

THE ARMY MULE IN EUROPE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The American army mule need have no fear for his laurels because of the great part gasoline motors have played in transportation problems of European armies in the present war. Until American roads generally are brought up to the high standard of the roads of Germany, Belgium, France and other European countries, the army mule will determine through his capacity for hauling, the limitation of operations for American military forces.

Only one branch of the American army is giving serious attention to motor traction. In the quartermaster's department experiments are being made, particularly along the Texas border, with handling supplies in motor trucks. Motor trucks are in general use, of course, about army posts and wherever good roads are available; but when maneuvers take the columns into the field and the sandy or muddy country roads, where mere wheel tracks across the country are the only highways, the six-mule team is master of the transportation situation.

A few years ago it was determined to experiment with motor transportation as a means to increase the radius of field artillery. The most available subject for this purpose was the battery wagon, carrying the forges for gun repairs and horseshoeing and also for saddler's equipment. One such wagon accompanies every battery of artillery in the field. It trails along in the rear of the column and does not go into action. Thus its activities are largely confined to roads, although the battery itself must go cross lots by field and stream to take positions against an approaching hostile force.

General Crozier, chief of the army ordnance bureau, designed a motor battery wagon which was tried out in maneuvers. It proved a flat failure, for it was so heavy that it broke through bridges, sunk to the hubs in soft roads and generally hampered the battery to which it was attached. The experiment was abandoned and

the ordnance bureau is now content to await the results of the experiments of the quartermaster's department in self propelled army transportation units. Mules and horses are good enough for American artillerymen as yet.

In connection with the newest heavy siege pieces designed for the American army, it was proposed recently to experiment with European gasoline traction engines. Arrangements were under way for the importation of one of these at the time the European war broke out. Now every engine of that character has been turned to actual use abroad and instead of importing automobiles or motor trucks, the United States is shipping them abroad for the use of armies there.

In many ways, army officers believe, the present war will have little effect on the development of American military transportation equipment. The armies of Germany, France, and to some extent England, are equipped to fight in the highly developed territory which is the present theater of war. Transfer them to the United States and the greater part of their motor equipment and much of their heavy artillery would be found almost useless, it is said. They would have to be re-equipped with horse and mule transportation. The difficulties encountered by German troops who crossed the Russian border, officers say, were those of transportation. Poor roads made it impossible for them to move guns and supplies as their tactical training directed. Several big guns were lost without having fired a shot, it is reported, because they could not be withdrawn swiftly.

The United States army employs motorcycles to some extent for orderlies carrying messages. Even this is limited by road conditions, however, and while suggestions for a motorcycle corps have been made, serious attention has not been given to the subject as yet. A cavalry horse still answers the purposes of the army better than any other means of communication by orderlies.

A Daring Rider Comes to Grief, But Pluckily Resumes Her Work



FLORENCE CRAWFORD'S "TERRIFIC FALL" in "THE HIDDEN MESSAGE," new Reliance-Mutual photoplay

In a vivid story whose scenes are laid along the Mexican border Florence Crawford plays the role of May, a wealthy rancher's daughter. She is kidnapped by Mexican bandits, who write her father that unless a huge ransom is forthcoming she will be killed. May is forced to write this ransom begging letter. But she manages to slip a message over on them in very clever fashion and thus tells her father where she is being held.

That much is the basic story of "The Hidden Message." But there occurred one scene in the staging of this Reliance-Mutual photo drama that wasn't according to Hoyle. The script called for May's capture by the bandits when she leaned over a water pool to get a drink, her horse's reins through her arm.

While she was galloping at full speed across the prairie, coming into camera action, the horse's rear fore leg landed on some soft shale that protected a gully. Instantly the shale gave way and precipitated both rider and animal into the gully. The camera posted near by got the terrific fall.

Miss Crawford and her horse were stunned for a long time, but the plucky girl, after recovering her senses, insisted on going through the scene as it was originally planned. And now the director is wondering whether to use the scene that was written or the scene that occurred, having Miss Crawford's capture effected while she is unconscious.

Who Said War Prices?

We are not guilty; as the following will testify:

Tomatoes—Standard Pack, No. 2 1-2 tins New Stock Guaranteed, per case of two dozen cans..... \$2.00

Can you beat this price?

Coffee, a good blend, at 20 cents per pound.

Have you tried our eggs at 40 cents per dozen. If not, you are missing a good thing and not willing to save money.

During the next week we will sell M. J. B. Coffee, the kind that you have always paid 40c to 45c a pound for, our price 30c per pound in five pound cans.

We can always save you money if you trade with us.

