

# STRAWBERRY BUYING LOOMS

### Market Will Open at Figure as High as This Year's, is Prediction

The opening of the strawberry market for 1925 has been looked forward to by growers with a great deal of interest, not to mention some apprehension.

There has been no market at all for the Marshall type of soft or canning berries. A Salem man who would know if anyone does said yesterday that he expected to see offers on the spot here made immediately after the first of the year. He thinks the market will open up at a price at least as high as this year's, which was 5 cents a pound for the hulled berries.

He says there is quite a supply of the hulled berries in cold storage throughout the country, though this stock is being gradually reduced by purchases from the consumers—largely the makers of cordials for soft drinks.

The Eterburg contract market is definitely opened, by the action of the new buying agent for the Reid-Murdoch concern taking over the West Salem cannery the first of the year. A. M. Patrick is the buyer, and he is offering to contract Eterburg berries at 10 cents a pound, which was the ruling price for canning berries last year; nearly all of our canning berries being of the Eterburg type; the firmer berries.

The action of the new concern entering the Salem field will no doubt establish the price at 10 cents, at the least, for there is no indication that there will be any hold-over stocks of canned strawberries.

This makes a living price. If there can be a little better than a five cent price for the hulled berries, the strawberry outlook will be very fair for this section.

Cherries Promising  
There are some things in the offing that may make the Royal Ann or Napoleon type of cherries in this district a brisk one. The Salem district does not grow any too many of these cherries for its canning and barreling demand, and any additional outlet would without doubt stiffen the market. It was eight cents, generally, last year.

## PLEASING COMEDY OFFERED BY H. S.

GERVAIS, Ore., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The Gervais Union high school scored another point in its calendar of events, Thursday and Friday evenings, when its annual play was given. "The Whole Town's Talking," a comedy was enacted in a splendid manner by each one of the cast.

The parts were as follows: Chester Benney, Lester DeJardin; Henry Simmons, Henry Eder; Hatie Simmons, Monica Schwab; Ethel Simmons, Zoe Cutsforth; Mr. Swift, a cultured gentleman, Harley Oddie; Betty Lythe, a movie queen, Hazel Seelye; Sadie Bloom, Louise Harms, director; a movie director, William Kurns; Lela Wilson, Rose Albright; Sally Otto, Thelma Fyter and the maid, Ellen Vogt.

Wayne Perdue and Donald McKay were stage directors. Special praise was given Mrs. Helen Estudill, faculty member, for her painstaking efforts toward making the play the success it was, which necessitated careful coaching and much hard work in repetition of the acts.

The Presbyterian church held Christmas exercises on Sunday evening, a good program was given after which a generous treat was passed to the children.

Sacred Heart church celebrated solemn mass at midnight Monday, low mass at 8 a. m. and solemn mass at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

A joint Christmas program was held in Mrs. Marthaler's and Mrs. Perdue's class rooms at the school house on Friday afternoon which was attended by parents and friends.

A good program was given and each child was presented with a gift and a stocking of Christmas candy by Santa Claus.

## SCIENCE PROLONGS HUMAN LIFE, WORD

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLER Associated Press Science Editor NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Achievement of another step toward prolonged human life was announced to the American association for the advancement of science tonight.

The advance is a chemical discovery, which furthers the attempt of medicine to simplify and possibly make less costly its treatment of diabetes and diseases which depend on control of the sugar in human bodies.

The discovery was the isolation of the active principle that controls sugar, called a hormone, which is operative in insulin, the recently discovered remedy for diabetes. Insulin now is made from animal extractions, and chemists wish to learn how to make it synthetically, because the animal extraction is laborious and costly and the purity of the product synthetically made can be assured with more ease. Isolation of the hormone was necessary before any attempt could be made to synthesize it.

Announcement of the isolation was made by Prof. John J. Abel and Dr. H. Jensen of Johns Hopkins, Prof. Abel said: "We believe this to be the first instance of the isolation of a powerful specific hormone in the form of a crystalline protein of a relatively simple composition."

