

WASATCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

Editor Deseret News:

The 30th Quarterly Conference of the Wasatch Stake of Zion convened at Heber City January 31st, 1885, at 9 a.m.

Present on the stand: President Hatch and Counselors, Patriarch Jos. Hicken, the ward Bishops and their Counselors, the High Council, residents of Quorums and others.

After the usual exercises President Hatch remarked that we had convened under very favorable circumstances; that we were living in a momentous age, and it was expected that all the saints would try and live their religion; or if there ever was a time requiring faithfulness it was the present. He informed the congregation that Apostle J. W. Taylor and President S. B. Young would be in our midst in the evening, and requested a full attendance at the Priesthood meeting.

Elder Geo. Wilson, lately returned from a mission to Great Britain, addressed the congregation, gave a very interesting account of his labors while there, and showed how necessary it was for our young men to study and store up knowledge, so that they might be prepared to fill missions when called upon.

The ward Bishops reported their wards favorably; all the different organizations in a very flourishing condition.

2 p.m.

After the opening exercises the Presidents of the different quorums and the remainder of the Bishops reported favorably, and testified that the Saints in their fields of labor were increasing in faith and good works.

Brother Attawell Wooten, Superintendent of District Schools, made some very good remarks on education; said the schools were improving, and showed the necessity of the young men of this Stake, fitting and preparing themselves for teachers.

After singing and benediction the Conference adjourned until Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

The Priesthood meeting convened at 7 p.m. The house was crowded as it had been all day.

President S. B. Young spoke at length on the duties of the members of the various quorums, and related his experience. Gave some excellent instructions on the laws of life and health; spoke of the persecutions some of the Saints were enduring, but said all would be well. God ruled and would do all things right.

Apostle John W. Taylor bore testimony to the truth of the remarks of Brother Young. Said it was men that were workers that were wanted, not men that merely talked about things and did nothing. When we found a man that possessed both practical and spiritual qualifications, then we found one that would advance the greatest Kingdom of our God. Said he produced the Word of Wisdom, because it produced health and strength, and related his experience when acting as a teacher. He gave some good illustrations of how some brethren acted, and compared them to a balky horse, relating an incident of his experience with one, which was very interesting and amusing.

President Hatch introduced the subject of building a Stake house, stated its probable cost, etc., exhibited the drawings of the same, when all the brethren voted to build it.

On Sunday morning, at 10 a.m., Conference re-opened with the usual exercises.

President Hatch wished the people to follow the even tenor of their way, and felt like granting unto all the liberty of conscience, to worship God according to their free rights. He was glad Apostle Taylor and President S. B. Young were with us, who would now address the congregation.

Apostle Taylor said he believed the Saints were prospering here, as greatly as in any other place in the Territory, and was glad that steps were being taken to build a Stake house. Gave an interesting account of his travels in the Southern States, and told of the want of faith that existed there; also the pride and extravagance that manifested itself in some of the places in Zion.

At 2 p.m., after the opening exercises, the sacrament was administered, and the general and local authorities of the Church presented to the Conference and unanimously sustained.

President S. B. Young addressed the Conference, and spoke on the Word of Wisdom. Showed that it had been given for the benefit of his people. Exhorted the Saints to live a life of purity, be careful in their walk and conversation, and be polite and true ladies and gentlemen. Gave some very good instructions on the preservation of our health and how we could avoid sickness and premature death and have a sound mind in a sound body.

After some instructions from Prest. Hatch, the choir sang and benediction was offered by Apostle Taylor.

In the evening Prest. S. B. Young held Seventies' meeting, when a number of faithful brethren were called and ordained to be Seventies, also a few were ordained High Priests.

The meetings during the conference were well attended, the hall not being large enough to accommodate them. The Saints had a time of rejoicing, and all felt to renew their energies and work for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

LARRY CLEGG,
Clerk of Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE.

STOCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION FORMED.

WOODRUFF, Rich County, Utah,
January 28, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Pursuant to a call from several members of the Utah and Idaho Stock Growers' Association, the stock growers of this county met at Randolph to-day and organized an association for this county.

A lively interest was manifested and much enthusiasm prevailed; eighty names were enrolled as members.

This might be strictly called a stock country, especially the southern part, as that is the prevailing business of the people. There are probably more than ten thousand head of stock here, either being fed or running on the range. About nine hundred head of steers are being fed for next spring market. This stock is generally pretty evenly divided among the people. While we have no cattle kings, by pooling our interests, we expect some good results will follow, and that we will be enabled to prevent stealing in the future more than we have in the past.

