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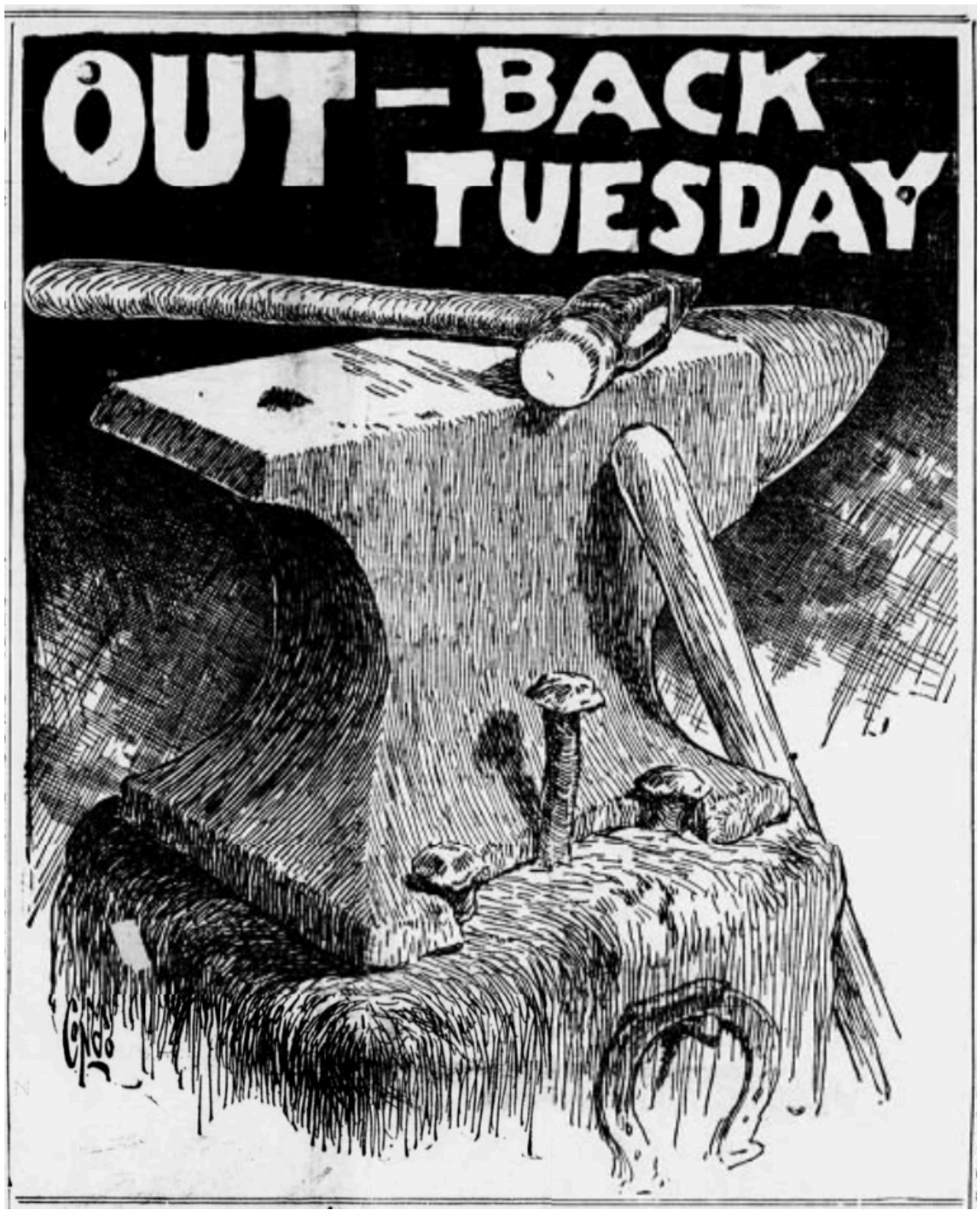


Interspecies Class Consciousness & Solidarity



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Interspecies Exploitation

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In the late 19th & early 20th centuries, Animal Welfare organizations staged Workhorse Parades to promote Animal Welfare for a city's draft animals.



The parades included evaluating the horses' physical conditions, the companies' stables, and the loads they were bearing.

Teamsters whose horses were in good condition were awarded medals.

Many also included mules & donkeys.

WHAT HUMANE WORKERS ARE DOING

The most notable local event of the month of May was the Work Horse Parade, May 30, the first parade of this sort ever given in America. The Work Horse Parade Association was started by Mr. R. A. Lawrence, who, having become interested in the Cart Horse Parade when in London, determined to try to interest owners of work horses in and about Boston in having a similar association. There were four hundred and fifty teams in





