

The Transcript.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1902.

LOCAL MATTERS.

No Raise in Rate.—In response to the question as to whether or not the Kent Mutual Insurance Company increased its rates at its meeting on Monday, we are reliably informed that no increase of rate was made.

Change of Price.—It has been decided to change the price of tickets to the Oratorical Contest of Maryland colleges for Friday, April 25. The charge will be twenty-five cents to all parts of the hall with privilege to reserve seats.

First Soft Crabs.—The first soft crabs of the season were received in Baltimore on Friday. The consignment came from Morehead City, N. C. The lot consisted of nine dozen. Mr. Sessions said that it was perhaps the largest lot ever received in the city so early in the season. The crabs were of fine size, plump and in excellent condition for the table. They sold at \$1.50 and \$2 a dozen, according to size.

Railroad Improvements.—The steel frame for the support of the new 15,000-gallon water tank at the depot, is now complete. The work of putting the tank in place has been somewhat delayed because of the rejection of some of the pieces of lumber. Nothing whatever has been done at this end of the line on the proposed new depot. The final outcome of the petition for the railroad extension to Chester river remains one of the unsolved problems, so far as the public is concerned.

To Back Down Stream.—The large three-mast schooner, Lulu M. Quillan, lumber laden from North Carolina for Messrs. Ahern and Tonkin, Millington, arrived in Chester river last week, having as her destination Kirby's Landing. Chester river at Kirby's is scarcely as wide as the vessel is long and the channel is very narrow, rendering it impossible for Captain Wright to go up under his own sail. Capt. Phiffer, master of the gasoline boat, Wingate, towed the big schooner to Kirby's. Unable to turn round in the narrow stream the Quillan will have to back down the river until a point is reached where she can turn.

Want Garbage Removed.—A number of housekeepers of Chestertown have signed an agreement with Mr. P. V. Hendrickson, of Philadelphia, to co-operate with him in the removal of garbage from Chestertown for one year. The ladies agree to place all garbage or refuse from their kitchens (except ashes, tin cans, etc.) in vessels at convenient points for being collected. Mr. Hendrickson agrees to remove all such garbage daily to a point not less than two miles from Chestertown. With the assurances already received, Mr. Hendrickson will commence the work at once if the quantity will justify the venture.

Positions Assigned.—Positions on the Washington College baseball team have been assigned as follows: Massey, first base; Burris, catcher; Marine, right field; Gunby, second base; Crew, short stop; Noble, third base; Townsend, pitcher; Hitch, left field; Jefferson, center field. Substitutes—Deputy, Mudd, Hughes, and Beck. The Oxford's, the strong team which the W. C.'s will meet on the college diamond this afternoon at 1 o'clock, will come over by way of Tolchester. The visitors were unable to secure a tug to bring them over, this necessitated their coming by way of Tolchester. The young men ask a rousing send-off in their first game. One o'clock may be a little early, but this battle on the diamond will be a contest worth seeing.

Ordered to Leave Court Room.—The unusual occurrence of parties having cases before the court being ordered from the court room took place at Denton on Monday. Judges Pearce and Brown were on the bench and were told that three men in the court room had been exposed to smallpox. The court at once gave orders that the men be asked to leave the room. The parties were from the northern part of the county, where brother of Bickling recently died after having the disease. The other men ordered away had buried the deceased. Health Officer Noble has quarantined two dwellings in the northern part of Caroline county, where there is now one case of smallpox in a mild form.

A Fine Exhibit.—Prof. Thomas D. Bowers, principal of the E. Ston Primary School, during his Easter holiday in Chestertown, exhibited a number of Easter cards designed and painted by children in his school. Prof. Bowers may well be proud of the work done by his scholars. Some of the exhibits gave evidence of marked talent in both designing and painting, and all of the work was of an exceptionally high order. Talbot may justly point with pride to her schools, and the writer ventures the assertion without fear of contradiction, that Easton may challenge comparison with any town in the country with the high standard of her schools. Prof. Bowers, who is loaned to Talbot by Chestertown, is concededly one of Easton's most vigorous advocates of advanced educational methods along all lines.

