

of the *Instructor* office, and nearly as many cards and chromos.

Our Sabbath school has a total membership of 114—officers, teachers and pupils; average attendance about 95. The total membership is in excess of one-half the population of the town. The Y. M. A. has a total membership of 41, average attendance about 30. The Y. L. A. has a membership of 28, average attendance about 20. The Primary association shows a list of 72 names, with an average attendance of 57. All these associations are in good running order and hold weekly sessions. We have also an efficient Female Relief Society, with a membership of about 42, though at this time dismantled through the resignation of its President. We have a live day school with a daily attendance of about 50 or one-fourth the population of the town. All the little neighboring towns likewise have a good day school with an attendance of about the same ratio.

A CREDITABLE SHOWING.

Not a single member of any of these organizations is addicted to the use of strong drink, and but two use tobacco, while the number of those who use the hot drinks forbidden in the Word of Wisdom could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. I have not heard the name of the Deity blasphemed on our streets within a year's time. Round dancing is utterly excluded from our ball rooms. For these things we claim not the shadow of cause to boast; they are simply the fruits of the gospel, undiluted with "Christian civilization." Not a man or woman here votes the "Liberal" ticket. We recognize the chief element that produces this happy state of affairs in the fact that our isolated, contracted cañon homes are not sufficiently remunerative to attract the presence of "Liberal" carpet-baggers, and like the hunted fox we thank God for the bramble that keeps off the dogs.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.

But in the midst of the festivities of the New Year a sad bereavement has cast a shadow of gloom in our little community in the demise of one of the aged veterans of the Church. Father John Dalton departed this life at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 17th, of old age and debility. His strength has been gradually failing for several years and the last few weeks of his life seemed like the gentle flickering of an expiring candle.

Deceased was born in Wyoming, Penn., July 10, 1801; he was baptized into the Church in July, 1838, by Elder Moses Smith, and ordained a Seventy in 1884, by Elder Heber C. Kimball. He shared in the sufferings of the Saints consequent on their expulsion from Nauvoo in the winter of '40, and emigrated to Utah in 1848, in the company of President Brigham young. Two of his sons, Harry and Edward, served in the Mormon Battalion, the latter since an esteemed representative from Iron County in the Utah Legislature. Father Dalton came south in 1862 and has ever since resided on the Rio Virgen. After a long and faithful life, known as such to all with whom he associated, he has gone to mingle with the host of departed worthies on the other side of the veil. Peace to his remains.

Presidents Moroni Snow and David Spillsbury, of the Stake Presidency of Y. M. M. I. A., and Elder F. B. Woolley visited us yesterday and held an interesting meeting last night.

The ever welcome News comes to hand somewhat irregularly, we believe the fault to lie with the mails.

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A CLARKSTON CORRESPONDENT DENIES THE IMPUTATION.

CLARKSTON, Cache Co.,
Jan. 24, 1885.

Editor *Deseret News*:

In the last issue of the Semi-Weekly News, which came to hand, I noticed a communication from Q. E. D. complaining that when our visiting brethren traveling to preach and instruct the Saints, get as far as Clarkston, their Clarkston friends do not inform the brethren that Newton is over the bench a short distance, and that there are some good Latter-day Saints living there who would like to hear from them. This seems a little strange, as the brethren nearly always come through Newton to visit Clarkston, Newton being on the direct road between Logan and Clarkston, hence, the brethren would be most likely to find out where Newton is without the Clarkston people telling them. And if the brethren should come from the north they would be sure to go through Newton to get to Logan.

The people of Clarkston would be pleased to have a visit from Brother Roberts, but as yet have not had that pleasure, and do not know when we will, knowing it is not as convenient for the brethren to visit our settlements on this side of the river as it is to visit those near the line of the railroad; therefore we do not wish to complain. I think Newton has had as many visits as Clarkston from the brethren.

The health of the people here is good, and the blessings of God have been with us the past season. It was very late last spring before we could get our seed in the ground; the result was some of our wheat was a little injured by the frost, so that it was not marketable; still the flour makes good bread. We are compelled to have plenty of bread, because we cannot sell it; this seems to be a blessing, for we have plenty to eat.

The people are generally striving to live their religion and enjoy themselves in the dance and other innocent amusements through the winter. Cold weather has set in earnest; we have plenty of snow which is very promising for a good supply of water the coming season.

The *Deseret News* comes regularly, and is ever welcome.

Ever wishing for the prosperity of Zion and the triumph of God's people over their enemies, I remain, yours in the Gospel.

R. G.

ANOTHER IDAHO BILL.

INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATURE OF THAT TERRITORY.