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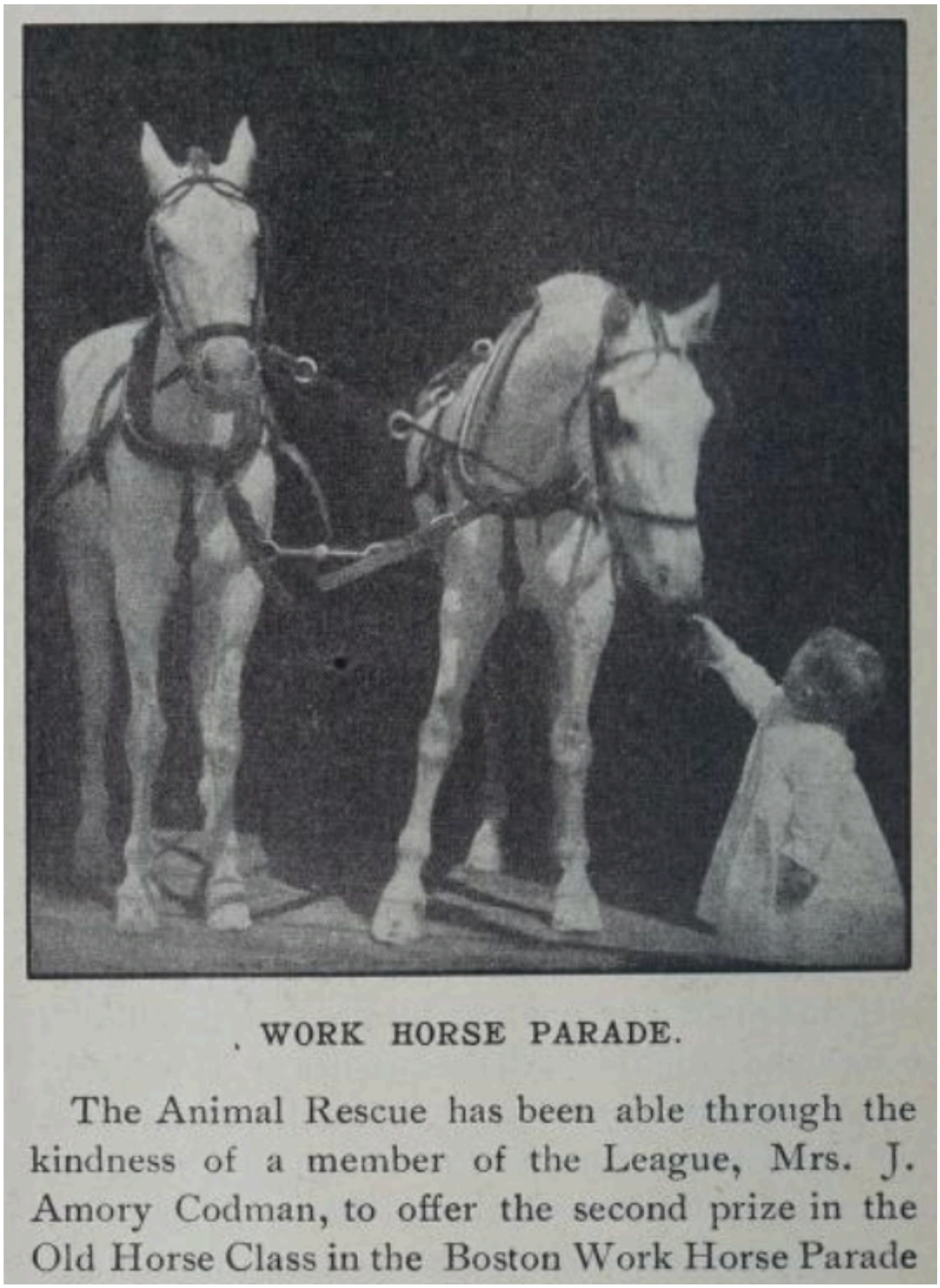
ALL lovers of horses should be greatly interested in the movement very recently started in several cities of this country by organizations known as Work Horse Parade Associations, which have been formed for the purpose of improving the condition of work horses. It is the object of the associations to induce owners and drivers of work horses to take more pride in the appearance of their animals, to foster their humane and intelligent treatment, and to arouse the interest of the public in the horses which they see daily at work in the city streets.

The associations endeavor to further these ends by means of annual parades, in which all work horses, except hack and cab horses, may be entered in competition for prizes. The horses are classified according to the business in which they are employed, prizes being awarded for good