Chester Bridge Draw.—The contract for Chester bridge draw has not yet been given out. It is understood that the citizens of Crumpton, the pretty up-the-river town, are making strenuous efforts to have the draw widened sufficiently to allow steamers of the Emma Ford class to pass through. This would enable the regular steamers of the Chester River Company to run to Crumpton did the management see proper to add that point to their route. The county commissioners, it is understood, are considering the matter, and should the wishes of the Crumpton people be acceded to, it may be necessary to re-advertise for bids to build the draw. It is stated that the same contractor who is doing the work at Georgetown is expecting to get the Chester bridge job.

The Peach's Future.—Capt. R. S. Emory, than whom there is no more reliable fruit authority in the State, takes a refreshingly optimistic view of the future of the peach. Capt. Emory was the local pioneer in setting a high standard in the quality of fruit shipped, and insists that with a strict adherence to the rule of only producing as much fruit as can be properly handled, the future is brighter with promise for the peach as a money maker than in the past it has ever been. Harvest the crops properly and cut down or grub out the orchards when about twelve years old (old orchards will not pay, he says) and there will be money in peaches. Mr. James S. Harris, an equally intelligent and even more extensive horticulturist than Capt. Emory, takes the same view of the future of peach culture, and has thousands of young trees yet to come into bearing.

A Record-Breaking Storm.—The snow squalls of Wednesday in Kent, while somewhat out of the regular order of local April weather conditions, were but insignificant indications of what was taking place in other sections. A dispatch from Cumberland said: "The most remarkable vernal snowstorm in the history of the Middle East was still prevailing at noon today. At Fairfax, W. Va., the source of the Potomac river, the snow has reached a depth of 32 inches. At Elkins it is 18 inches, and at Thomas, W. Va., 16 inches. The Potomac river is about 18 feet above low-water mark. The Breakwater and Cheat rivers have inundated much farming land and a large amount of property has been destroyed. All small streams have become regular torrents. Part of the mountain came down this morning at Copperas Rock and wiped out the West Virginia Central tracks there. The B. & O. resumed this morning after being closed 12 hours by a slide at Sir John's Run that carried part of a passing freight train over into the river. The Pennsylvania passenger train due in Cumberland at 9 o'clock last night did not arrive until 8 o'clock this morning, having been held by high water near Hyndman, Pa. The lowland section of Everett was inundated."

LITTLE LOCALS.

**Rock Hall's tomato cannery for this year did not materialize.

**Mr. J. Frisby Newcomb furnished the Easter lambs for the Chestertown market.

**The annual county W. C. T. U. convention will be held at Still Pond some time in May.

**A Chesterville farmer was busy lofting the last row of his last year's corn crop on Monday.

**Mr. H. S. Barnett has greatly increased the number of his brick-drying sheds at his brick kiln.

**There was not a quorum of the board of school commissioners present on Tuesday and no meeting was held.

**Mr. Charles Johnson fell off Burchinal's wharf on Saturday, and was rescued by Mr. Charles Waddell and others.

**Several flurries of snow on Wednesday morning, April 9, were in perfect accord with the history of the past winter and present spring.

**A hen belonging to a Chestertown lady laid an egg a trifle larger than an ordinary rich-worm, soft-shell and in the shape of a horseshoe.

**The steamer Tourist, so well known in Kent, went aground during the gales last week and fears for her safety were felt at her office in Baltimore.

**Mr. John H. Clendaniel and Mr. John Medders have formed a partnership for the sale of agricultural implements, with headquarters at Kennedyville.

**The fine sloop yacht, Charles M. Kelley, Capt. Jack Lewis, master, reached Chestertown on Tuesday, coal laden. The Kelley is propelled both by gasoline and sail.

**Farmers along the Kent shores of the Chesapeake bay have harvested hundreds of cords of the drift wood which came down with the spring floods, to be used as fuel.

