

Chester Womer, who is attending Willamette University, is at the parental home in Estacada for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Womer of Corvallis, spent Christmas at the E. S. Womer home in Estacada, where a family reunion was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Idleman of Portland and Mrs. M. E. Williams of Bull Run, were Christmas guests at the home of U. S. Morgan on Estacada Heights.

L. E. Thomas of Grass Valley, California is spending the holidays at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. W. Devore of Estacada.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Morgan of Wasco spent Christmas at the homes of their parents Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Woodle of Estacada.

Miss Rachel Reed of Estacada, was the hostess at an informal dancing party, given at her home Wednesday evening.

Viola Breezes

Contributed

At a family Christmas reunion at the Thos Eaden home, there were present 28 people, being children, grand-children and parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lunceford and children of Castle Rock, Wash. are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos Eaden.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton is suffering from a badly scalded leg, the result of an accident.

A Christmas family dinner was held at the Jas. Sevier home, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicinbotham and daughter of River Mill spending a few days there and at the Hughes' home.

A well filled barn, belonging to Mr. Creason was burned to the ground this week and for a time it was feared the nearby mill would go.

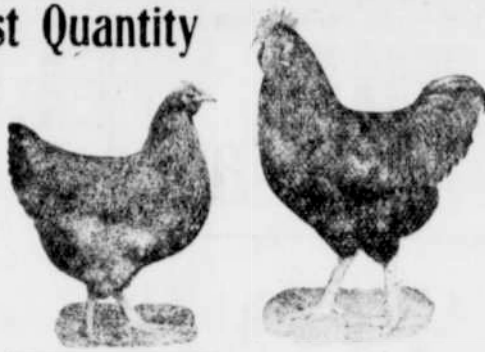
Mrs. Harvey Mattoon is now in a hospital at Oregon City, and her many friends hope to hear of her early recovery.

That Held Him.

He—I shall not marry a woman unless she is my exact opposite. She—You will never find so perfect a being as that.—Life.

The true art of memory is the art of attention.—Johnson.

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Eggs Sterilized by Gas.

A method of preserving eggs which is said to keep them absolutely fresh for an indefinite length of time is in use in France. New laid eggs in tin cases holding 1000 each are placed in an autoclave, from which the air is exhausted until all the gas within the shells has been drawn out. Then carbonic acid gas and nitrogen are introduced from tanks of these gases in liquid form, and the tins containing the eggs are sealed with solder. Any germs of decay are killed by these gases, and it is said that the flavor of the eggs is in no way affected.

His Day Off.

"Who is that gentleman listening with such keen delight to a ragtime selection by the band?"

"That's Mr. Duffersby. His wife and daughters are very musical. If they were present they would clap their hands to their ears and pretend to be suffering."—Spokane Review.

Canals of Venice.

The canals of Venice are a part of the Adriatic sea. The city is built on 118 small islands or shoals in the gulf of Venice. These islets are connected by several hundred bridges, and the direction of the canals, of which there are nearly 200, are so formed as to constitute the "highways." Thus it is due to the situation of this city and not to special intention of man that it has canals instead of paved streets.

The Land of the Kurds.

Kurdistan appeals to the archaeologist. It was ruled successively by the Persians, Macedonians, Parthians, Sassanians and Romans and is exceedingly rich in antiquarian remains, most of which are still unexamined. The Kurds are a wild, pastoral, partly nomadic people, are mostly Mohammedans and are very hostile to Christians, their cruel massacre of the Armenians being only too well known. Kurdistan belongs to both the Turkish and the Persian monarchies, though chiefly to the former.—London Chronicle.

Government to Increase Range Fees

The Estacada Cattle Growers' Assn. made up largely of residents of the Garfield section, held a meeting recently at the home of the president, A. W. Botkin.

The main subject of the discussion was the proposed increase by the government of the rates for pasturing and grazing on public lands. Today, the rate is 35c per season for each head of cattle the government planning to increase the rate to 46c during 1917 56c during 1918 and 66c during 1919, claiming that the latter price will be about two-thirds the rate charged by private owners for similar facilities.

At a meeting to be held soon, an invitation will be extended to National Forest Supervisor, T. H. Sherrard of Portland to be present, when the matter of rates will be further argued.

His Suspicion Confirmed.

How interesting the financial columns in the morning papers can be to the traveled reader! For instance here's a market report that says "butter was strong." This confirms an impression formed at a boarding house recently.—London Ideas.

Feminine Intuition.

"I thought you were going to send that hat back, Maude. What induced you to keep it?"

"Every girl I know was careful to tell me, as soon as she saw it on me, how unbecoming it was."—Baltimore American.

On the Line.

"You say you have spent hours over a single line?"

"Yes; and sometimes days."

"Then you're a poet?"

"No; I'm an angler."

HIS SMUGGLING TRICK.

A Mexican Trader's Way of Evading the Customs Inspectors.

There are ways of evading duty down on the Rio Grande impossible to the port of New York. The Mexican found a way. He was a merchant just on the other side of the Mexican border. He had two vases which had caught the fancy of an American customer, but they were dear, and with the duty added—not to be thought of. The customer told the Mexican so. The Mexican fell \$5. But the price was still too dear. The Mexican fell again. But still there was the duty staring the customer in the face. Then suddenly, without explaining how, the Mexican guaranteed that the vases should be delivered free of duty on the other side of the Rio Grande—next morning at breakfast time.

"And," the Mexican said in a characteristic manner, "I will be there to collect."

At breakfast next morning, as the customer was eating leisurely, the Mexican appeared.

"Where are the vases?" the customer inquired.

"In the next room, señor," replied the Mexican, smiling blandly.

"And the duty?"

"There is no duty, señor."

"How in thunder did you manage it?" asked the American, amazed.

"I paid a greaser a dollar, señor. With the vases strapped to his back, he swam the Rio Grande. See, señor"—hurrying to bring in a vase from the next room and touching it gently with his fingers—"they are whole, perfect."—New York Post.