### Takes Own Life



Fred J. Smith, 46, son of Carrie Jacobs Bond, noted song composer, has taken his own life at his cabin in the California mountains, following a long illness. He was prominent in business circles of Los Angeles and a former president of the Hollywood Athletic club.

## PUPILS AT BROOKS PRESENT PROGRAM

BROOKS, Ore., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The Brooks public school children gave a splendid Christmas program at the schoolhouse Friday evening under the direction of principal Wayne Harding and the teachers, Miss Leta Wallace and Miss Doris Wood. Patrons of the district made donations enabling Santa Claus to give candy and oranges to all the children in the audience.

The following program was given to a large and appreciative audience.

Song by the school. "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear." Recitation, "What I Know I Know." Harry Loomis; recitation, "Jes' Before Christmas," Frank Tschida; recitation, "Runaway Stockings," Elynor Fuller; song, "Up On The Housetops," by a group of children; recitation, "A Surprise For Santa," Lorreen O'Neill.

Recitation, "If I Were Santa Claus," Curtis Coffindaffer; recitation, "A Decision," Addie Colyer; recitation, "Secrets," Clifford Bishop; song, "A Christmas Lullaby," Milly Tschida; song, "Silent Night" by the school children; recitation, "Christmas Presents" by Lavon Harris; recitation, "Wrapping Christmas Presents," Charles Snowley.

Recitation, "Santa Claus," by Oren Glen Sturgis; recitation, "Christmas Tree Farm," Glen Coffindaffer; song, "Star of the East" by a group of children; play, "The Day After Christmas," by Milton Scheurman, Beulah Otto and Charles Snowley; recitation, "A Christmas Thought," Francis Colyer; song, "Christmas is Coming," by a group of children.

Recitation, "Poor Santa Claus," by Stanley Nelson; recitation, "A Joke On Santa Claus," by Leo Ramp; song, "Christmas Bells" by a group of children; recitation, "A Christmas Wish," by Leo Tschida; song, "Joy To The World" by the school; recitation, "No Stockings to Wear" by Duane Sears; recitation, "Useful Things" by Charles Hess; recitation, "An Impatient Waiter" by Bert Snowley; song, "Jolly St. Nicholas" by school, Play, "Dickens' Christmas Carol" by a group of the upper grade children; song, "Santa's Coming" by the primary pupils. Wayne Harding led the singing and the Misses Leta Wallace and Doris Wood played the piano accompaniments.

ENGLISH LIKE BUNS  
LONDON (AP)—Next to roast beef, the current bun is the most popular food in England in the opinion of J. H. Merritt, chairman of the national association of master bakers.

Sweden's fourth Rotary club has been organized at Malmoe.

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## FLU OUTBREAK HELD SERIOUS

### Spread Through Eastern States Predicted by Surgeon-General

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Surgeon-General Cummings said today that he views the influenza situation as "serious," and believed there was "every indication" that the outbreak will spread through the Atlantic States. He added that deaths during the epidemic might exceed 15,000.

Deaths in the 1918 epidemic, however, were 500,000 in excess of the normal number from the disease. In 1920 there were 100,000 excess deaths, and in 1924 there were between 15 and 20 thousand.

The surgeon-general also declared that there was the possibility of a second and more severe wave of the epidemic later in the winter. He reassured the public against alarm, however, emphasizing the mildness of type of the disease now prevalent, and the apparent absence of complications.

"There is every indication, as I see it," Dr. Cummings said, "that the epidemic will spread through the Atlantic states as it has gone through the west. This seems to be a typical influenza epidemic, and it is similar to the 1918 outbreak in the mildness of the first cases."

The surgeon-general substantiated public health officers' estimate of a million and a quarter new cases in the United States during the week ended December 22. Noting reports of 58 cities to the census bureau, showing 710 deaths, compared with 475 deaths in 62 cities for the previous week, he said, "the mortality rate was meeting expectations of large advances in deaths as the number of cases increases."