**A bare quorum of the county commissioners were present on Tuesday and no action was taken in the matter of allowing the thousand dollars asked for by the school commissioners.

**Capt. Andrew Woodall will have the largest acreage in corn of any individual land owner in Kent. Mr. Garrett Foxwell will have the largest acreage possibly of any individual farmer.

**Not within recent years has Chester river had as many fine rock fish as at present. Chester river shad have not yet come and herring have been extremely shy, though a few herring go a long way with the cultivated palate.

**Dr. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Michaels and All Angels Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore, has accepted an invitation to address the Mt. Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, on June 16.

**It is expected that with favorable weather the Georgetown bridge across Sassafras will be open to travel in about four weeks. Some complaint is being raised concerning the smallness and inefficiency of the scow being used for ferry purposes.

**The members of the choir of the Methodist Episcopal church of Chestertown are arranging for a Chrysanthemum, Fern and Palm Show, in November. This promises to be a charming innovation and the ladies having the matter in hand will bring out its most attractive features.

OBITUARY.

[REPORTED FOR TRANSCRIPT.]

THE LATE MAGISTRATE P. F. PIERCE.

This community was grieved at the sudden death on Friday morning last of Justice P. F. Pierce, who was stricken in his office while preparing to try a suit "In Ejectment," brought before him, and died of heart failure a few minutes after going to his home, at 11 A. M. Justice Pierce was in the prime of life, and enjoyed comparatively good health until in mid-winter when he suffered an attack of La Grippe, which confined him to his house for a time. He was truly one of nature's noblemen, whose hand and purse were ever open to the cause of charity. He was intelligent, humble, quiet and unassuming in manner, and held the respect and confidence of the entire community. He was a member of the order Heptasophs, a member and trustee for many years of the Church of St. Denis, Galena; his death is a great loss to the church, and his place will be hard to fill. He is survived by a widow and son, Master Bradford Pierce. His funeral took place on Monday, at 11 A. M. His remains were taken to the Church of St. Denis, where a solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Rev. John A. Daly, rector of St. Denis, Rev. Francis J. Connelly, of St. Ann's Church, Wilmington, Del., preached the funeral discourse. Rev. Father Daly performed the absolution of the body. Within the sanctuary rail were (in cassock and sirpice kneeling) Rev. F. J. Connelly, former rector, now of St. Ann's Church, Wilmington, Rev. Peter J. Hughes, former rector, now of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, and Rev. James L. McSweeney, rector of Church of Sacred Heart, Chestertown. The music of the mass was "One-wald's Requiem," in F. At the offertory O Salutaris Hostia in C. Before sermon, "Jesus be his rest eternal," in F. Rosenz solo was sung by Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran, soprano. After the absolution of the body, "Sad Hour of Parting" in F. Bellini, duet by Mrs. Cochran, soprano, and Mrs. W. Holt Woodall, alto. A large congregation attended the funeral obsequies. Interment was made in St. Denis cemetery, near Lambson's, where the body was consigned to the grave by Rev. Father Daly. Present were Rev. Fathers Connelly, Hughes, McSweeney and a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Wm. T. Hicks, funeral director. Pallbearers were: Messrs. J. T. James and Thos. Quinn, Joseph and Edward Woodall and Frank Kraft.