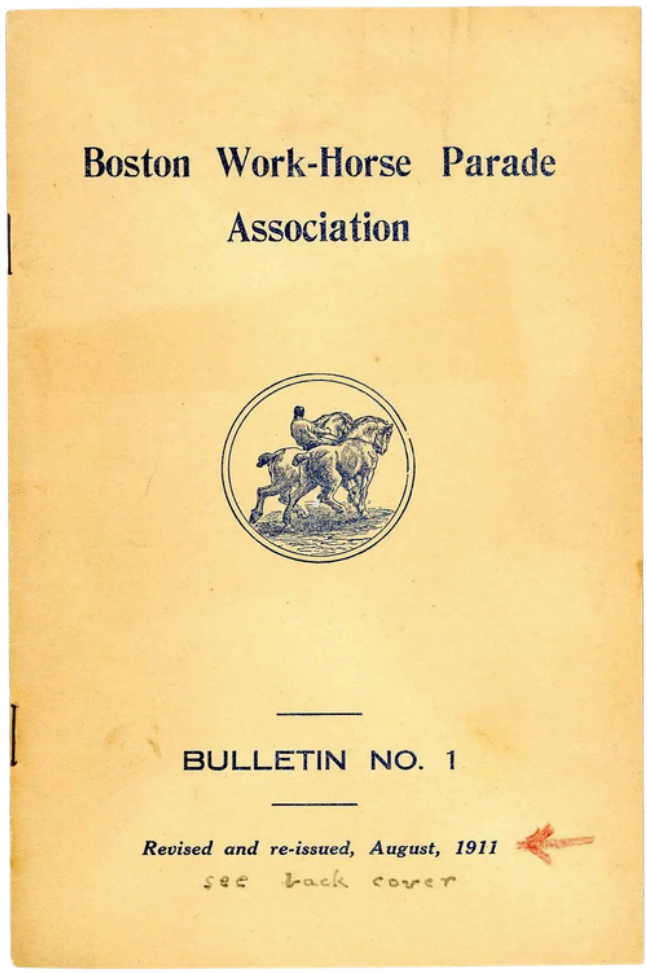






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The Animal Rescue has been able through the kindness of a member of the League, Mrs. J. Amory Codman, to offer the second prize in the Old Horse Class in the Boston Work Horse Parade

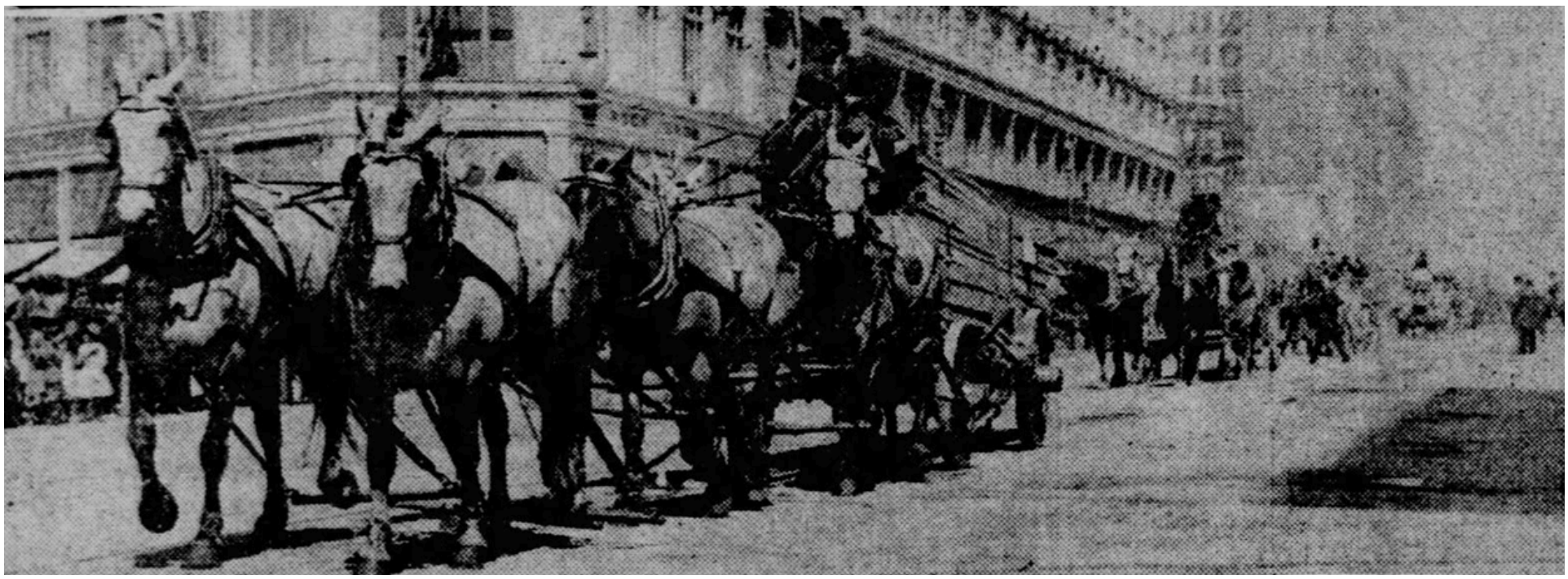


Boston Work-Horse Parade Association

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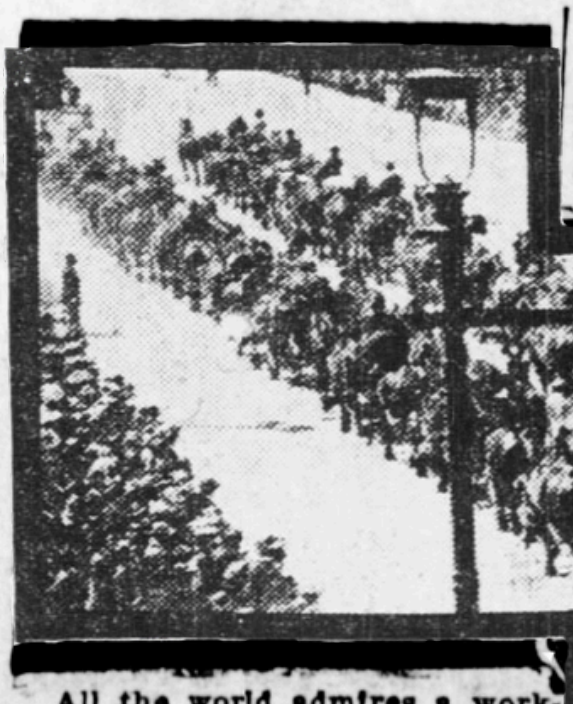
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San Francisco Labor Day Workhorse Parade
Sept 5 1909