The following are the condensed

MINUTES OF OUR MEETING:

Wm. H. Lee called the meeting to order, and nominated Wesley K. Walton as temporary chairman.

Edwin Spencer was elected temporary secretary.

The chairman stated the object of the meeting, and showed the necessity of organizing a Protective Stock Growers Association, and after some further explanations, showing the benefits to be derived from such associations; read an article from the Salt Lake Herald on the benefits of such organizations.

Anson C. Call further explained the necessity and benefits arising from stock Associations.

Wm. H. Lee was strongly in favor of these associations, and moved that we take the sense of the house as to our forming an Association in this county.

It was unanimously carried that we proceed at once to form such Association.

Eighty names were then given the Secretary for enrollment as members, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, Ira Nebeker; 1st Vice-President, Wm. H. Lee; 2nd Vice-President, John Snowball; Secretary and Treasurer, Wesley K. Walton.

Executive Committee: A. C. Call, E. McMin, Aquila Nebeker, Joshua Eldredge, Byron Sessions, P. W. Brown, Gus Sprouse, James W. Kears, W. H. Wymann.

On motion the President appointed Wesley K. Walton, Edwin Spencer, Aquila Nebeker, J. M. Grant and A. C. Call, a committee on by-laws, to report at this meeting, and they were instructed by this meeting to adopt, as far as practicable, the by-laws of the "Utah and Idaho Stock Growers' Association."

The committee reported the U. and I. S. G. Associations' bye-laws, which a few unimportant changes, and they were unanimously adopted as the bye-laws of this association.

It was moved and carried that these proceedings be published in two papers having general circulation in this Territory.

Adjourned to meet at Randolph on Tuesday, March 3rd, 1885.

WESLEY K. WALTON, Sec.

REXBURG STAKE.

Resources of the Country—A Good Place for New Settlers.

REXBURG, Bingham Co., Idaho,
February 3rd, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

In answer to the many enquiries we receive from persons residing in Utah and surrounding Territories, relative to this district of country and its facilities, I thought that if space would permit in the columns of your valuable paper, I would write a description thereof as far as my knowledge extends. Having been connected with the growth and settlement of this Stake since the organization thereof as a ward, I am tolerably well acquainted with the same, and what I may say in reference thereto, will be either from personal observation or from evidence of persons whose statements I can vouch for as being correct.

GOOD COUNTRY FOR STOCK.

We have now about six inches of snow on the level, and exceedingly pleasant weather for the season, about 20 degrees below zero being the coldest temperature we have experienced this winter. The many streams that flow through the valley, being lined with a heavy growth of timber in several places for miles on each side, and a thrifty growth of grass intermixed therewith, furnishes not only excellent pasturage for our stock, but good shelter for them during the most inclement seasons of the year. They have principally wintered out so far, and look fully as well as those kept up and fed.

WHAT CAN BE RAISED.

The soil is admirably adapted for the raising of all kinds of small grain. Wheat averages from 20 to 60 bushels per acre, and all other kinds of grain and vegetables in proportion. All kinds of fruit and shade trees of a

hardy nature, such as the apple, plum, pear, box elder, poplar, balsam of gilead, etc., grow and thrive amazingly. Lucern yields an excellent crop, and though I have not seen other kinds of tame hay tried here, it is generally believed they can be successfully and profitably raised, as all the water necessary can be obtained with but little labor. Large streams, with their gravelly beds, clear and pure as ever run, flow through the valley, in all of which are found fish of various kinds, and the hills and mountains abound with elk, antelope, deer, prairie chickens, etc. Thus it will be seen that ample opportunities for

HUNTING AND FISHING

are here furnished the sportsman.

LAND AND WATER.

It is estimated that from 300,000 to 500,000 acres of land in this vicinity can be made available for farming, for which there is an abundance of water, easy of access. There is also about the same amount of grazing land adjoining, consisting of gently rising hills extending towards the mountains for a distance of from 12 to 20 miles, covered with a heavy growth of grass from 6 to 18 inches high. Thus we have one of the

FINEST SUMMER RANGES.

in the West. On the summit of the mountains are thousands of acres of red and white pine timber sufficient to supply several saw mills, and the streams, all flowing from the direction in which the Temple stands, furnish excellent opportunities for floating. Thus far, however, sufficient for lumber purposes has been hauled from a distance of about 12 miles, being easily driven amongst and obtained with but little exertion.

A SAW MILL.

established here through the untiring diligence of Presidents Ricks and Rigby, has accomplished an enormous amount of good in the building up of this newly-organized Stake of Zion, Attached to this we have have a

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in operation continually, doing excellent work and giving general satisfaction.