"The death rate now is low in proportion to the number of cases," he added, "and consequently I see no reason for public alarm. However, any epidemic so widespread as this one is serious. There is every justification to think that this year's mortality will be greater than that of 1926."

## Judge Fee Will Decide Election Case in Dispute

Judge James Alger Fee of Umatilla county Thursday was assigned by Chief Justice Rand of the state supreme court to go to Bend and substitute for Judge T. E. J. Duffy in the election contest between Ross Farnham and George H. Brewster. The proceeding is being heard in the Deschutes county circuit court.

The assignment was made at the request of Judge Duffy, who has been disqualified to sit in the case.

Justice Rand has also assigned Judge Campbell of the Clackamas county circuit court to preside over the court at St. Helens in place of Judge Eakin, who is ill.

## FAMILIES OF LAWMAKERS

PIERRE, S. D. (AP)—Five members of the state assembly convention next month have been preceded in South Dakota's legislative chambers by their fathers. Three others will follow in the footsteps of brothers.

## The ARMOY LECTURES

By Prof. C. T. Everson  
Subject: **Tonight**

Friday 7:45 P. M. — "Two Mighty Evidences that the Bible is the Word of God," by Evangelist J. A. Rippey, Portland.

## President Coolidge Bags 3 Pheasants, 2 Turkeys

SAPELO ISLAND, Ga., Dec. 27.—(AP)—On the well-stocked game preserves of Howard E. Coffin, President Coolidge tested his marksmanship today on live fowl and found it good. Three pheasants and two wild turkeys reposed in the presidential game bag when he returned with his party to the island mansion of the Coffins and there was a satisfied smile on his face as he surveyed the result of his sport.

## SOUTHERN OREGON RATE QUESTION UP

Representatives of commercial organizations of various Southern Oregon cities conferred with members of the public service commission here Thursday with relation to the application of the Southern Pacific company for permission to reduce its rates between coast points to meet water competition.

The visitors said they were not conversant with the application of the railroad company, and desired to know if the proposed new rate would discriminate against intermediate points between Portland and San Francisco.

Members of the public service commission admitted that the rate between San Francisco and Medford probably would be higher than between San Francisco and Portland.

Cities represented at the conference included Grants Pass, Roseburg, Medford, Eugene and Sutherlin.

## Bridge is Built To Replace One That Collapsed

PRATUM, Ore., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The road east of Pratum has been reopened, a temporary bridge having been erected to take the place of the one which collapsed under the weight of a county tractor and grader recently.

Both local Sunday schools presented interesting Christmas programs Monday night.

Charles Smith and family of West Linn spent Christmas here. Miss Lydia Stauffer was at home from Corvallis on Christmas day.

Nearly all of the Christmas presents exchanged in this community were electrical devices, but they are more ornamental than useful at present, as the power line has not yet been put in wood. The canoe will carry four.

## PRESENT FOR EMPEROR

HONOLULU (AP)—Japanese residents of Hawaii are presenting Emperor Hirohito of Japan with a 24 foot Hawaiian canoe of Koae line has not yet been put in wood. The canoe will carry four.

## STOCK MARKET GOES UP AGAIN

### Bull Party Holds Celebration; Many Issues Fluctuate Wildly

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The bull party held a celebration on the stock market today as the call money rate failed to go above 12 per cent, although that is the highest figure of the year and the highest for any previous year since 1921.

The market was inclined to heaviness throughout most of the session.

Radio fluctuated wildly, selling off 9 points to 347 in the forenoon, then shooting up 23 points to 370 at the close. National Tea, Wright Aero and Case Threshing mounted 11 to 18 points.

Goodyear tire shot up 10 points to a new peak at 140. This issue has been under accumulation for some time by Akron and New York interests, with the result that the floating supply has become low. Goodrich jumped 8 points to a new peak.