Coos Bay Tea, Coffee & Spice House
PHONE 394-J.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

E. Lothard McClure
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Practices in all courts.
Room 12, Flanagan & Bennett Bank

H. H. Harper
HOUSE BUILDER
General Repairing and Cabinet Making.
Phone 249-J.

I. M. Wright
BUILDING CONTRACTOR
Estimates furnished on request
Phone 188-R.

Dr. H. M. Shaw
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
GLASSES FITTED
DR. MARTIN B. SHAW
Diseases of Women and Children
Office Phone 330-J, Rooms 290, 291, 292, Irving Block.

Benjamin Ostlund
CONSULTING ENGINEER AND ARCHITECT
Office, 206 Irving Block
Phone 103-J or 267-J.
Marshfield, Oregon

W. G. Chandler
ARCHITECT
Rooms 301 and 302, Coke Building
Marshfield, Oregon

Wm. S. Turpen
ARCHITECT
Marshfield, Oregon.

Mrs. Olivia Edman, M. T. D.
SWEDISH MASSAGE AND MEDICAL GYMNASTICS
FOR ALL DISEASES
337 Commercial ave. Phone 242-J

HAVE THAT ROOF FIXED NOW
See **CORTHELL**
Phone 3171.

HOTEL DOTSON
C. A. Hanson, Proprietor
Now open under new management
A home place with home cooking served in family style. Board and room, \$6.50 per week 315

SAVE MONEY
by ordering the famous
HENRYVILLE COAL
Nut coal, per ton \$4.00
Lump Coal, per ton \$6.00
Or, half ton of both \$5.00
D. MUSSON, Prop.
Phone 18-J, or leave orders at Hillier's Cigar Store.

PARISIAN CLEANING AND DYEING WORKS
200 West Market Ave., corner Second Street.
Under new management. Prices low, and all work satisfactory. Ladies' work a specialty.
Phone 176-J.
J. S. STEVENS, Prop.

ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL
(Formerly the Coos Hotel)
Steam heat, hot and cold water. No liquor.
We invite you to investigate our winter rates. Special inducement when two or more persons occupy same room.

CHIMNEYS FIRE PLACES
J. N. BAYLISS
Any Kind of Brick Work at Prices That Are Right
And all Work Guaranteed
Call at "The Fireside," Johnson Bldg., 137 Second St. Phone 434-J.
French Ranges. Boiler Work

LET US MAKE YOUR ABSTRACTS

Title & Trust Co., Abstracts, thoroughly dependable. Immediate service, prompt attention to all interests of our clients.
MINIMUM COST

I. S. KAUFMAN & CO.

MATT L. MAY
Western Oregon Representative of
HAAS BROTHERS
Importers and Wholesale Grocers
Marshfield, Oregon
Tel. 304-R. Res. Myrtle Arms

CLAMS, CRABS, FISH AND OYSTERS
If you are particular about the shell fish you eat, get acquainted with us.
COOS BAY OYSTER CO.
at Palace Meat Mkt., Broadway

KOONTZ GARAGE
Excellor Motorcycle Agency
LEE TIRES
AUTOMOBILES STORED
COOS COUNTY'S MOST COMPLETE MACHINE SHOP
MARINE AND AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING
GASOLINE FOR SALE
NORTH FRONT ST. PHONE 180-J
BATTERIES REPAIRED AND CHARGED

PASSENGERS FREIGHT STORAGE

ARROW LINE STEAMERS

SAIL FROM
San Francisco Pier No. 22, Every Wednesday 3 P. M.
Coos Bay Every Friday To Portland And Tuesday To San Francisco
Portland Albers Dock No. 3 Every Saturday 9 A. M.
THOMAS B. JAMES, Agent
Ocean Dock Marshfield.
Phone 278.

INTER-OCEAN TRANSPORTATION CO.

Semi-weekly service Coos Bay and San Francisco.
STEAMSHIP REDONDO
SAILS FROM MARSHFIELD FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN PEDRO SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 10 A. M.
Equipped with wireless and submarine bell.
Passengers and freight.

STEAMSHIP NANN SMITH

Equipped with wireless and submarine bell.
Passengers and freight.
SAILS FROM SAN FRANCISCO FOR COOS BAY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 3 P. M.
San Francisco office, Greenwich street pier No. 23 and 600 Fife building.
Coos Bay Agent, C. F. McGEORGE, Phone 44.

Steamship Breakwater

EQUIPPED WITH WIRELESS.
ALWAYS ON TIME.
SAILS FROM RAILROAD DOCK, MARSHFIELD, DECEMBER 5TH AT 10 A. M.
TICKETS ON SALE AT PORTLAND CITY TICKET OFFICE, 6TH AND OAK STREETS, PORTLAND.
Phone 35-J. C. B. LANDERS, Agent

TO BEAT THE BUILDING GAME

has been a hobby with us for a good many years and a lot of our customers will tell you when it comes to getting good, sound, durable framing material at the right price we know our business. Just tell what you want to build and the amount you want to spend and we'll get busy with our pencil and figure out the best your money can buy. Try us.