NINETY-SIX IN ONE TEAM WHEN WORKHORSE HAD HIS DAY IN FRISCO



All the world admires a worker. To San Francisco, the city which for three years has been laboring ceaselessly to raise a new city from the ruins left by earthquake and fire, the worker, man or horse, is a hero. He represents the spirit of reconstruction.

On Labor Day, working men, marching 35,000 strong, were cheered and cheered again by crowds lining the streets. A little later the working horse had his day. Just as big crowds cheered just as lustily when the city's work horses, 2500 of them, the plodding big boned equine laborers, and the bright, busy animals that whisk the grocery and laundry wagon to the door had their own parade, the first of its kind in the history of the city, and said to be the largest in the United States.

The feature of the workhorse parade was the 96-horse team shown in the photograph. They were splendid fellows, those 96. If you think they didn't know what made the crowds cheer, you have another think coming, that's all. They were proud, and they showed it.

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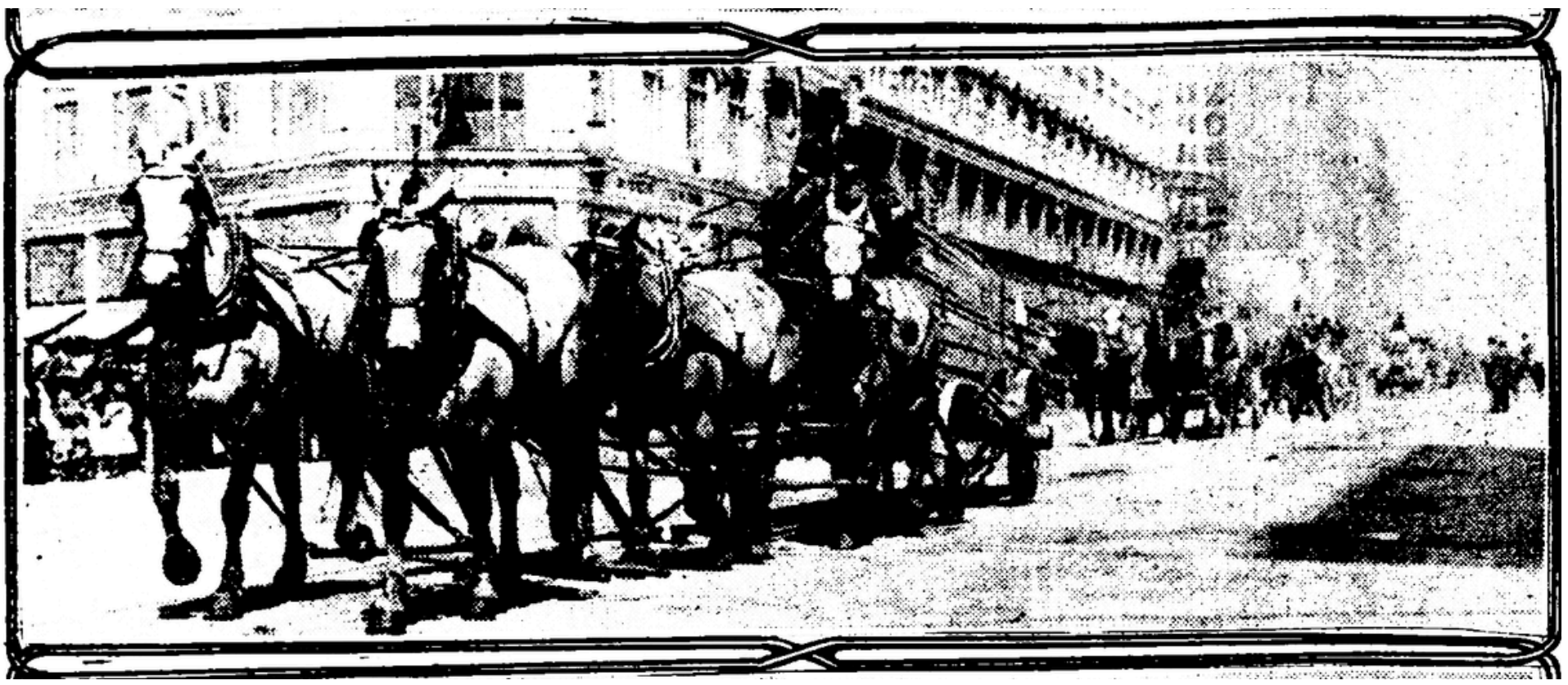
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Tacoma Labor Day Workhorse Parade
Sept 5 1910