Allis Chambers soared about 15 points to a new top. General Electric touched a new peak at 212 1/2, while Montgomery Ward, Mohawk

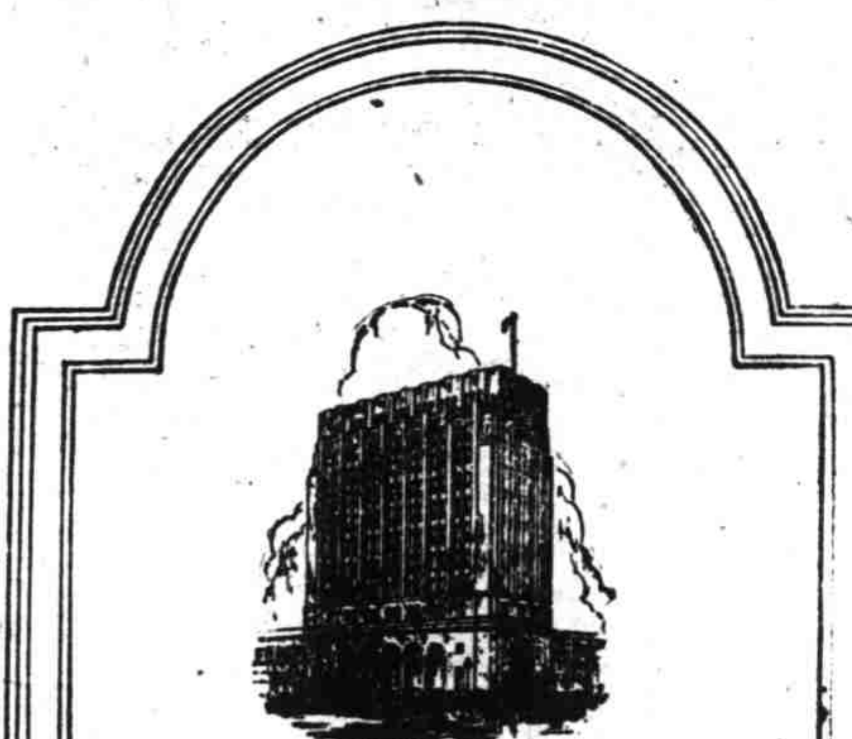
and St. Joseph Lead were among other issues breaking into new high ground. American Can, U. S. Steel, New York Central and General Motors moved up about 2 points each.

Dupont dropped 10 points, but reduced its loss to 6. Keith Albee Preferred, Stanley Co., Pere Marquette and National Biscuit, were among issues losing from 5 to 12 points.

The Nevada state livestock association has asked the legislature to increase the state bounty on coyotes from three dollars to six.

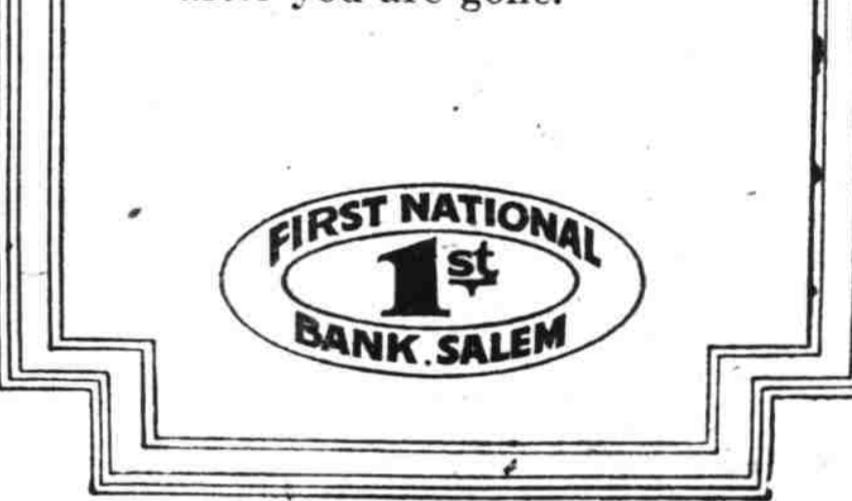
Havana is preparing for an international motor boat show some time in February.

The four United States marshals in Alaska, with deputies, enforce the law in a territory of 590,854 square miles.



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