It is really surprising to see the important events made and growth of this Stake since its organization as a ward barely two years ago. Since then

TWELVE SETTLEMENTS

have been located here, nine of which are surveyed into city lots of two and a half acres each. About 200 persons have permanently established themselves here, all apparently not only willing but anxious to work; and go where you may through any and all of the wards, the busy hum of industry is heard at all seasons of the year. Where now are to be found cozy little villages, large fields fenced, or orchard planted, and, at the proper season of the year, inviting gardens and large tracts of grain, all denoting a happy and prosperous community, was hardly two years ago a wild prairie inhabited only by a few scattered ranchers. At the present rate of increase of population it is only a matter of a few years before this Stake will be more densely populated than are many of the older ones.

And now is the time, while land is plentiful and every prospect of good comfortable homes and surroundings invite the farmer, the stock raiser, the lime burner, mason, blacksmith, and, in fact, tradesmen of every kind to establish themselves for those to come, where they may grow up with the country, as it is a noticeable fact that the first establishment of any branch of industry in a new country is the one that eclipses its successor in prosperity.

Every facility exists here necessary for the manufacture of leather, and instead of expending so much ready cash for the exportation of hides, the manufacturing of the leather and the importation of them back again generally manufactured into boots and shoes, and, in fact, for a thousand other different articles that are imported into our midst, let us do our own work and thus become, as near as possible, what it is desired we should be, a self-sustaining community.

I remain, subscribing myself a well wisher for the prosperity of the NEWS.

THOS. E. BASSETT,
Stake Recorder.