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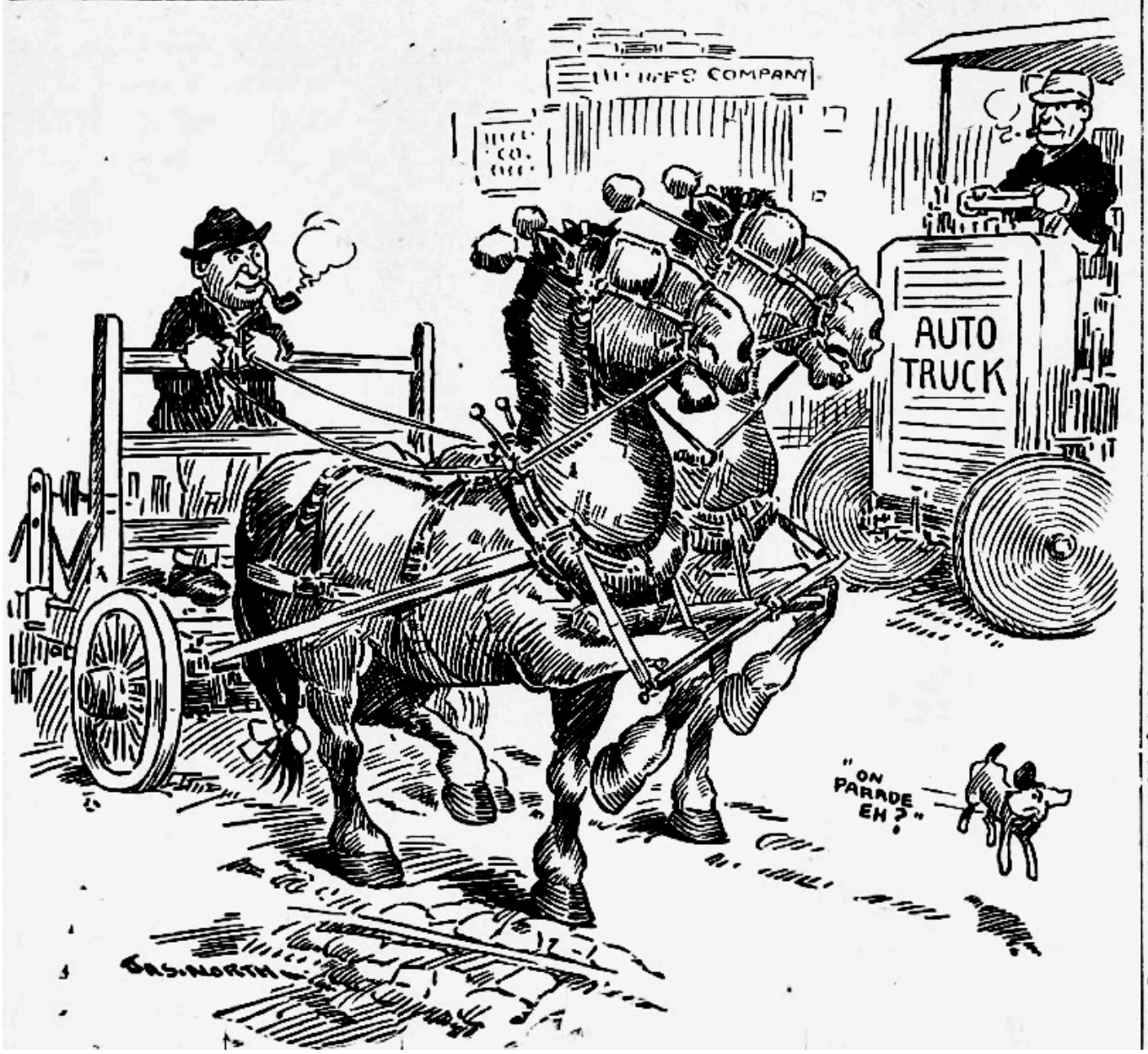
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LABOR UNIONS HOLD MONSTER PARADE TODAY

Women Will March With Men in Big Demonstration to Show Their Loyalty.

PICNIC AT SPANAWAY

An Attraction of Celebration Will Be the Second Meeting of Ashton and Poindexter on the Same Platform.

