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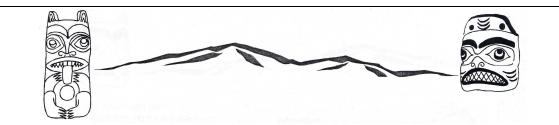
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Horse Drawn Vehicles



By J.F. Macdonald

From ancient times until the late 1910s, the horse or mule was the main mode of power for transporting people and goods from one place to another. The ancient Egyptian tombs show reliefs of horse-drawn chariots. Early settlers who moved to Oregon up until the 1920s would come in horse-drawn covered wagons. Moving all their belongings by train was too expensive and they would need their wagons and teams for homesteading.



This real photo postcard shows three young women out for a ride in a two-horse, four-seat surrey with a fringe on top. The average buggy could travel 15 to 20 miles per day at an average speed of six to seven miles per hour at a fast walk.

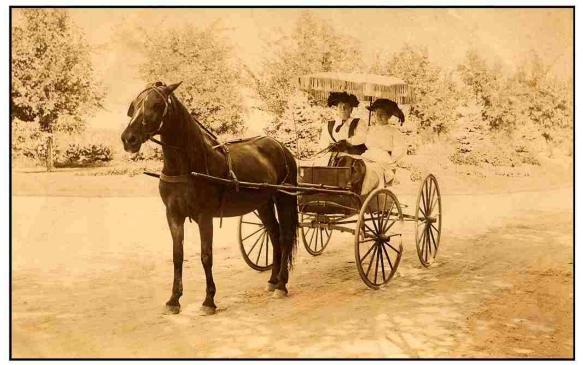


This real photo postcard has a foreign back, indicating a foreign-made card and it shows a group of army teamsters with their teams and wagons.

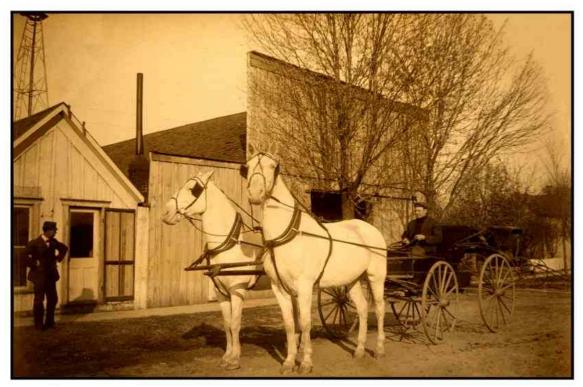
When the First World War broke out, the French and English sent agents to purchase all available horses. This caused the prices to double and triple which was especially great for the stock raisers in Eastern Oregon. However, after the war ended, the value of horses dropped. The demand for horses decreased further with the advent of the automobile and especially the truck. General Pershing estimated that for every soldier on the front lines, his army hired two people for support: hauling supplies, repairing roads and fulfilling other duties.



A six-mule team pulling two freight wagons loaded with bagged wheat is shown on this real photo postcard. The farmers in Eastern Oregon required a large number of horses and wagons for their wheat and wool businesses. Wagon teams hauled freight to steamboat landings and to the nearest railroads.



This real photo postcard shows two ladies with their large hats in a one-horse, two-seat buggy with a fringe on top.



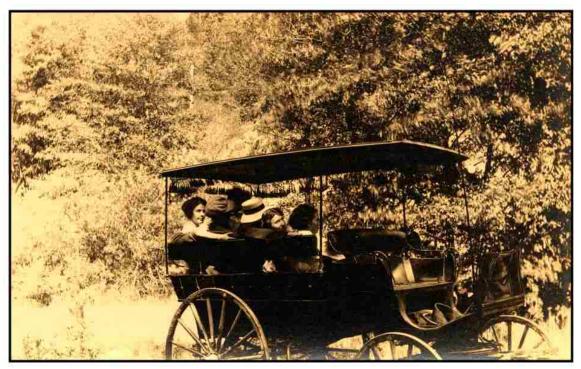
In this real photo postcard view, a man poses with a matching two-horse team in a twoperson buggy with the top down in front of a livery stable.

