

and from your review I can plainly see that you had but a very partial statement of the facts to work from.

In that trial it was shown in the evidence that the U. O. M. & B. Co. had expended some thousands of dollars for land on which to build a boom and dam whereby they could "boom" logs, ties, posts and wood. That means had been expended in cleaning the river. That said company owned the land on which its boom and log yard were located. That in addition to labor expended in building dams, booms and for land, labor had also been expended by said company in floating timber of all kinds—wood included. That the floaters were paid to throw in and bring down wood of all kinds of any value. That in bringing down this drive bridges had been taken out. That said company had replaced those bridges by putting in new ones. That when the logs, etc., were all driven down, the river then at its highest, was "jam" full for nearly a mile above said boom, the upper end of said drive being on a school section. That the waters receded and left much of this timber on dry land—gravel bars. That Mr. Hansen's men and teams had been there every day for months removing logs, ties, posts and wood. That most of the wood could not be got at until the logs had been removed, the whole mass being jammed together.

That the defendant on taking the first load had been told by Mr. Hansen's son (Mr. Hansen being the owner of the wood) that that wood was their property, and that he (defendant) was likely to get himself into trouble. That the said defendant replied he had got his wood there, and "if God Almighty would let him live he would get two more loads there to-morrow." That Mr. Hansen saw defendant and was told he (defendant) had taken one load of wood for which an agreement was made then and there to settle. That it afterwards transpired defendant had taken, not one load as he said, but two loads, having sold the second load. That Mr. Hansen then brought the case on for trial. That the jury went in a body to examine the said wood, and found (as it was afterwards told by several of the jurymen) pieces of bridge plank, slabs, a log that had been in one of the abutments of the bridges, sticks that would make railroad ties and some driftwood.

It was further shown that for several years the Temple had floated all kinds of wood to burn lime. That a boom had been built "on the public domain" to "boom" said wood. That certain persons, at divers times, who believe in "a common proprietorship" of anything they can readily find, had gone and loaded driftwood from this boom also. That Mr. Haws, the person in charge, had kindly compelled them to unload and leave the wood to those who had expended labor to bring it there and keep it there.

All of the foregoing facts were shown at the trial, but most of which are not shown in any report that I have read.

Twenty years ago "a flood" having brought a great deal of wood out of the then new cañon, into which no road had yet penetrated far, it was decided at a meeting that all this wood was public property. But I submit, Mr. Editor, whether the cases are at all parallel. There was then wood everywhere along the stream. Now it is very scarce, and even "a flood" would not bring any great amount. - Now it is gathered, thrown into the water, brought down, "boomed"—labor expended in numerous ways.

But some driftwood would come down anyhow. Yes, without doubt. And some even think it would stop just below the toll-gate, so that those who want a load would have to pay no toll, but just go and load it on.

Now as to the value of a little wood of any kind, that is but slight. During last spring the U. O. gave away scores of loads of drift and other wood. Some was taken without being given, and we have suffered much in the past from those who are not willing to respect private rights. I think it unfair in the News to infer that prosecuting attorney, judge, and six fairly intelligent men acting as jurors would hear and decide a case "to protect the interests of a company rather than the vindication of public justice."

The U. O. has no interest in this case further than having sold the wood to Mr. Hansen, wish to see him protected in what is his.

Very respectfully,
C. W. NIBLEY, Supt. U. O.

LITERARY NOTICES.

HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC STATES.

