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High Cost of Eggs **Troubled Imbibers** Of Eggnog in 1875

By Bill Frye

When the Christmas season rolls around people think of singing carols, playing Santa Claus and soaking up holiday spirits in one way or another.

One of the perennial favorites of the bottom-uppers during the holiday season is egg-nog, which was contrived an unknown but goodly number of years ago. Whenever it was, it is safe to say there were no qualms then about throwing in plenty of eggs, along with whatever else went into the drink, because of a high price tag on hen

Eggs nowadays are something like 75 cents a dozen, probably not so high it will deter connoisseurs of fine eggnogs from partaking of their favorite Yuletide beverage. But think of the plight of the citizens of Silver City, Idaho, in the year 1875. The Dec. 7 issue of the Daily Avalanche of that year brought this message to its readers:

Costly Eggs, No Drink

"The price of an egg in this market now is 121/2 cents, which high tariff prevents many from enjoying that old-fashioned holiday beverage, eggnog."

The newspaper was aware of the effects of inflationary prices in keeping an old tradition restricted to the well-to-do or the chicken ranchers of the area. It had this to say about the dilemma and the hens' failure to live up to stand-

"In view of the scarcity of eggs and the great deprivation undergone by many in consequence, it is of interest to know what will make hens lay more and get them down to their business.

Make 'Em Lay

The author of the article was apparently no greenhorn about leghorns though. He presented a possible solution to the "fowled-up" situation which was no doubt taken as something more than just a "poultry" suggestion:

"A thick mush made of ground Indian meal, hot water and a large seed pepper fed to the hens will do the work. It must be cooked an hour or more and it is well enough to stir in a little horseradish. It is said that this will ensure a bountiful supply of eggs.'

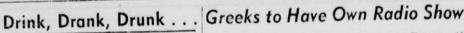
Our writer also realized what hardships the principals of the plot would be subject to, for he concluded:

"It compels to lay even if not an

agreeable task."

Times have not changed much. Nowadays we have people like Dorothy Dix and Mr. Fixit who get paid for their advice on how to deal with obstinate chicks.

New hybrid strains of guayule, the rubber-yielding shrub that grows wild in our dry southwest, produce 25 to 40% more rubber than the best wild varieties available a decade ago.



beginning winter term.

The hour long show will consist mainly of the playing of records. However, each week one of the campus sororities or fraternities will be featured with a representative as guest speaker.

footsteps of the University of Washington, Washington State col- Joe Kimsey said the girl is only legs, and Willamette university by inaugurating this program. Phil | illegal liquor to customers.

Sororities and fraternities on Boron, the promoter of the ide the Oregon campus will take part of having such programs, believe in a radio program over KORE that the idea will soon sweep into the California schools.

Young But Enterprising

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -(U.P) Pe lice say the latest addition to the botolegging fleet in this dry cit Oregon will be following in the is a pretty young girl who deliver whiskey on a motorscooter. Chie one of many teen-agers who take



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