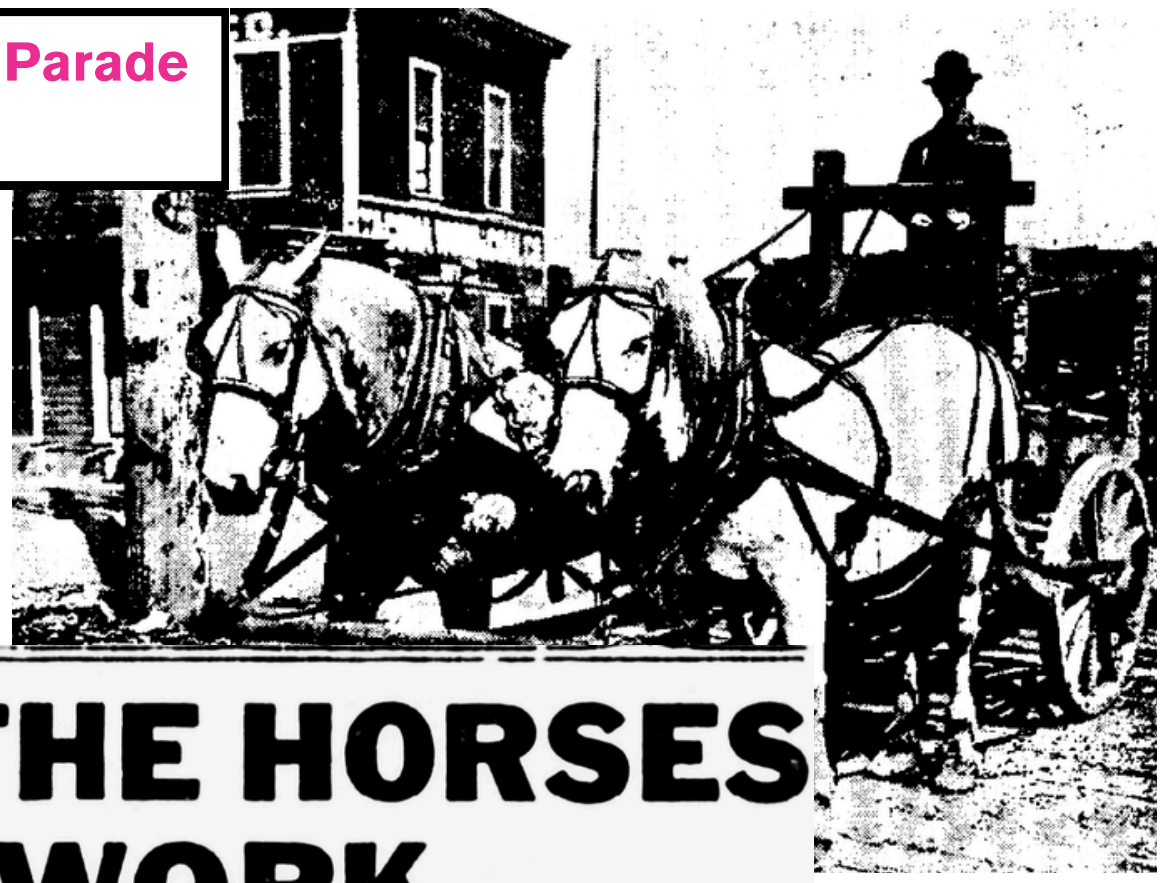
Prepared for the proper observance of the day by the inspiring sermons delivered yesterday from many of Tacoma's pulpits, where themes of labor were ably discussed, Labor day will be celebrated as never before in this city. All the unions represented in this city will take part in the monster parade which will move through the down town streets this morning, following which a picnic celebration will be held at Spanaway park.

The projectors of the celebration expect at least 3,000 men and women to take part in the opening event, the parade. All will march on foot since the women have declined offers of carriages and will display their loyalty to the men by marching with them. The parade will form at St. Helens avenue and C street at 9:30 a. m. and march south on C street to Jefferson avenue, where it will loop to Pacific avenue and march north on Pacific to 7th street, where cars will be taken for Spanaway.

Parade to Break Record.

It was common for reporters to joke about the parade horses asserting their importance in the face of the impending era of the automobile & truck.

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The greatest workhorse parade that ever took place on the coast is planned by the Tacoma humane society for Labor day in Tacoma. The society has sent aside $500 for expenses, and a manager will be employed to enlist the co-operation of every horse owner in the city. Classes will be arranged and fine prizes awarded for the best showing of well cared for workhorses brought out in the parade.

WORKHORSE PARADE IS 21 BLOCKS LONG

Tacoma Humane Society Affair Attracts 1,167 Entries, Divided Into 43 Classes

SUFFRAGISTS TO BE IN LABOR DAY PARADE

One of the big features of the Labor Day parade this year will be a demonstration by the Tacoma woman suffragists. A float typifying the "votes for women" movement will have a prominent place in the parade.

This week Dr. Luema Johnson sent letters to all the suffrage organizations urging them to take part in the Labor Day demonstration.