The great work of Hubert H. Bancroft is progressing with promising regularity. The latest issue is the second volume of the history of the Northwest Coast, which is volume twenty-three of the History of the Pacific States. It embraces the period between 1804 and 1846, and commences with Lewis and Clarke's expedition across the Rocky Mountains to the shores of the Pacific Ocean, closing with the Americanization of Oregon, and the transference of the Hudson Bay Company's effects to Fort Victoria. The incidents that occurred during this period are told in the graphic manner which distinguishes this author's productions, and the chief events of the opening up and settlement of that vast region now under the control of the United States are portrayed in vivid sentences. It would take too much space to note even the principal subjects of the thirty-three chapters in this interesting and instructive volume. One of its

chief charms is the reliability of the history so clearly and attractively related. The authorities from which the author has drawn his data are such as can be depended upon, and are so numerous that astonishment is mingled with admiration at the author's labor and thoroughness and at the diligence and expense which have attended the work. We commend this excellent history to the attention of the people of Utah, who will have the opportunity of manifesting their interest in it in the visits of the gentleman who is sent from the publishers to arrange for subscriptions. A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco; in thirty-three volumes complete.

UNIVERSAL EDUCATOR.

"Gateley's Universal Educator" is a very comprehensive work, embracing a vast field of information useful to every student. It is now issued as three volumes in one, in full royal octavo form, with twelve hundred pages. It is a valuable work of reference, and is a whole library in itself. Persons deprived of the advantages of an early systematic course of study will find this book of great use to them, as it embraces art, science, history, medicine, law, music, deportment, household rules, agricultural hints, etc., and is written in a style easy to comprehend. It ranges in price from \$6 to \$8 according to the binding, and can be had of the agent, Joseph Hibbard, of Bountiful, Davis County, who is greatly afflicted, and to patronize whom will be doing a good action.

PARRY'S LITERARY JOURNAL.

The literary journal, published by Joseph Hyrum Parry & Co., of this city, is growing in public favor. It makes no pretensions to originality, but comprehends a selection of articles from standard magazines, that while being entertaining and instructive, contain nothing that will be harmful to the youth or to older persons. It is printed on fine paper, in clear and large-sized type, and costs but one dollar and a half a year. But three numbers have been issued. Jos. H. Parry & Co., Salt Lake City.

WIDE AWAKE.

"Wide Awake" for December is a splendid number, but this may be said of every issue of this excellent juvenile magazine. The illustrations are superb, the reading matter choice and various, and there is nothing in it that can be objected to on any score. The frontispiece of the present number, "A Merry Christmas to you," is beautifully executed in colors, and is a gem of the printer's art. It is marvelous how such a work can be furnished for Three Dollars a year. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, by whom several choice works for children are published.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—Mrs. McMullen, who lives upon Willow Creek, I. T., came down to Eagle Rock, on Thursday, bringing a little child two and a half years old, who had met with a serious and somewhat strange accident. A new sharp axe was lying in the yard, and in some manner the little one sat down on it, cutting itself very badly.

—A man named Payno, at Lyman, seven miles from Rexburg, Idaho, on December 1st, while at work in the bottom of a well, laying rock, loosened the gravel on one side of the well, causing it to cave in on him, burying him up to the neck. He was in that condition over five hours, before he was released. He was taken out much bruised in body, but recovered rapidly.

—A few days since, while two young men were loading logs onto a wagon near the boom in the mouth of Logan Cañon, a shot was fired towards them from the summit of a neighboring hill, the bullet passing between them. Three days afterward, while one of the young men was at work near the same spot the incident occurred again, except that the bullet came from a different direction. The parties themselves desire the unknown rifleman to find a new target, otherwise trouble may be the result.

—An Indian war-dance took place on the S. A. Creek, Wyoming, only a few days since. A band of Crows had stolen a number of horses from the Cheyennes, who were in that country on a hunt. They were pursued by the latter, a fight ensued, resulting in killing one Crow and the recapture of the horses. After the fray the Cheyennes returned to their wigwams and erected the crimson scalp of the slain Crow upon a pole. Around it that night they held a carnival of glee, identified with every warlike propensity they display on such occasions.

—On Tuesday of last week, while an eight year old son of Wm. Smith, who lives about eight miles up Willow Creek, Idaho, was skating on the creek, he ran into an air hole and was drowned before assistance could reach him. He was buried on Wednesday.