C. A. Smith Lumber & Mfg. Co.
RETAIL DEPARTMENT
CUT THE FUEL BILL 1 TWO BY USING OUR WOOD
PHONE 190 182 SOUTH BROADWAY

COOS BAY AND EUREKA STEAMSHIP LINE

STEAMER HARDY
SAILS FROM SAN FRANCISCO EVERY TEN DAYS
SAN FRANCISCO DOCK UNION STREET NO. 2, PIER 19.
E. J. LINDEN, Frt. Agent. Telephone Doug. 2970.

To Portland every Thursday | **To Eureka every Monday**

THE FAST AND COMFORTABLE
S S. Geo. W. Elder
NEWLY EQUIPPED

NORTH PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
C. F. McGEORGE AGENT W. H. PAINTER
Phone 44, Marshfield Phone 421, North Bend

Coos Bay Farmers Exchange

J. M. CULLEY, Manager.
NOW OPEN AND READY FOR BUSINESS.
We carry a complete line of STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES, PRODUCE, FEED, HAY AND GRAIN.
Make delivery to any part of Marshfield.
All we ask is a trial order to convince you that we are here to treat you right.
Come in and see us or phone your orders to Phone 370. Waterfront, foot of Central avenue.

Abstracts

FOR RELIABLE ABSTRACTS OF TITLE AND INFORMATION ABOUT
COOS BAY REAL ESTATE, See TITLE GUARANTEE & ABSTRACT CO., Inc.
MARSHFIELD AND COQUILLE CITY, OREGON
GENERAL AGENTS, EASTSIDE AND SENGSTACKEN'S ADDITION
AGENTS FOR CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILROAD LANDS
HENRY SENGSTACKEN, MANAGER

Times Want Ads Bring Results

We Can Help You

The service of this Bank will help you. We are always pleased when we can render any service in connection with the handling of money or the transaction of any financial business. We serve deposits in any amount, either checking or interest bearing, and assure absolute safety for all funds entrusted to our care.

UNDER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COOS BAY
Society Deposit Boxes For Rent.

FLANAGAN & BENNETT BANK
OLDEST BANK IN COOS COUNTY
Established 1880.
Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits \$115,000
Interest Paid on Time Deposits
Officers:
J. W. Bennett, President.
J. H. Flanagan, Vice-President.
R. F. Williams, Cashier.
Geo. F. Winchester, Asst. Cashier.

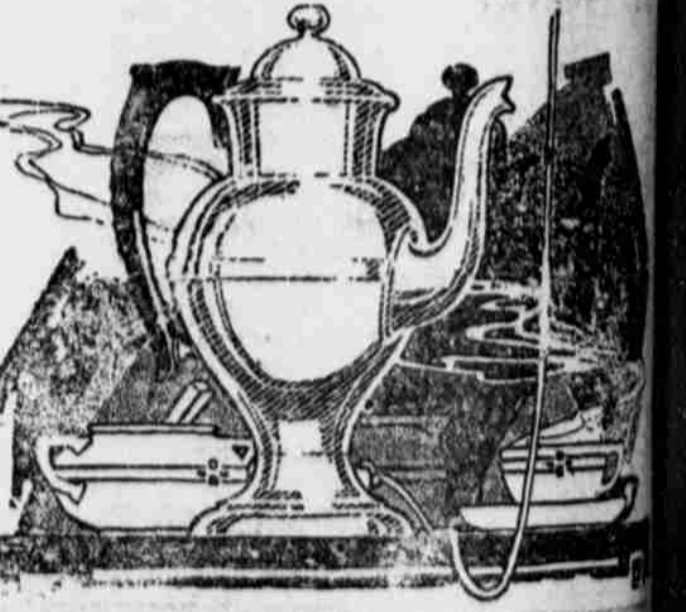
A Telephone For Xmas

What will a housewife appreciate more as a Christmas gift than a telephone? She and all the family will be truly thankful for every day in the year. Ask local office for rates to you.

DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY.
COOS AND CURRY TELEPHONE CO.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

Electric Coffee Percolators For Christmas Gifts

Specially Price \$5.00



The Lowest Prices ever made on electrical goods for Christmas have been achieved this year by the cooperative effort of electrical supply dealers, merchants, manufacturers and our company.

SHOP NOW
BUY ELECTRICAL GIFTS
INEXPENSIVE CHARMING PRACTICAL

Electrical presents are the kind to buy when you want to make your money go farthest and tender a remembrance which will yield the utmost in pleasure and utility.
See Complete Lines at—

C. A. Langworthy
Marshfield Electric Cont. Co.
Oregon Power Company

DRY WOOD
—AT—
CAMPBELL'S WOODYARD
North Front Street,
Phone 379.
For Best Results in PAINTING, PAPERING, DECORATING
E. F. LE MEUX
Wall Paper and Paint
303 No. Front St. phone 379