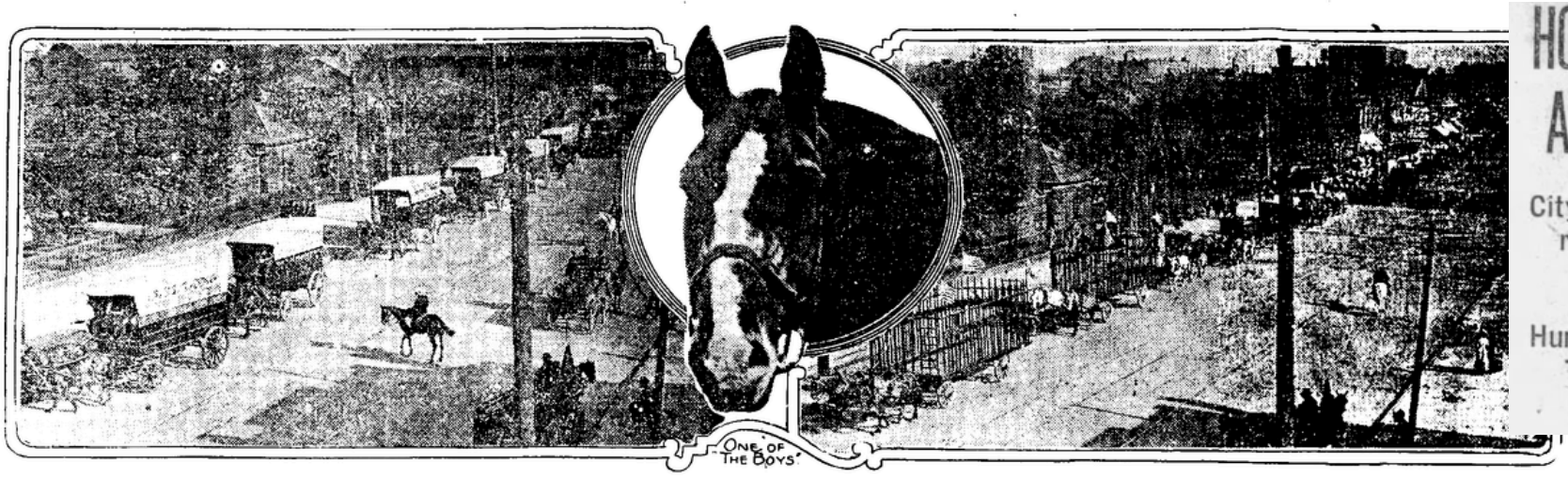
Washington women won the right to vote in November 1910



Cleveland Labor Day Workhorse Parades
1910 & 1911

1911. CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER

TWO SECTIONS OF THREE-MILE WORK HORSE PARADE—THE BIGGEST OF FOUR YEARLY PROCESSIONS



HORSE REIGNS KING AS THRONGS CHEER

City's Equine Workers Parade With Gay Wagons and Harnesses.

Hundreds of Animals March Through Streets, Many Taking Prizes.





Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo

The Cleveland Press

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1910.

"I don't preach class government. We have class government already. All the evils from which we suffer come from the fact that government has been controlled by corporations for their sole benefit, without regard to the rights or dignity of others."

A parade of work horses two miles long attracted much attention. The procession was headed by Marshal D. F. Bevington and three mounted officers of the Humane society. Nearly 400 teams and single horses were entered. All



Haywood Makes Labor Speech.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—William D. Haywood, former secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, made the principal Labor day speech here today. In the parade were about 20,000 unionists, including a large delegation of waitresses in caps and aprons. A unique feature of the celebration was a workhorse parade.

OLDEST TEAMSTER DOESN'T USE WHIP

Driver With Fifty-One Years Experience Thinks Kindness Goes Farthest.

Remembers Horse Always Works Harder Than He Does.

HONOR THE WORK HORSES.

Cleveland's workhorse parades, on Labor day, have been an unequaled success. Already it is assured that the next one, on Monday, will be equally successful. It should be made more so.

Of course, it would be preferable that the horses, donkeys, & mules didn't have to pull wagons on what could have been a day off...

The Tacoma Daily Ledger.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1910.—FOURTEEN PAGES

The object of the parade is to stimulate an interest among team owners and drivers in giving their horses better treatment.

"The unusual hot weather of the present time," said Humane Officer Van Voris yesterday, "is particularly hard upon horses, especially those that have to haul heavy loads. I would advise that these horses be given water frequently and after being unharnessed they be either washed off with cold water or their feet soaked in water or the horses allowed to stand in soft earth. It is a trying time on all animals just now and owners and drivers should give their charges additional attention."



Seattle – July 4, 1910

Seattle Workhorse Parade

+ Donkeys & Mules!