—On Monday last, Dr. Bean was called to set a broken leg for Mr. Wright, who lives about twenty-five miles from Eagle Rock, I. T. He was in the act of lassoing a calf, when his horse, which was running on the ice, slipped and fell. Mr. Wright's left leg coming under the horse and between the cinch and the ice, creaking it a few inches above the ankle.

—On Friday, about 11 a. m., a twelve-year-old son of Miller Christian Sorensen, in Huntsville, met with a shocking accident which came near being fatal. The lad was engaged in turning on the water under the turbine wheel, when he was caught by a part of the gearing. Fortunately the water was not of sufficient volume and momentum, therefore the mill was stopped and the boy was rescued from his perilous position by one of the employees of the mill. After cutting the clothes off the boy's body, it was ascertained to the glad surprise of his relatives, that no bones were broken, although his side was badly bruised. He vomited considerably and was insensible for some time, but at last reports it was learned that his recovery was almost assured.

—When John McRay, of Laramie, saw his household goods go up in smoke the other night and his home destroyed in the twinkling of an eye, it did not add to his peace of mind to know that in addition to being thrown out of doors at the beginning of winter he was also owing Mr. W. H. Holliday eight months rent. However, like an honest man, he made up his mind to pay Mr. Holliday at once, and went to him for that purpose. That gentleman, however, absolutely refused to take his money, saying: "Your loss was greater than mine, and you are a poorer man and less able to bear it, so just consider the amount balanced and that you don't owe a cent." McRay's feelings at this unexpected and very generous treatment can better be imagined than described. If there is anything that goes to improve one's opinion of human nature, it is an act of spontaneous generosity like that; and it is reported that this is not the first time Mr. Holliday has been caught doing something of the kind.

—The coroner's jury at Evanston had the recent railway accident and the killing of Engineer Peter Nelson under close examination during the last week. Some fourteen witnesses were examined. The jury rendered the following verdict:

TERRITORY OF WYOMING, } ss.
County of Jinta. }

We, the coroner's jury empaneled to enquire into the cause, manner, means and time of the death of the person whose body lies before us, do find that the name of the deceased was Peter Nelson, a resident of Evanston, and that he came to his death in the county and Territory aforesaid, about midnight on the 20th day of November, A. D., 1884, at or near east switch at Bridger station, by being crushed under the tank of engine 192, it having been overturned by a misplaced switch. We further find, after careful investigation of the testimony given, that there was an agreement made between Messrs. Livingston and McQueen at Piedmont station in regard to leaving switches open at Bridger, and that Mr. Livingston neglected or failed to comply with said agreement made with Mr. McQueen.

We furthermore find that Mr. Livingston was derelict in his duty in failing to notify his engineer (Peter Nelson) of the above agreement, and we exonerate the deceased engineer (Peter Nelson) from any blame whatever in regard to this accident.

We urgently recommend that the Union Pacific Railway Co. place signal lights upon all switch targets connected with the main line for the safety of passengers and employees.

FROM THE FOUR WINDS.

☞To resist evil by evil is evil.

How poor are they who have no patience.

Foreign cattle companies own 1,000,000 Texas cattle.

Good will, like a good name, is got by many actions and lost by one.

There are three chandeliers in the White House that cost \$5,000 apiece.

One fourth of the cotton grown in the United States is produced in Texas.

Fifty-four hundred incandescent lights are used at the Louisville exposition.

The yearly cost of the French Academy to the State amounts to 98,000 francs.

Gardening is practically taught in more than 20,000 primary schools in France.

The area of Philadelphia is 129 square miles. The area of London is 122 square miles.

It costs over \$5,000 a year, it is said, to keep and clean the crown jewels of England.

