

## SEEKING EXTREME PRICES NEWTOWNS EASTERN MARKETS

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—The market for apples in the east and central west is not showing the slump for the holiday trade that some interests had anticipated. A mail advice from Chicago under date of December 17th says: "Our market here at the present time on boxed apples is somewhat dragging, especially for Jonathans. Dealers here who purchased Jonathans at \$1.50 f. o. b. and stored them with prospect of high prices during the holidays, are now beginning to realize that they are not going to make the anticipated profit and are willing, and in fact, are trying pretty hard to unload at the same price they paid for the same, and in some instances for less."

"Dealers here are quoting extra fancy Jonathans in strictly first class condition around \$2.00 per box in this carlot way with storage paid up to the present time. Spitzenburgs and other varieties that sold at extreme high prices on the Pacific coast are not making purchasers any money."

The Northwestern Fruit Exchange today reported the refusal of an order for a carload of Rogue River Newtowns to Norway at \$2.15 a box f. o. b. The Exchange was holding for 20c more than this price, and seemed to believe that the price would be secured.

It is stated that there are only about 6000 boxes of mercantile Newtowns remaining unsold in the Rogue River section at this time and holders believe that extreme prices can be forced for quality offerings.

## OPEN MINE TO LOOK FOR DESPERADO LOPEZ

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 26.—Sheriff Smith said today he would open the Utah-Apex mine January 1 to look again for the body of Ralph Lopez, the murderer, who refusing to surrender, has been sealed up in the workings for nearly a month. He said he was confident Lopez had not escaped and felt sure he had starved to death.

## FOSS APPEALS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR RECALL ADVICE

Recorder E. T. Foss has written to Attorney General Crawford asking for an opinion on the recall petitions directed against Councilmen Stewart and Millar, and whether they can be voted upon at the regular city election, or a special election will be necessary. The city charter makes no provision for recall elections, but the state law makes it mandatory upon the recorder.

City Attorney McCabe holds that recalls must be voted upon at a special election, so the issue will be clean cut. The attorney general's opinion is expected tomorrow. The councilmen have five days after the filing of the petitions to resign if they feel like it.

Other fine haired technicalities the attorney general is asked to decide are:

A number of women signed the names of their husband's Christian name instead of their own first name, as "Mrs. John Brown," instead of "Mrs. Mary Brown." The administration doubts that she is a legal voter, and believes both her vote and identity are lost.

Attorney General Crawford is also asked to decide if a man behind in his assessments is entitled to vote.

The councilmen are required to file reasons why they should not be recalled, in case they decide to contest the petitions.

## HEIGHT OF XMAS MAIL RUSH OVER

The height of the Christmas mail rush was reached in the postoffice Christmas morning, when 137 sacks of parcel post packages were received. The distribution and delivery of the heaviest single consignment of mail in the history of the local office was completed at noon today. Today will bring belated packages.

Eight mail sacks containing nothing but Christmas cards were received Wednesday and delivery made yesterday. There was no holiday for the postal clerks.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA MOST SUCCESSFUL

At the Presbyterian church was given the cantata entitled, "Santa Claus at Miss Prim's," on Christmas eve. The preparation made was seen in the excellent way in which the different parts were rendered.

The singing in the solos and in the choruses could not well be surpassed. The spirit of love which Christmas celebrates and which Christ represented and personified was the theme. However, the complex sides of life were represented, and it would be difficult to find anything that could be more entertaining than was this cantata. Every part was worthy of special mention, but as parts that were par excellence might be mentioned "Vera Fata," by Mildred Wicks; "Newy Ned," by Andrew Kerr; "Lipsing Lou," by Margaret Harrison; the baseball boys and the sewing circle. Those to whom credit is mostly due for the success of the evening are W. H. Gore and J. A. Vance, the trainers and directors, and Miss Esther Harrison, the accompanist. After an offering to foreign missions, the distribution of gifts to the young people of the Sunday school, all with good will and with Christmas greetings turned to the expected gifts of Christmas morn.



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