This rig was typical of the type of buggies that livery stables had on hand to rent to customers. Many town people used the services of the livery to get around. Keeping your own horse required a barn, feed, bedding, buggies, harness and the disposal of manure; and it was quite expensive. When the automobile first appeared, people thought it was the answer to the animal pollution problem. In the summer, the waste would dry out and it was scattered by the wind. In the winter, it would mix with the mud, getting on boots and long dresses.

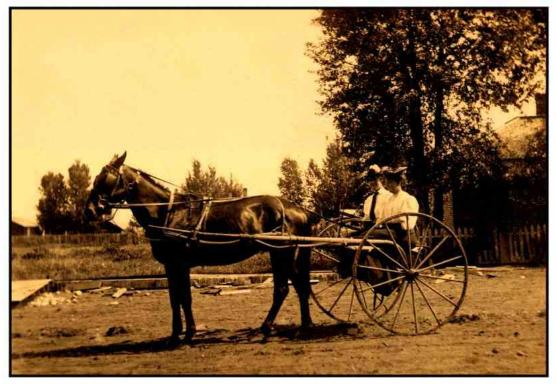


This early advertising card for Schuttler Wagons made by Schuttler and Hotz of Chicago, Illinois advertises the American Fat Stock Show of 1888.

The town of Shutler, Oregon in Gilliam County was named after this wagon which was used by numerous families on their way to Oregon. In addition to large wagon manufacturers, a sizable town had a wagon-maker or blacksmith capable of building and repairing wagons and buggies.



This real photo postcard shows an eight passenger buggy with two seats in front for the driver and a passenger, and six seats in back facing each other with an entry through the back.



This real photo postcard shows two ladies all dressed up in a one-horse sulky. It is unusual for ladies to use this type of vehicle; it was mostly used by gay blades or for racing.



This is a photo of a large 32-passenger Tally-Ho used in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1906. These large stages were used on graded or paved streets in developed towns and cities. A cover was not provided for the people on top, so most likely, it was not used in rain or snow.

This is the first in a series of articles I hope to write about horse drawn vehicles. I have just completed a book on Stagecoach and Stage Travel in Eastern Oregon from 1850 to 1920 and will have a similar book on Western Oregon Stagecoach and Stage Travel coming out in the spring of 2010.

— J.F. Macdonald, Webfooter #1156



We wish all of you a Happy New Year from The Webfooters. We have some exciting events coming up this spring and we look forward to seeing all of you over the coming months.

It was nice to see so many of you at our December meeting where we hosted guests Al & Judy Hall from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. We invited Al to help set up an of exhibit of Portland Transportation History at Palmer Wirf's Antique Show at The Expo in October of 2006 and they got to join us and get better acquainted at our December meeting. Al shared some ideas for fund raising with us in 2006 that have helped us to grow and flourish.

Nearly every dealer table was full at our December meeting and it was nice to have our new lightweight tables available for the large number of members in attendance at our potluck and for dealers. Thanks to so many of you who brought food for our annual indoor picnic. Thanks also to Jocelyn Howells for her donation of nice booklets of reproduction post cards, and thanks to Richard Getgen for his donation of postcards. Donations of postcards and ephemera to the Club are always appreciated.

Refreshments - Reimbursement of up to \$30 is available for those contributing this service. If you are providing refreshments don't forget to save your receipts for Arne. Ron and Chelsea Robertson will be bringing refreshments in January.

Our 4th Annual Antique Paper Auction is coming up **April 16, 2010 at The Grotto Conference Center** near 85th & Sandy Blvd. We need your high-quality postcards and ephemera for consignment. The deadline will be coming up soon. Meals will be \$20.00 with several selections available.

Our 30th Annual Antique Paper Show is coming up on **April 17-18, 2010**. As of press time, we have seven new dealers signed up that didn't sell at last year's show and we have a limited number of dealer tables left at \$65 each. (There is a rumor floating that Tiger Woods may make an appearance at the Show.)

The next board meeting will be held on January 13th, 2010 at Elmer's Restaurant at 10001 NE Sandy Boulevard at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Parypa, Secretary

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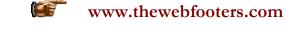


January 13 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer's Restaurant (no host) 10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

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