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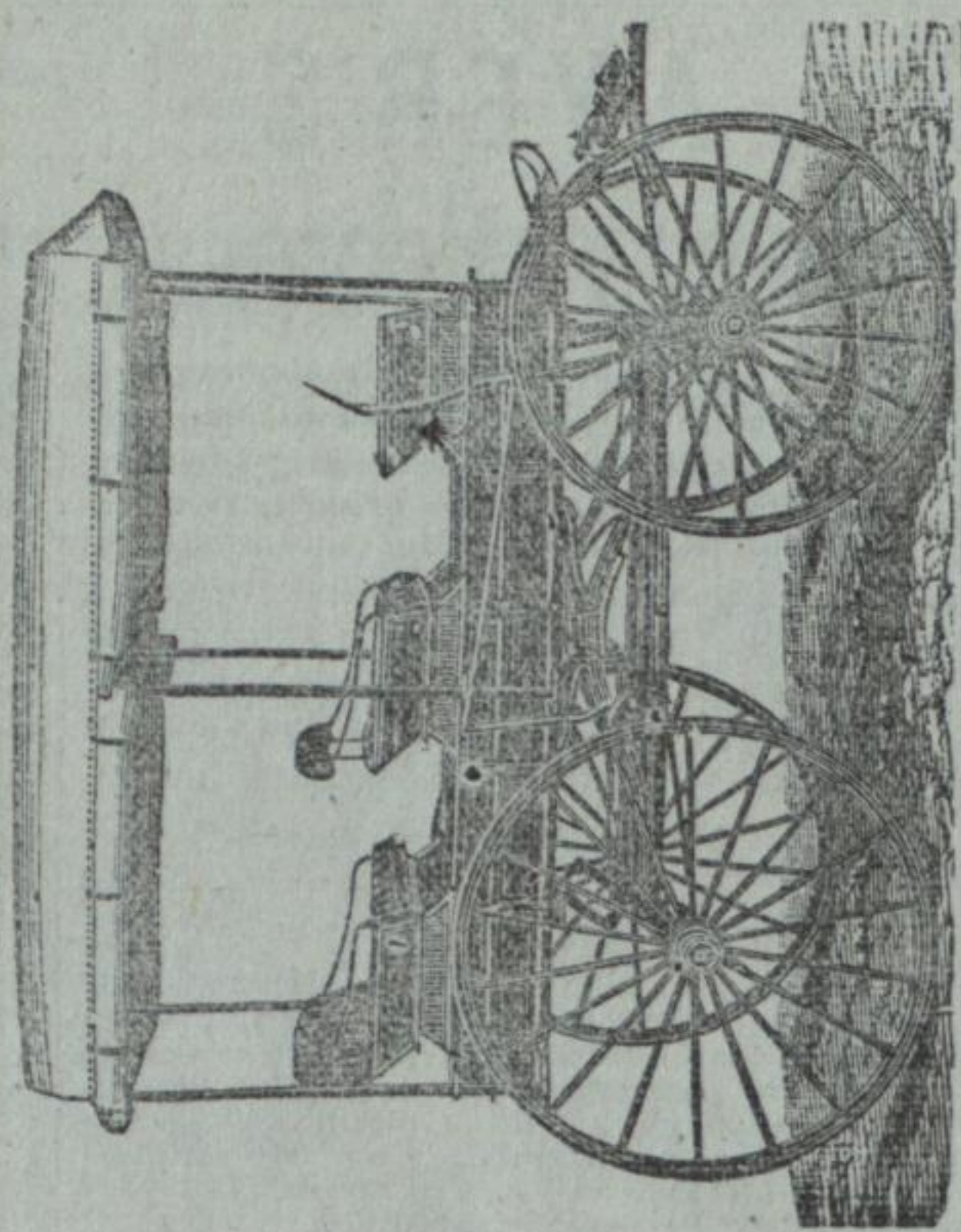
In the last ten months the officers seized 48,225 barrels of unlawful grog at Portland, Me.

Two pine logs recently cut in Clay County, Fla., measured respectively 1,457 and 1,368 feet.

It is estimated there are 40,000 persons in New York dependent upon gambling for a living.

