# OLD GRAY MARE BAND FOR A. L.

SAN FRANCISCO (Oct. 15) (AP)—The American Legion national commander's special train from Texas came here Sunday, bringing with it the famous "Old Gray Mare Band," the old gray mare herself and Miss Ruby Latham, the sponsor and mascot of the band. The band will take a prominent part in the fifth annual convention of the American Legion which will be held here October 15-19.

The Texas special left Houston yesterday, carrying the south and east Texas contingent, and is picking up en route the delegates at the concentration points of Milano, Temple, Brownwood, Sweetwater and El Paso besides at Fort Worth. Approximately 700 Legionnaires are in the party.

The "Old Gray Mare Band" numbers fifty-one pieces, with the highest percent of the musicians comprising business and professional men of Brownwood, Texas. Much that is essentially Texas is wrapped up in this band. Its existence dates back to the professor of the 112nd Infantry was a part of the regiment of the Twenty-sixth division which suffered heavy casualties when the division relieved the Second in the Champagne sector of the Meuse-Argonne. The "Old Gray Mare" selected is handed down as a heirloom from this illustrious forebear, which made the "mule famous throughout the various battle fronts of France. The French troops hearing the raucous cry of the "Old Gray Mare" thought it was a national anthem.

## Agricultural Program For Oregon Ready Soon

To assist in bringing about conditions that will make it possible for the Oregon farmer to realize from his labor and investment returns that are commensurate with those received in other lines of endeavor, the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college has made a detailed study of agriculture in this state and will soon publish the information in bulletin form under the title "An Agricultural Program for Oregon."

This study points out what crop, livestock and fruit products are being grown, where and in what quantities, and how the production harmonizes with consumption demands. Account is taken of both the ability to produce and the possibility of profitably marketing the product.

It is shown that the population of the state has grown from 13,000 in 1850 to 783,000 in 1920 and that the value of farm property has increased from 5 million dollars to 818 million in the same period. Nevertheless, only 8.2 per cent of the state's 61,158,480 acres are listed in the U. S. census for 1919 as "improved land."

A definite program for agricultural development is suggested as a guide for all agencies interested in improving farm conditions in Oregon.

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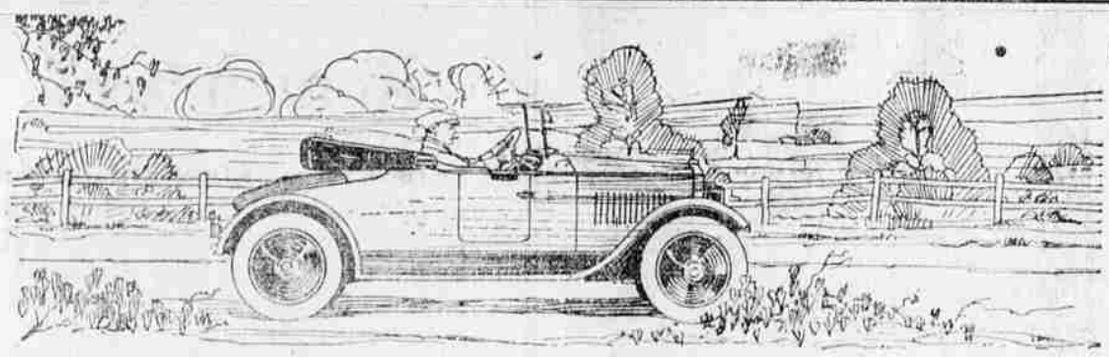

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