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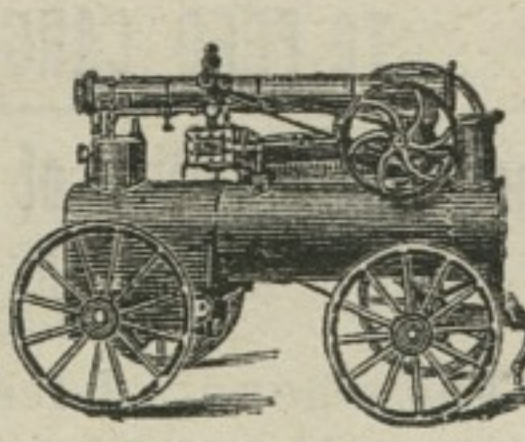
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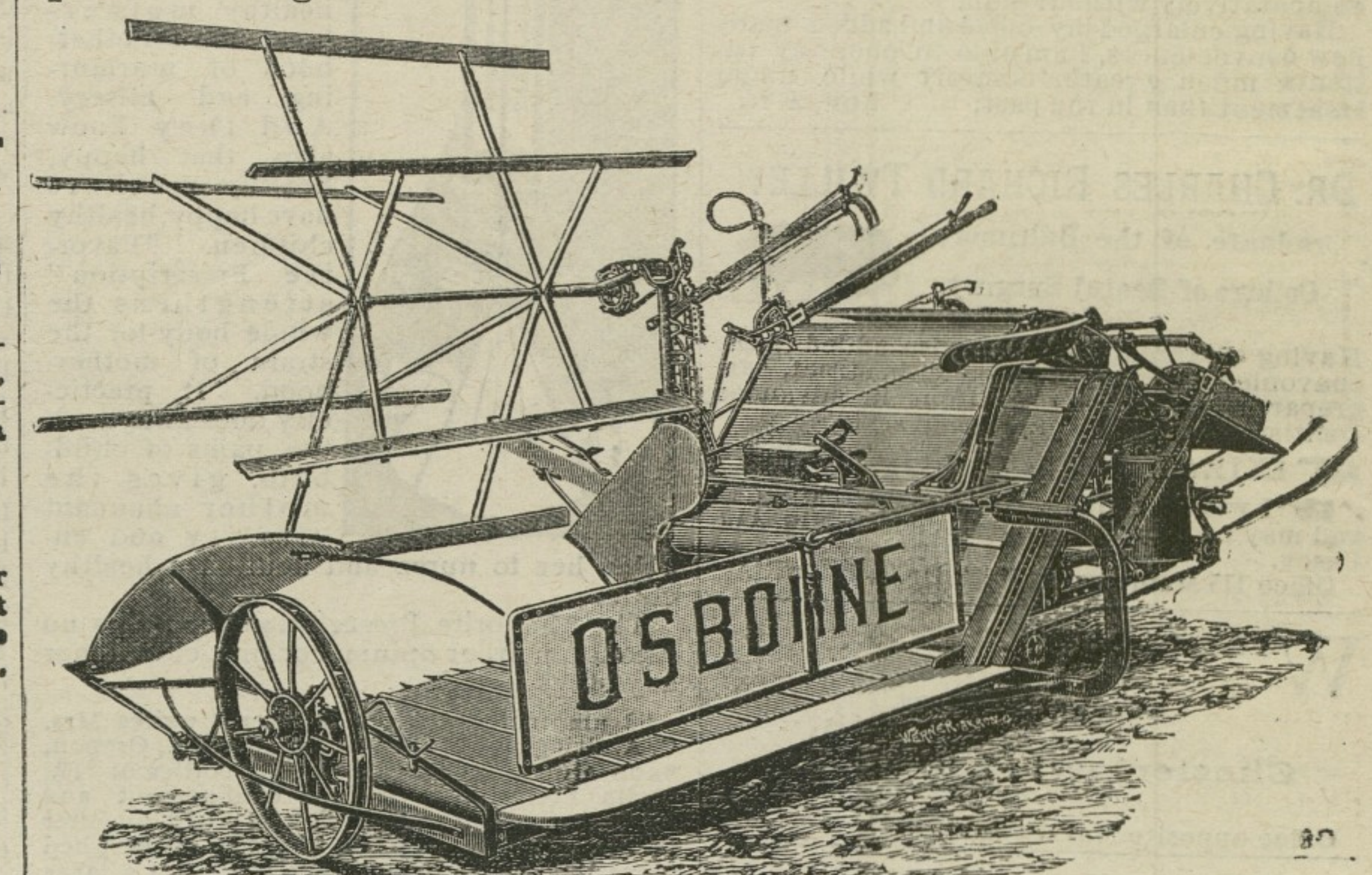
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