

THE COMMONER

Reproduction of All the Editorial Matter and Current Comment That Appeared in the First Edition of Mr. Bryan's Paper.

The Commoner, Mr. Bryan's paper, appeared yesterday. It was eagerly sought for by all classes of people. In size it is eight pages, 11x14 inches. It contains no advertisements, but the following notice is printed at the head of the editorial columns: "Advertising rates furnished on application."

When the people are recognized as the source of power the government is perpetual because the people endure forever. The government, therefore, responds to their desires and conforms to their character; it can be made as good as they deserve to have and they are satisfied with it because it is their own handiwork.

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QUESTIONABLE APPOINTMENTS. The recent appointment of Justice Harlan's son to the attorney generalship of Porto Rico and the appointment of Justice McKenna's son to the office of inspector general of volunteers are, to say the least, very unfortunate.

THE BOERS—GOD BLESS THEM. The reports from South Africa give the stories of ancient heroism. That a force so small should be able to hold the British army at bay and even re-take some of the surrendered cities seems too wonderful to be true.

CONTEMPT OF COURT. The supreme court has decided that Cuba is foreign territory, held in trust by the people of the United States for the Cubans and to be turned over to them as soon as they shall have established a stable government by their voluntary action.

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great indignation because the democratic platform suggested, in language more polite than that employed by Lincoln in 1860, a possibility of the reversal of the income tax decision. And yet no criticism of the court employed by any individual or party could do a tithe of the injury that has already been done by these appointments.

Would the International Navigation company be willing to split the desired subsidy in half and recognize the farm wagon and the city dray?

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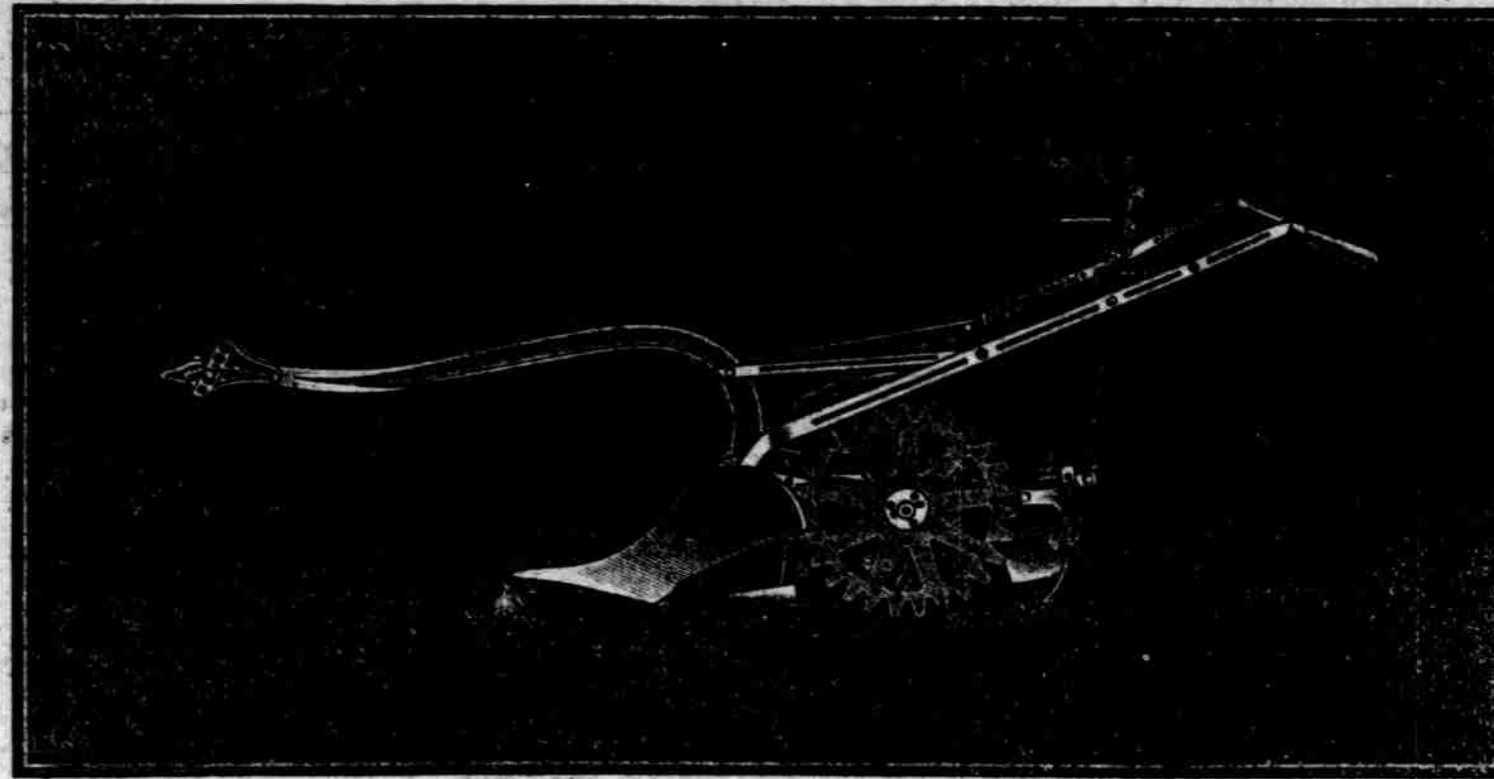
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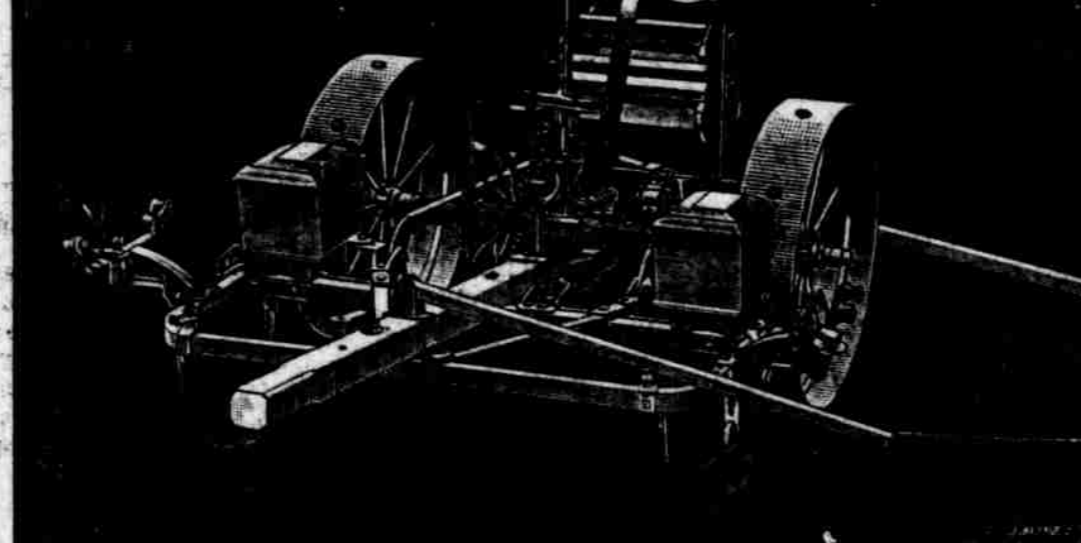
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