An act for the suppression of Bastardy and to provide for the maintenance of children born out of lawful marriage in the Territory of Idaho.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Idaho as follows:

SECTION 1.—Every person who shall in this Territory cohabit with a person of the opposite sex, not in lawful marriage, and by such cohabitation shall become the father or mother of a child, such person shall be deemed guilty of the crime of bastardy, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the Territorial prison for a period of not less than one nor more than five years, provided however that the parents of any such bastard child may be relieved from the penalty of this act by their lawful marriage with each other. Upon such marriage, such bastard child shall be deemed the legitimate offspring thereof.

Sec. 2. Any woman who shall be placed upon trial for the crime of bastardy and who shall upon her examination or trial therefor testify under oath that she is married to the father of such alleged bastard child by any form or ceremony or rite, or by any priest or member or official of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or of any other religious, social or political society, organization, institution, denomination or sect, or by any person or persons whatsoever, whether authorized by law to solemnize a marriage or not, such father being at the time such child is begotten or born the lawful husband of occupying or sustaining the relation of husband to another woman whether such relation constitutes a valid marriage or otherwise, and such testimony be reduced to writing by questions and answers under the direction of the Court, stating full name of the father of such child and his place of residence, and the time when and the place where the pretended ceremony or rite of marriage between such woman and the father of her bastard child was had and performed, together with the name or names of any person or persons then or there present as witnesses to or officiating in the performance thereof, and such testimony be subscribed and verified by the woman on trial, the court in which such woman may be convicted may in its discretion suspend its judgment and sentence for such time as it shall think proper and permit such woman to go at large upon her cognizance.

Sec. 3. Any woman who at the time of the passage of this act shall be or who shall thereafter become the mother of a bastard child within the meaning of this act, shall have a cause of action in the district court of the county where she or the father of such child resides, against the father of such child for the maintenance and support of such child.

Sec. 4.—To enforce such cause of action she may commence and maintain an action in such district court against the father of such child in the manner and form of commencing and prosecuting civil actions in this Territory, and upon satisfactory proof that her child is a bastard within the meaning of this act, and that the defendant in this action is the father thereof, the court shall make such orders and render such judgment against the defendant requiring him to maintain and support and educate such child, as to the court may seem proper. The court may also in its discretion require the defendant to pay to the plaintiff such sums of money during the pendency of the action, for the support of the plaintiff and such child as may seem proper, and a reasonable counsel fee to the plaintiff's attorney in such action. Such orders to be enforced in the same manner as an order to enforce alimony *pendente lite* in an action of divorce, and if it appear by satisfactory proof on the trial that a marriage ceremony or rite of any kind was performed between the plaintiff and defendant, as specified in section two of this act, before such child was begotten or born, and while the defendant was the lawful husband or occupied or sustained the relation of husband to another woman, whether such relation constitute a valid marriage or otherwise, the court shall set apart to the plaintiff such portion of the defendant's estate and property as may be necessary and proper under the circumstances of the case commensurate with the defendant's whole estate for the support of the plaintiff and such child, and in all cases where it shall be made to appear as in this section, provided that a marriage ceremony or rite of any kind was performed between the plaintiff and defendant, as specified in section two of this act before such bastard child was begotten or born, and while the defendant was the lawful husband of or occupied or sustained the relation of husband to

another woman whether such relation constitute a valid marriage or otherwise such child is and shall be the heir of his or her father and shall inherit his or her father's estate in the same proportion as legitimate children inherit under the laws of this Territory and enjoy all the rights and privileges accorded by law to legitimate offspring.

Sec. 5. Any woman residing in this Territory whose lawful husband shall cohabit with another, either with or without the ceremony or rite of marriage as specified in section two of this act shall have a cause of action against her husband for one half of all his whole estate and shall recover the same in the same manner as is provided in the last preceding section. And in such action the court may make such orders for alimony *pendente lite* costs and counsel fees as may be proper and reasonable.

Sec. 6. In all proceedings under this act and in all prosecutions for the crime of bastardy a wife shall be a competent witness against her husband and shall be required to testify as witnesses are required to testify in other cases.

Sec. 7. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Governor.

CONFERENCE AT BRIGHAM.

The Box Elder Stake Quarterly Conference was held in the Tabernacle at Brigham City, Utah, Jan. 24th and 25th, 1885. President O. G. Snow and Counsel presiding.

Most of the wards in the Stake were represented, and cheering reports were given by the respective Bishops, on the spiritual and financial condition of the people generally. Peace and harmony were reported to prevail almost universally, and although persecution, coupled with legislative prosecution and intolerance, is being brought to bear on the Latter-day Saints, because of the practical observance of their religious faith, yet, their resolve is to continue in obeying God's commandments, and emulate their brethren of old, and worship the God of polygamous Abraham and Jacob and leave the result with him.

Large congregations on the 25th were addressed by the Presidency of the Stake, and Apostle L. Snow, on events past, present and yet to come, giving much wise and timely counsel, and earnestly exhorting the people to a godly walk in life. Our choir, under the able and energetic leadership of Elder S. N. Lee, added greatly to the enjoyable character of our conference, by its sweet and melodious rendition of the beautiful songs of Zion.