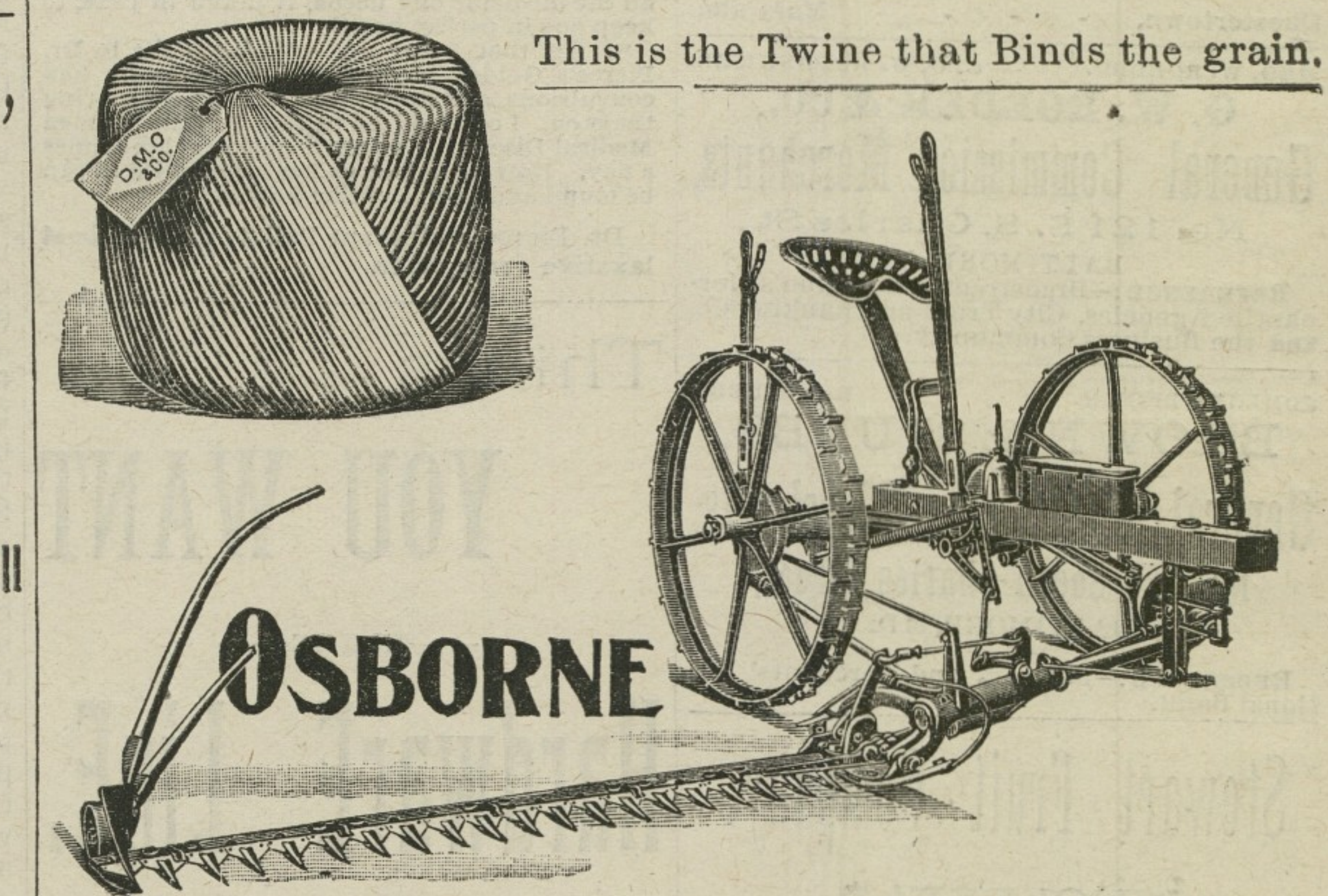
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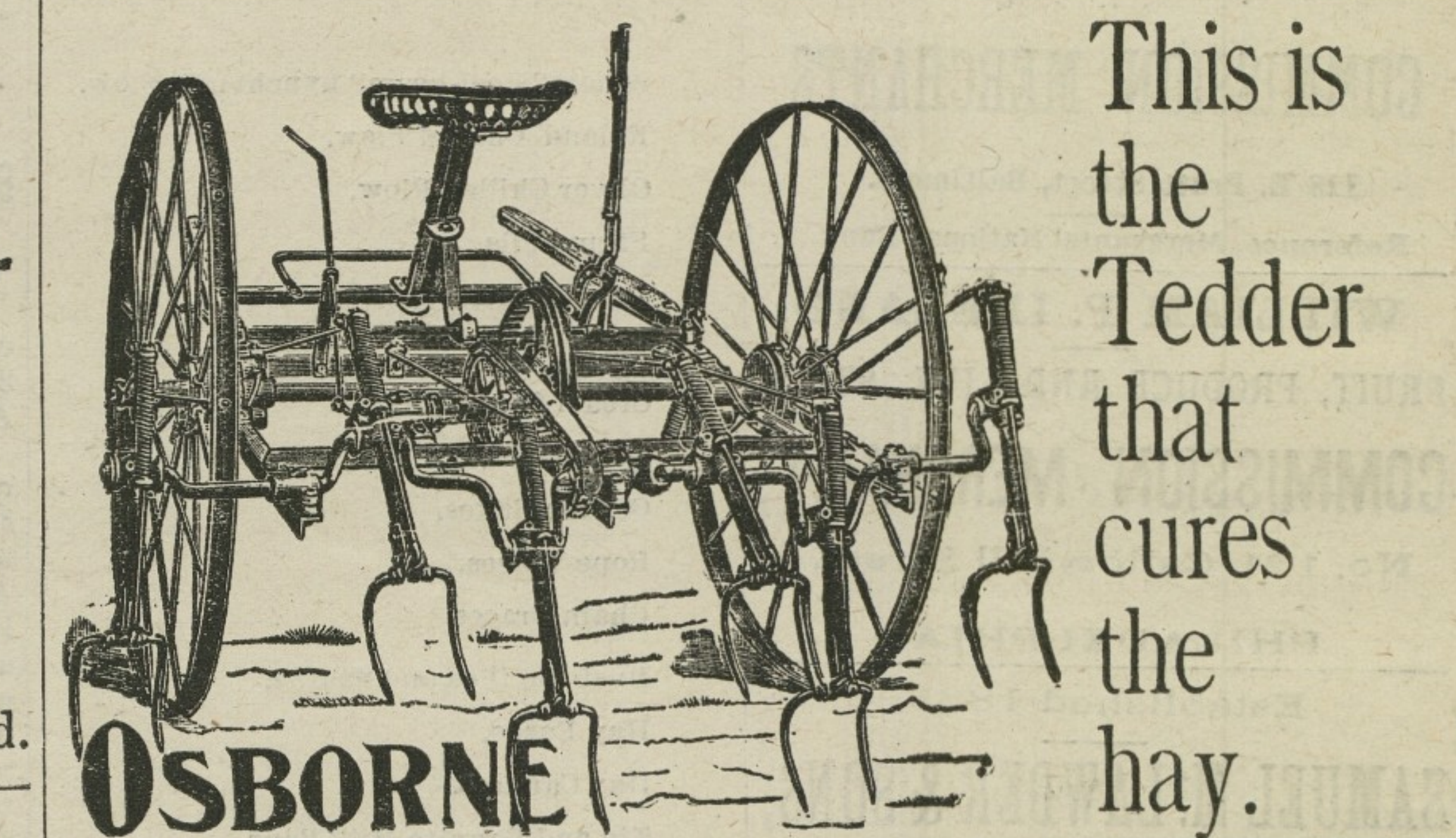