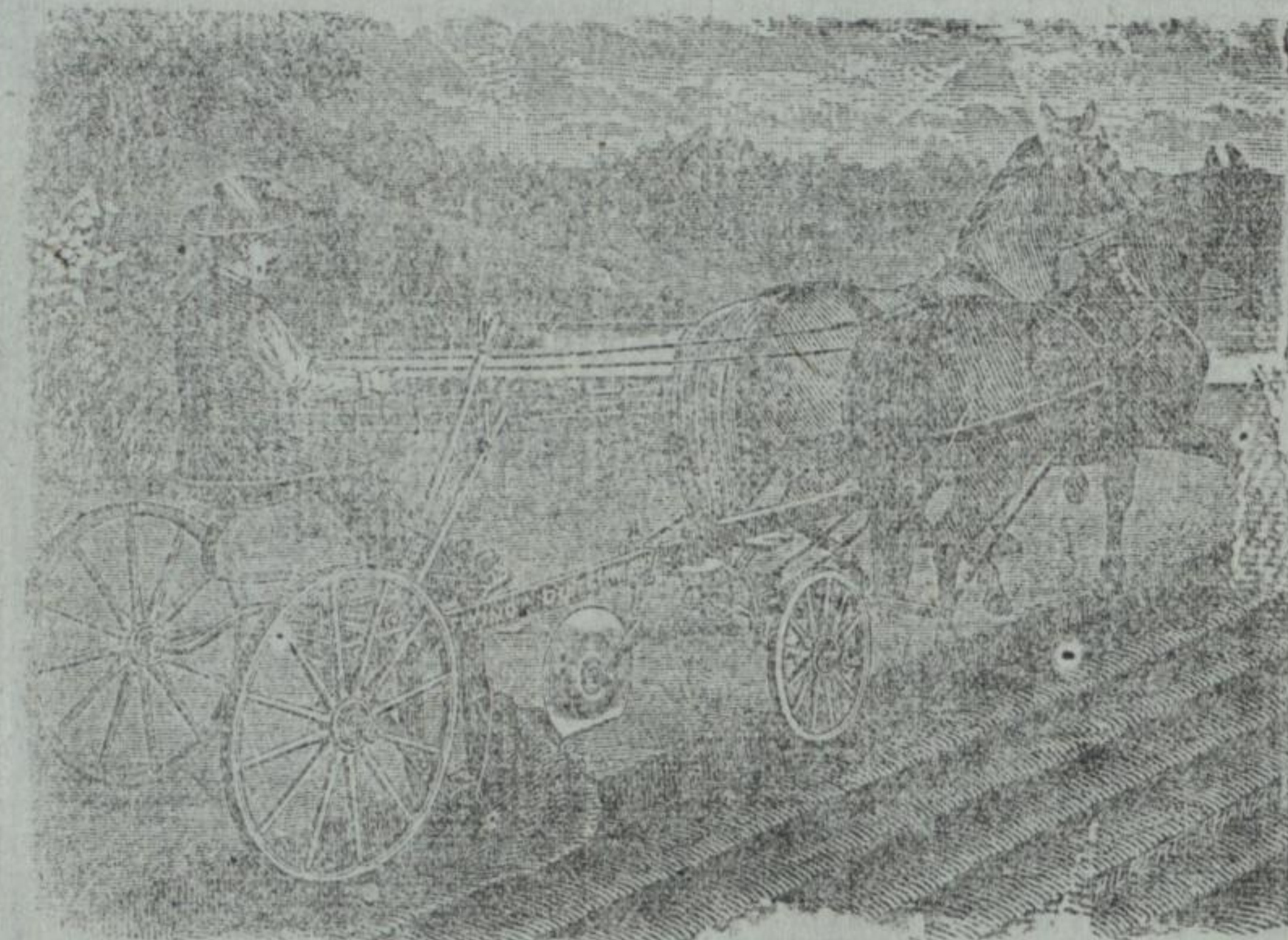
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