought here at that date will reach the various markets during the opening week of 1911, and it has been our experience for several years past, bring better prices than at any time later in the month of January.

Our sale last Friday was good. We sold \$27,000 worth of horses against a total of \$14,000 the same date of the year ago. I told you all I was going to give it a lot of advertising and would get results, and we did. We had 225 head of horses and just 25 buyers who bought horses, representing as follows: 1 for the south, 2 for Buffalo, 1 for Pennsylvania, 4 for Chicago, and 13 from various points in Iowa. And now listen, I am going to get busy, very busy, during the three weeks we have to prepare for this big opening sale and horse show December 29 and 30.

We will begin the auction at 1 p. m. Thursday. Hold a horse show at the sale barn Thursday evening and begin the auction again at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

At the horse show, we will give prizes for the best draft horse or mare from 1600 up, best draft 1500 and under, best teams of similar weight, and best 5 head of draft horses displayed by 100 Bators. You will find more buyers here at that sale than you have seen for some time. It will be a great sale.

MORRIS WILLIAMS, Ottumwa, Iowa.

PUBLIC SALE!

I will offer at public auction at my residence 5 miles southeast of Farson and 9 miles southeast of Hedrick, 6 miles north of Batavia, and 3 miles west of Abingdon on FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 1910 at 10 o'clock a. m., sharp, the following described property:

13 HEAD OF HORSES AND MILES—Consisting of 2 sorrel mares, 10 years old, weight about 1500, in foal, 2 brown mares, 9 and 10 years old, weight 1500, in foal, bay horse, 5 years old, sound, bay mare 5 years old, good one, span of black mules, 3 years old, weight 1050, sound, span brown mules coming 3 years old, sound, dark brown mare mule, 2 years old, sound, 10 year old mule.

30 HEAD OF CATTLE—Consisting of 12 milch cows, 8 giving milk, others fresh in spring, all good milkers, 4 yearling steers, 3 two-year-old heifers, 10 calves.

28 HEAD OF HOGS—Consisting of 8 brood sows, to farrow in February and March, and 20 good shoats, weighing from 100 to 150 lbs. all extra good, about 30 tons good timothy hay in barn, and other articles, 70 acres stalk pasture, if not sold before sale day.

Lunch on ground by Mowery & Son. Terms—12 months credit on sums over \$10, on bankable note, drawing per cent interest from date. Sums of \$10 and under, cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

C. E. Gullett

W. H. Cooper, Auctioneer; F. L. Warder, Clerk.

Hogs Close 5 Cents Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Hogs closed five higher than early morning quotations; light, \$7.65@8.05; mixed, \$7.50@7.75; heavy, \$7.55@8.05; rough, \$7.50@7.75; good choice heavy, \$7.75@8.05; bulk, \$7.80@8.00.

Chicago Grain Market.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The grain market follows: WHEAT—No. 2 red, 93 1/2@94 1/2; No. 3 red, 91 1/2@92 1/2; No. 2 hard, 94 1/2@95 1/2; No. 3 hard, 91 1/2@92 1/2; CORN—No. 2, 48 1/2@49 1/2; No. 3, 47 1/2@48 1/2; OATS—No. 2, 31 1/2@32 1/2; No. 3, 30 1/2@31 1/2; standard, 32 1/2@33c.

New York Grain Market.

New York, Dec. 12.—Poultry—Market alive, nominal; dressed, market firm; chickens, 10@17c; fowls, 10@17c; turkeys, 18@24c.

Paoria Corn Market.

Paoria, Dec. 12.—The corn market follows: No. 3 yellow, 44@44 1/2c.

New York Grain Market.

New York, Dec. 12.—The grain market follows: Wheat—May—\$1.02. Corn—May—\$55 1/2c.

St. Louis Grain Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—The grain market follows: Wheat—May—