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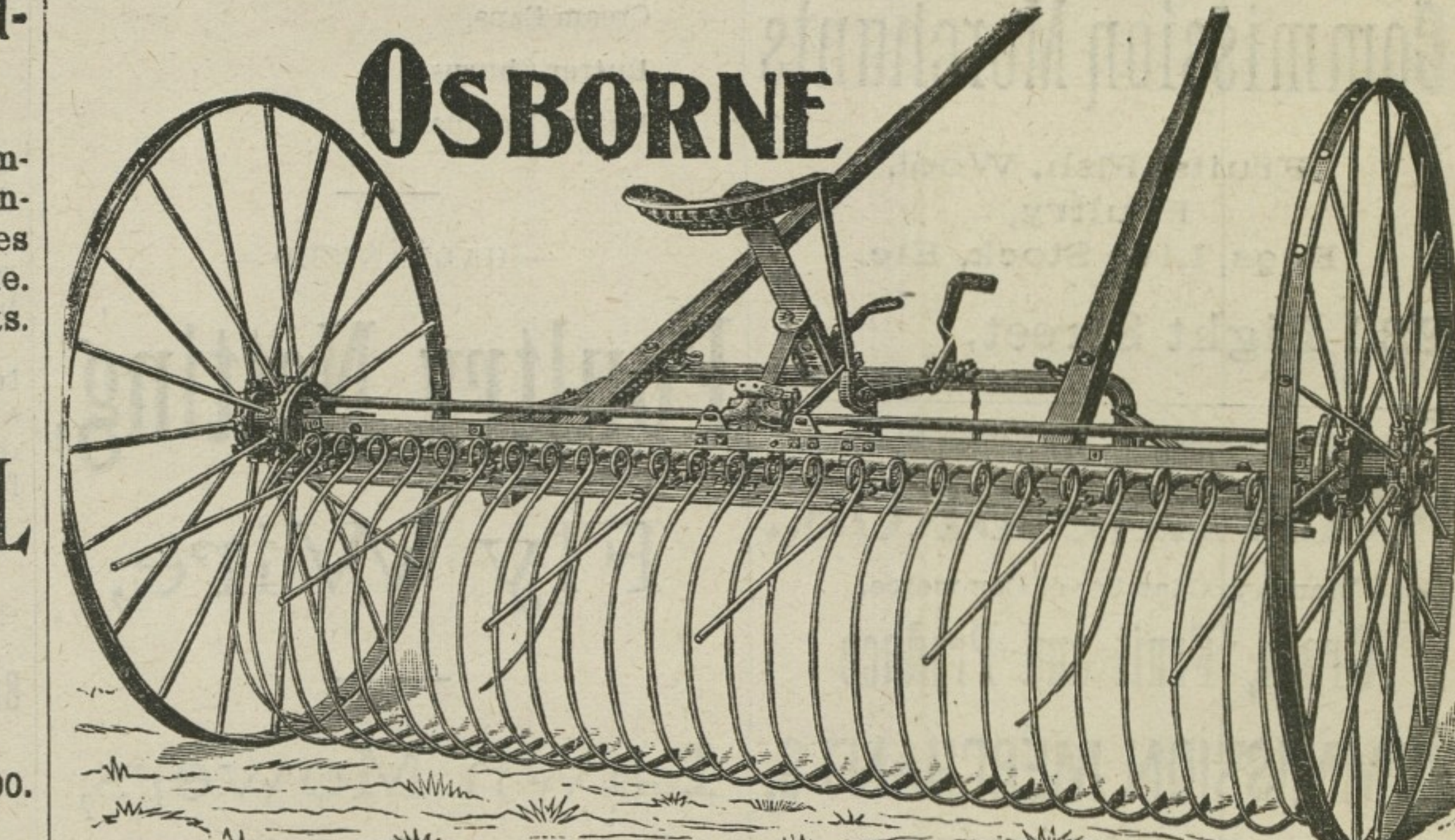