JAMES BYWATER, Clerk.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

GUARDIAN'S ACCOUNT.

In the Probate Court within and for Salt Lake County in the Territory of Utah.

Hon. Elias A. Smith, Judge.

In the matter of the Estate of Mary M. Garn, Andrew Garn, Josephine Garn, William F. Garn, Wilhelmmina Garn, Phillip Garn, Jacob Garn, and Fanny M. Garn, minor heirs of the Estate of Daniel Garn, deceased.

ZERUBBABEL SNOW, THE DULY appointed and the duly qualified Guardian of the Estate of the above named minor heirs of the Estate of Daniel Garn, deceased, having on the second day of January A. D., 1885, duly filed in this Court his report and account as such Guardian up to the first day of January A. D., 1885, by which it appears that the said Mary M. Garn, Andrew Garn, Josephine Garn and Phillip Garn have arrived at full age, and that he had settled with them and each of them, delivered over to them and each of them all the property and money belonging to them and each of them, which came to his hands as such Guardian; and also showing the estate and its condition now in his hands belonging to Wilhelmmina Garn, Jacob Garn, Fanny M. Garn and William F. Garn, who are yet minors, and praying for an order of Court appointing and confirming the same.

It is ordered by the Court that this matter be set for a hearing at the Court House in Salt Lake County in said Territory on the third day of April A. D., 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., and that all persons interested in said estate then and there appear and show cause, if any there be, why said report and account should not be approved and confirmed, and that this order be published in the *DESERET WEEKLY NEWS*, in three successive issues before the said third day of April, 1885, and the Clerk of this Court post up notices thereof in the manner required by law.

Dated January 7th, 1885.

ELIAS A. SMITH,
Probate Judge.

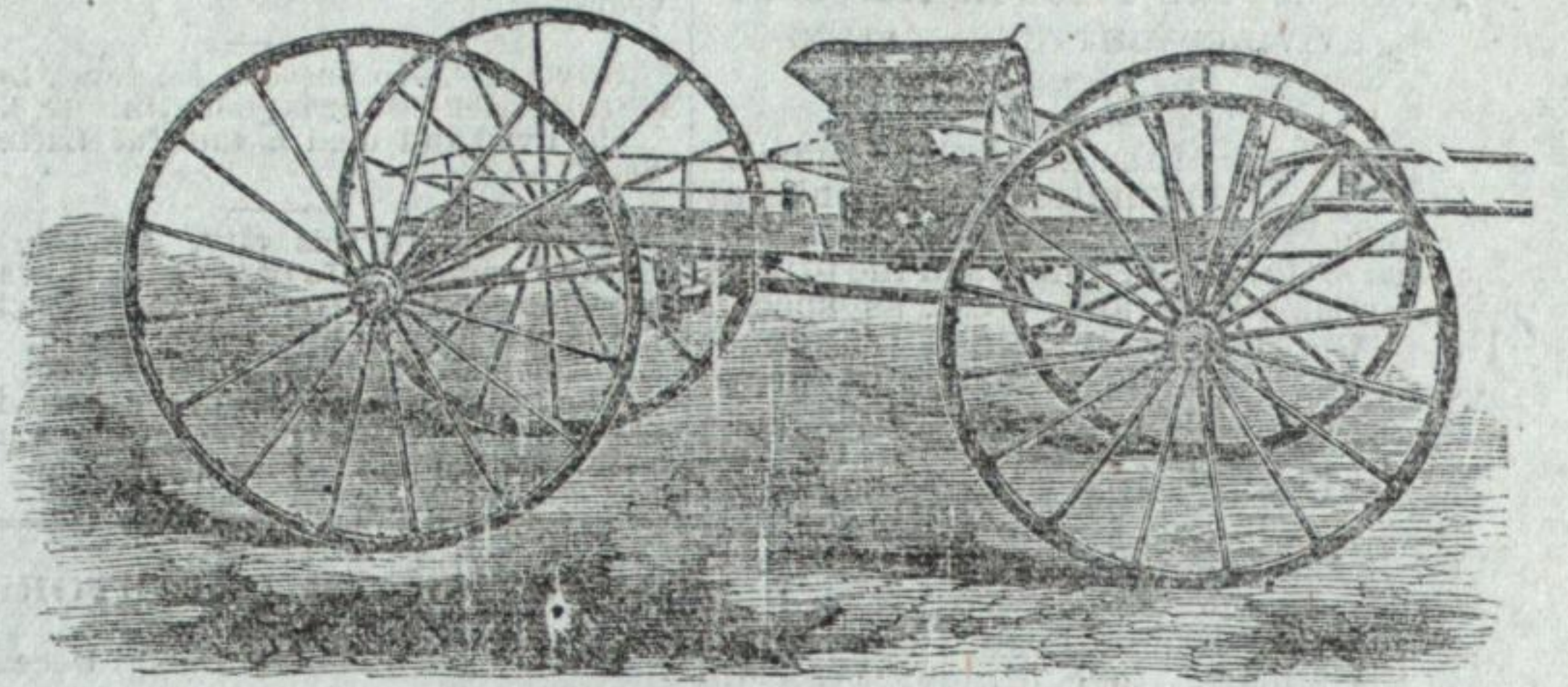
Territory of Utah, } ss
County of Salt Lake, }