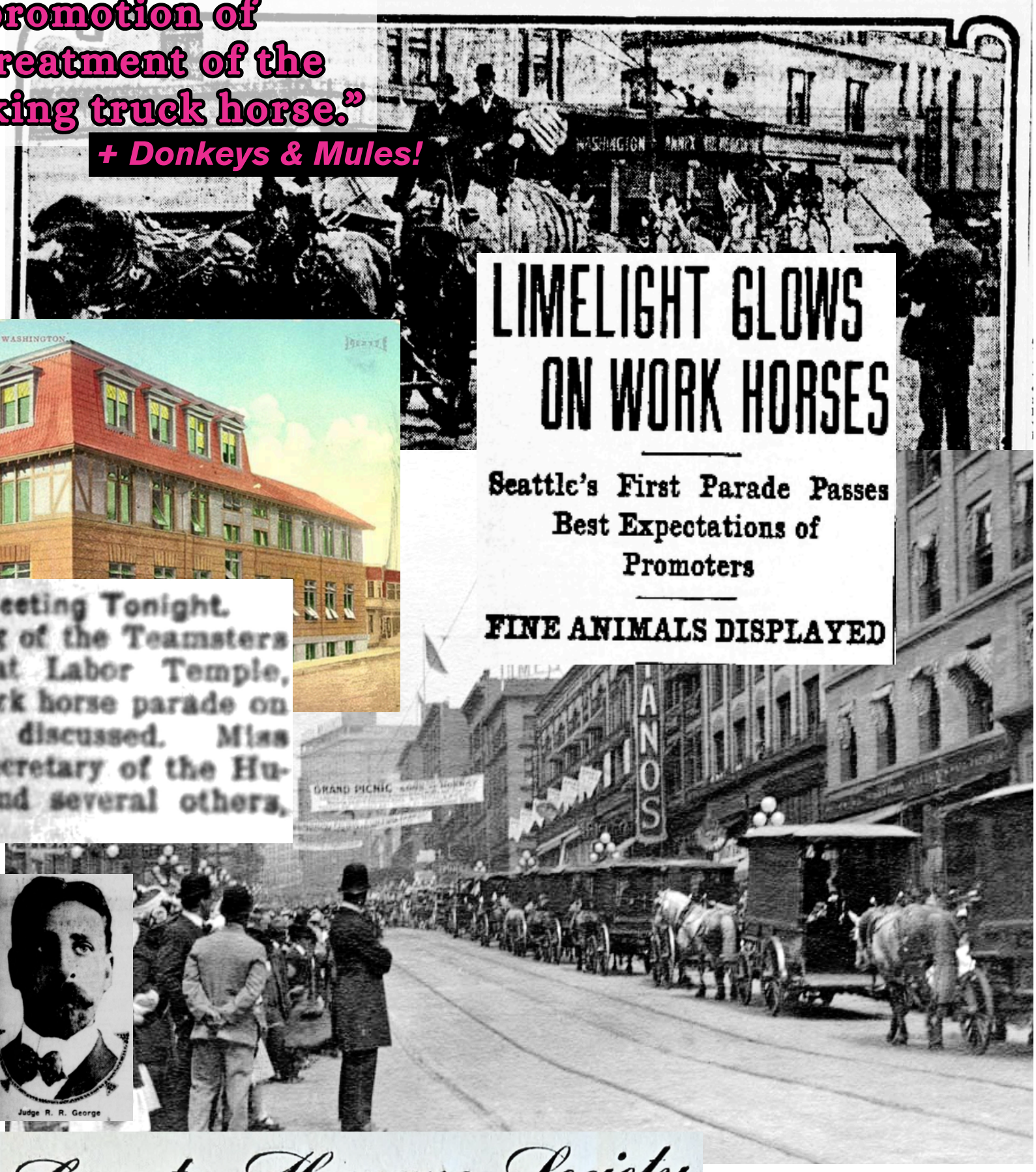


However, Workhorse Parades could lead to material welfare & rights improvements from strengthened human-animal worker solidarity.

"For the promotion of humane treatment of the hard working truck horse."

+ Donkeys & Mules!

Work Horses of City March Through Business Streets in First Pageant Ever Held in City



LIMELIGHT GLOWS ON WORK HORSES

Seattle's First Parade Passes Best Expectations of Promoters

FINE ANIMALS DISPLAYED

Teamsters Meeting Tonight.

At the meeting of the Teamsters ... tonight at Labor Temple, ... for the work horse parade on ... 4 will be discussed. Miss ... Krueger, secretary of the Hu... society, and several others, ... speak.



MISS MAY KRUEGER.

Judge R. R. George

King County Humane Society

A Society for the prevention of cruelty, especially to children and animals

Seattle – November 10, 1910



Teamsters strike in defense of horse colleagues!



The Seattle Transfer Company teamsters may have struck on behalf of the horses even without the Workhorse Parade three months earlier.

However, the parade strengthened pre-existing relationships between the Teamsters & the Humane Society.

And, the parade undoubtedly swayed public opinion, which influenced the strike's outcome.

TEAMSTERS OF SEATTLE TRANSFER CO. WALK OUT

Rather than see the horses they drive, but which are owned by the Seattle Transfer Co., go without their noonday feed, 35 teamsters this morning inaugurated the first strike of its kind in the history of the United States, when they walked out in a body and announced their determination to remain away until officials of the transfer company rescinded its order.

DRIVERS STRIKE BECAUSE HORSES MISS NOON MEAL

Eleven Employes of Seattle Transfer Company, Thinking Animals Abused, Refuse Longer to Work.

MOST UNIQUE CASE OF ITS KIND UPON RECORD

The curt word came back that it was too late—that other men had been hired and that they had lost their jobs for good, as a result of their sympathy for the horses.

Reckie, general manager of the company, is also a trustee of the County Humane Society.



TEAMSTERS STRIKE OVER

All but 15 of the 53 teamsters at the Seattle Transfer Co., who went on a strike Friday, when the company cut the horses down to two feeds a day, went back to work this morning.

The 15 were refused permission to return by the company for different reasons.

STRIKE GROWS TODAY

Eighteen More Teamsters Quit at Seattle Transfer —Veterinary Condemns Two-Feeds Practice.

HUMANE SOCIETY WILL BACK UP TRANSFER MEN

If Drivers Swear Out Warrants for Officials of Company, Organization Will Prosecute for Cruelty to Horses.

TWO-MEAL-A-DAY PLAN CONSIDERED HARDSHIP

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