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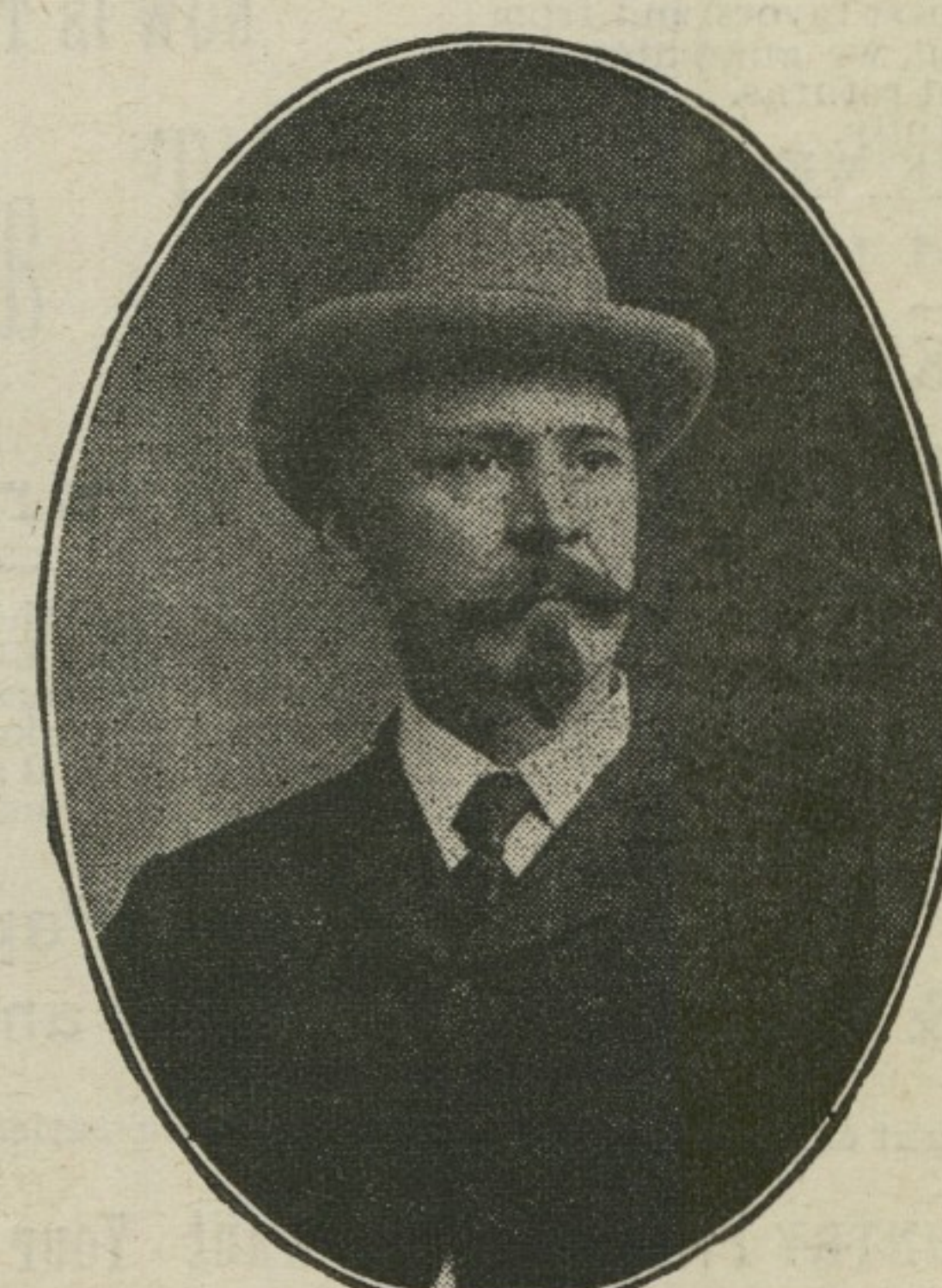
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