

CRUELTY OF MAN TO NOBLEST OF BEASTS

From the Grange Bulletin To the Bulletin:

Since the beginning of the war in Europe the United States has furnished the armies over 500,000 horses and mules for services in the field. According to estimates credited to the Department of Agriculture officials, the sum paid for these animals exceeds \$100,000,000. If it be remembered that the life of a horse or a mule at the front does not exceed three to ten days, the appalling significance of these figures, the glut of greedy cruelty expressed by them cries aloud.

Imagine the bewilderment and terror and suffering of these animals, next to the dog man's closest friend and servant, on the bloody fields of battle. Picture them, taken away from the farms where they were useful and happy and might continue to be happy, to suffer terribly in those shrapnel-swept lands, screaming in their agony, and all for the sake of the few dollars in it.

When "Black Beauty" reigned a generation ago this country wept at equine suffering. In those days a docked tail became a badge of shame. The societies with a long name organized a great relief work, school children wore badges and made the life of teamsters a day long penance. Elderly ladies prowled the streets, peering for evidences of inhumanity.

Why are these voices stilled now? When daily from our ports ships carrying hundreds of horses beginning what is for their loads of living freight truly and inevitably a voyage of death? Is it possible that these thousands of dollars do really make a difference in our outlook? And can we ever remain blind, not only to the shameless hypocrisy of our attitude but to the wicked cruelty we sanction by our silence.

It is conservatively estimated that in the first sixteen months of the war more than two million horses were killed! The problem of making good these losses is a very serious one. The United States is the greatest horse and mule country in the world. In June 1914 we shipped \$200,000 worth of horses and mules to Europe. For the month of June 1915 we shipped to Europe \$10,636,000 worth, an increase over fifty times. Prices also

jumped 10 per cent in the year. How long will the horse supply last if we export 50,000 horses a month and 40,000 of them are killed within a few days? There is a limit to our surplus stock. Belgians seek the child's horse. Cruel as this seems, the touch of downright brutality is lent by Belgium, which is purchasing little shetland ponies to replace the dogs killed while dragging their machine guns and small cannon.

Handling the huge croves on their long journey to the battle fields and speedy death, is frequently marked by neglect, abuse, and cruelty. J. D. Deriman, an attorney of New York, acting for the Anti-Vivisection society, lodged a complaint with the commerce commission against the manner in which horses are shipped. "The handling of horses under the present method results in great cruelty," he said. "We have made a thorough investigation of the matter and found conditions bad enough to warrant immediate action on the part of the Federal authorities." The horses are packed into freight cars without breathing space, and are kept in these quarters from 7 to 12 days. Transhipped to steamers at the Atlantic port from which they are to be shipped they are practically wedged in; many of them die on the voyage, but the loss is over looked.

No action has been taken by the Federal government. An inspector from the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals gives the whole business an atmosphere of sardonic jest by lounging about the dock while the horses are being shipped and giving his languid approval of whatever little he may see. It nearly has become a proverb, though, that these worthies see not red, but a softer tint, aesthetically as "long green."

The conditions aboard a cattle ship are better imagined than described. To herd thousands of creatures to certain death, to know this and have to do it, does not lead to the development of finer feelings, and the hostlers on these death ships are particularly an uncouth, reckless lot. They number from fifty to seventy-five on each vessel, and are dreaded by officers and crew. In order to protect themselves the latter carry a full equipment of loaded magazine rifles. The captain of one of the largest ships trading with St. Naryrie was quoted recently as saying that the only thing

that kept order on these ships was the certain knowledge that these rifles would be used. And in St. Naryrie itself, the population is kept in a condition of terrorization by these hostlers.

Even in this country these war horses have caused riot and death. Frightened and exhausted by long trips in close packed cars, when they reach their corrals they become wild and unmanageable. In Alton, Ill., for instance, 5000 horses became frightened and stampeded and over ran three towns, ruined crops and property and imperilled passengers on railroad trains. In Jersey City a thousand, frightened by a thunder storm, broke from their quarters and fled madly. Many leaped into the harbor and drowned. Their floating bodies dotted the harbor for days. Poor beasts, they died at least painlessly. Other instances of similar happenings have been reported from Philadelphia, Boston, Newport News, and various other places.