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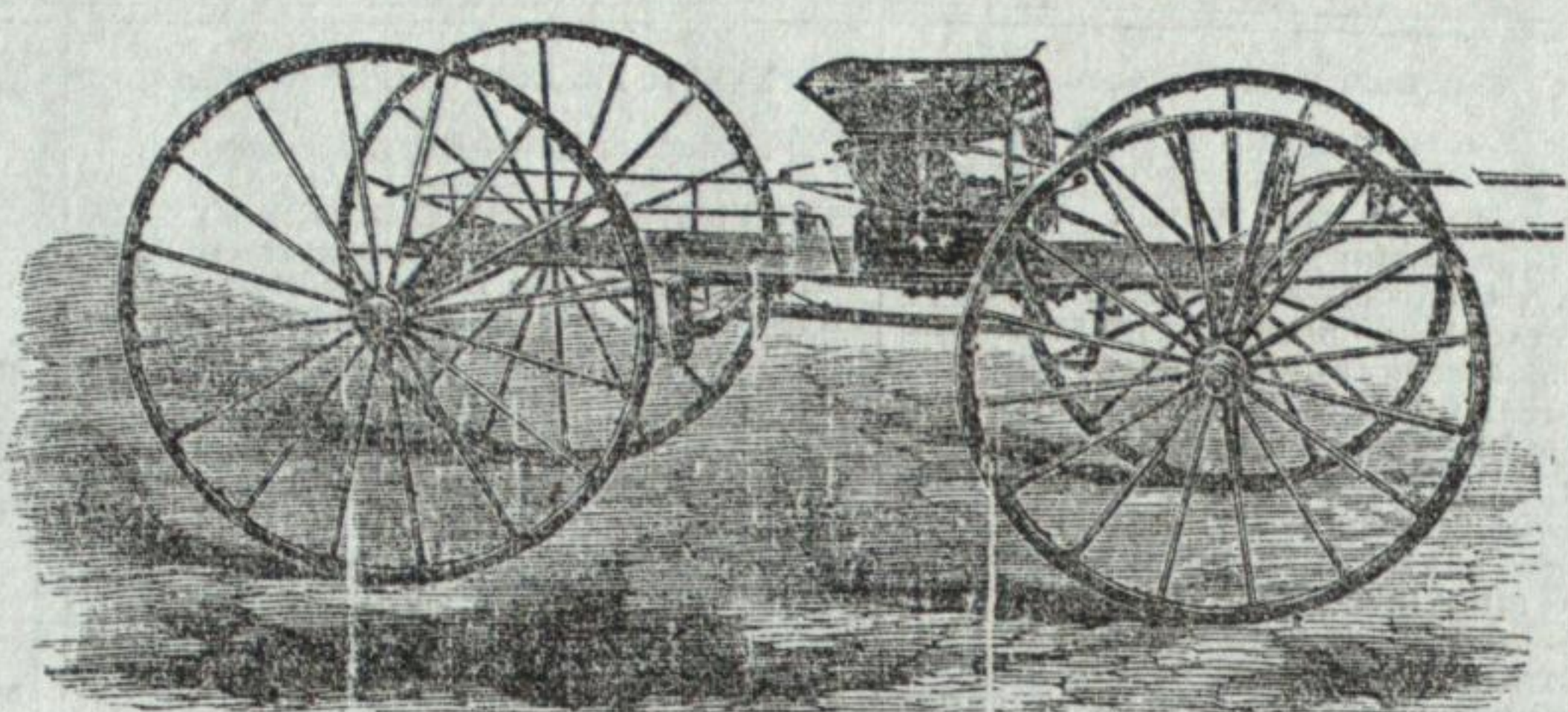
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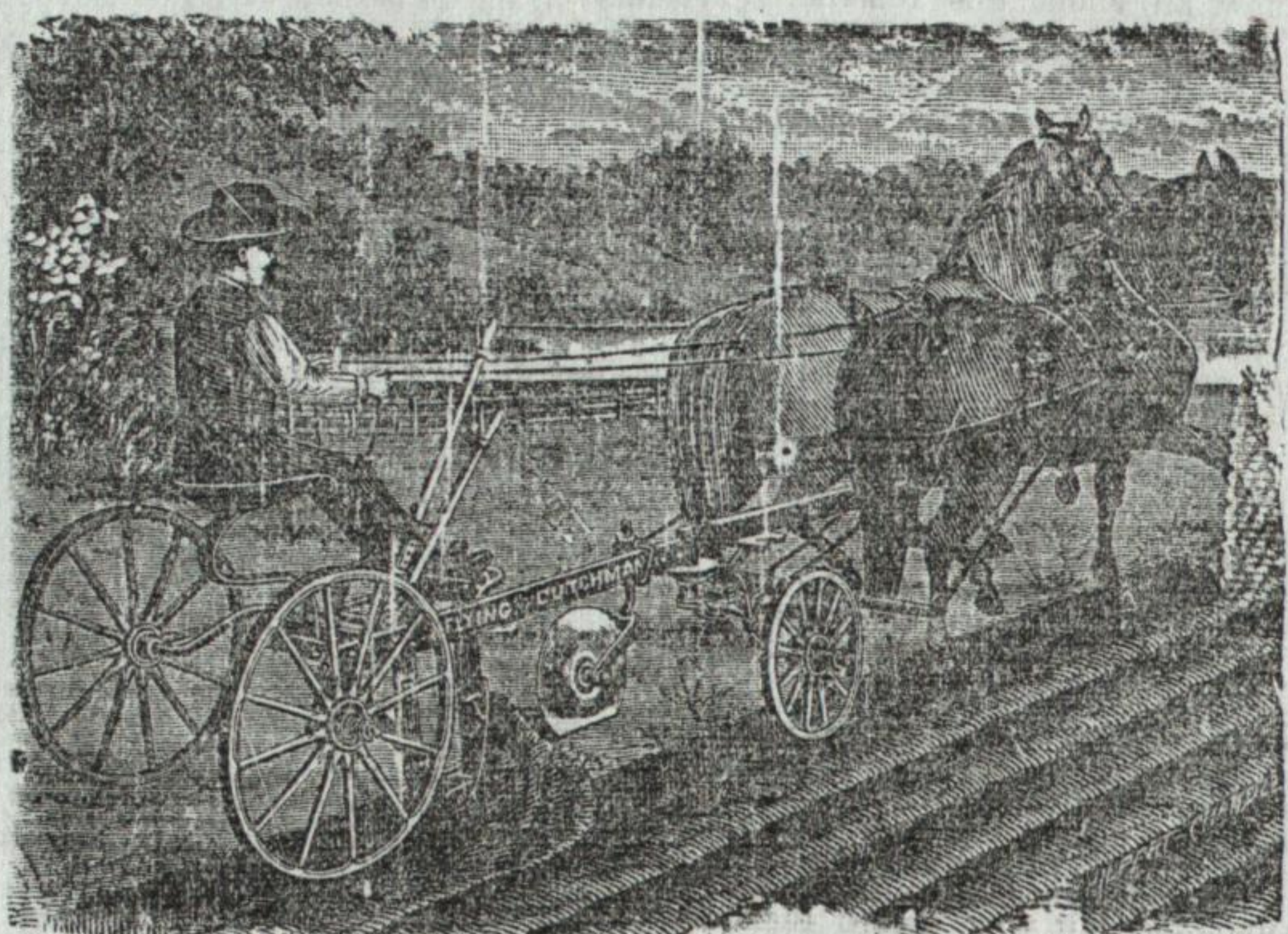
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