I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Order appointing time and place for settlement of account, etc., in the matter of the Guardianship of the Estate of Mary M. Garn et al, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 7th day of January, A. D., 1885.

JOHN C. CUTLER,
Probate Clerk

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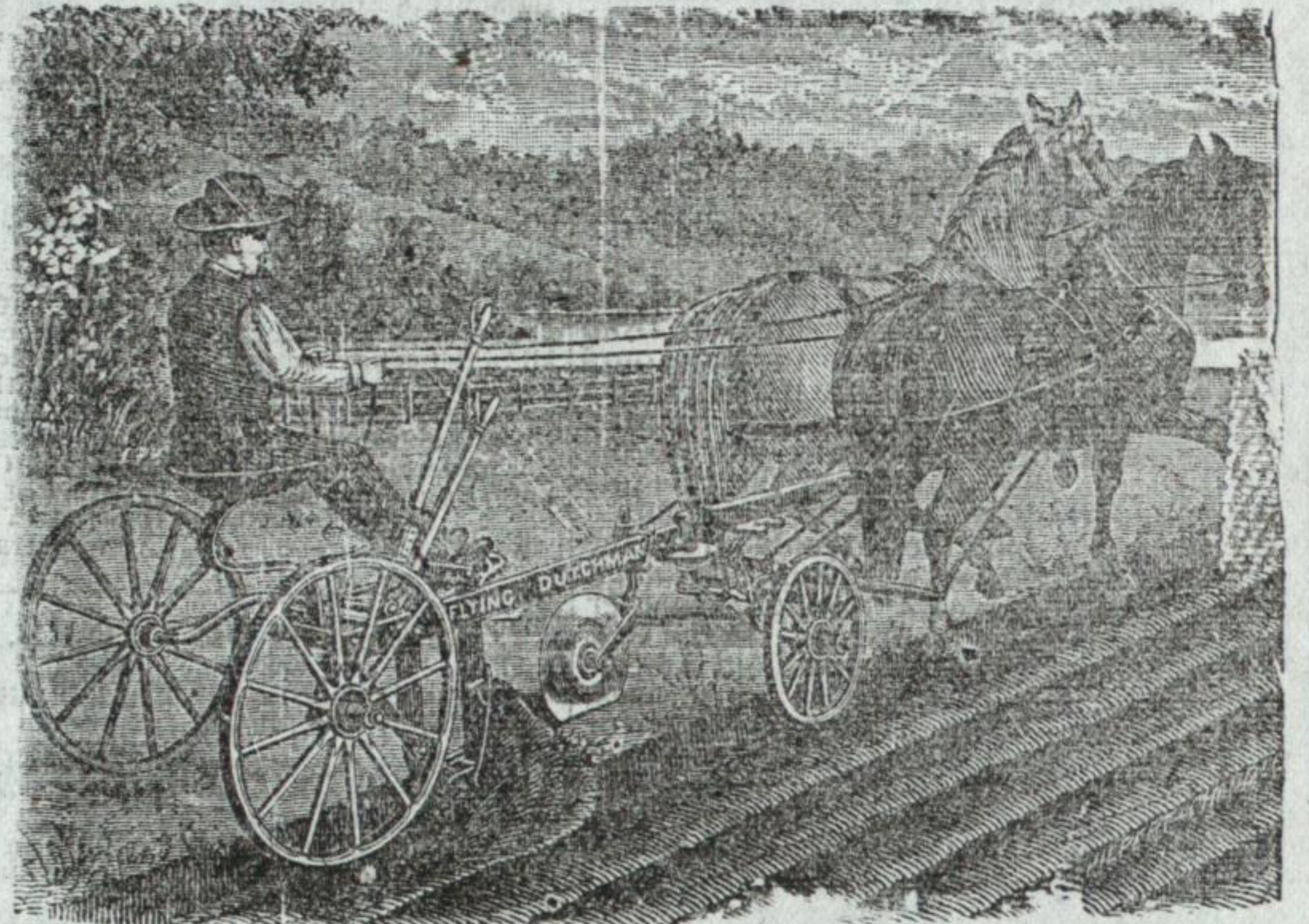
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