American horse famine imminent, the economic injury to this country is approaching a point where action must be taken to stop it for our own sake. A dispatch from Atlantic, Ga., says: "It is estimated that in farming sections in Georgia the number of farm animals has been reduced almost ten per cent, as a result of war orders. This will be reflected on a reduction of crop acreage."

Canada has stopped the exportation of horses. C. J. Fitzgerald of London, Ontario, president for many years of the Brighton Beach Racing association, was quoted by the New York Times as stating that the United States is nearly stripped of good horses and confronts a serious situation. While Canada was almost denuded of horses, the evil had been stopped by prohibiting the sale of animals for war use.

"At the present time the U. S. is worse off than Canada," declared Mr. Fitzgerald, "because there is no let or hindrance to the sale of animals. Great Britain, France, and Italy have commissioners everywhere, and even they report a scarcity of proper horses throughout the whole country."

What end and purpose does this business serve? Our humanitarian sentiments are outraged; our own farmers are suffering from the lack of draft horses necessary for the tillage of their fields; Shetland ponies are

snatched from their little masters and mistresses. We have to pay for our own horses in our own markets prices ranging from 50 to 100 per cent advance. What end and purpose does this serve save to satisfy the money-grabbing instincts of our "neutral" dealers? In no other branch of all this hypocritical "war business," this peckniffling thing of being blood gull less, although we supply the instruments and tools of killing, because our own hand does not pull the trigger that lets human blood, is the repellent sordidness, the shameless money-lust that is the base and structure of it all so pellucidly revealed. No smug phrases can cover this trade. The man who sells horses to the allies knows that those horses are going to die frightfully and agonizing deaths within a few days of his banking the money he gets for them. There is no chance for an argument about it. There are the figures. And the callous viciousness of it has been so apparent that not one word has been uttered in its defense. The suffering endured by these dumb beasts can't be exaggerated. The vast majority are draft horses. They are hurried from the ship into service. They are driven fifty, sixty, and a hundred miles a day; hundreds die from exhaustion. The work is terrific; it is a fact that thousands of green horses have died from sheer fright. The roads and fields are pitfalls, a broken leg and a horse is done for, and his mate will frequently go down with him. What is the fate of this animal? Who can stop in the rush of battle and help him to his feet? In their pain and torturing agony they are left to perish.

But if the horse could speak for himself, what an arraignment he would utter against those who have taken him from his native fields and his familiar companions to further the science of slaying unoffending men on the other side of the world! How much longer is our national honor to be besmirched, our national conscience to be stultified by bloating phrases about a mythical fairness to all. We cannot beat about the horse trade.

Paper by a member, read at Highland Grange during the Lecturer's hour.

EVA SCHRAMM, Lecturer.

Brotherhood and Chicken Pie Supper.

Dr. Parkinson recently from Boston, Mass., but now pastor of the M. E. church, Eugene,

will speak at Springfield Brotherhood Monday night, March 20. Members are urged to be present and all other men of the city are extended a hearty welcome. Brotherhood called at 6:30, banquet 7:00. Lecture by Dr. Parkinson to follow the banquet.

Marshfield—Macleay estate pays \$11,000 for Coquille River fisherman's co-operative cannery.

Pendleton—Umatilla County farmers planning to build elevator.

Baker—Boston capitalists lease and will operate Virtue Mine.

State saves \$2,500 a year by uniting two offices under one title of Fish and Game Warden.

Stayton—Surveyors running line from Salem to Mill City—extension Oregon Electric.

Hillsboro and St. Johns saw-mills have started up at full capacity.

Oregon City—Crown Williamette Paper Co., plans to build homes for those of its 850 employees who wish it.

SECOND COUNT IN PIANO CONTEST APRIL 4
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Others were nominated but as yet have received no votes. These young ladies should by no means be considered out of the running as all have been doing some work and will make the contest interesting for those who already have a good start.

Remember that many of the leading merchants are interested in this contest and are giving a 25-vot coupon with every dollar's purchase. Also those who don't fully understand the rules can call at this office, or write us and we will be pleased to go over the proposition with them.

Followig are the candidates.

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Silvia Strubin	27,475
Mrs. Delbert Bucknum	25,275
Hazel Redmond	10,250
Ruby Crabtree	8,975
Eva Titus	8,250
Mabel Duree	7,850
Chloe Woolley	7,000
Gertrude Williams	1,900
Grace Male	1,875
Lola Chase	1,075
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LOST—Silver Butterfly belt pin. Please return to News Office.

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