

**THE BLUFFS HOUSE BURNED.**

The New Water Works Tried and Prove Satisfactory.

A quite disastrous fire broke out last night about 10 o'clock, making an almost total loss of the Bluffs house. The fire was first seen in the west end of the building, and, it is supposed, originated from a defective flue. The furniture and movables in the house were nearly all saved. The house was used for hotel purposes, and was run by Peter Bussian. The fire company responded very promptly and did excellent service, the new water works being all that could be desired.

**COMMERCIAL.**

**COUNCIL BLUFFS MARKET.**  
Wheat—No. 2 spring, 65c; No. 3, 60c; rejected, 45c; good demand.  
Corn—Leaders are paying 33c for old corn and 35c for new.  
Oats—In good demand at 22c.  
Hay—4 00@6 00 per ton; 50c per bale.  
Rye—40@45c.  
Cena Meal—1 25 per 100 pounds.  
Wood—Good supply; prices at yards, 6 00@7 00.  
Coal—Delivered, hard, 11 50 per ton; soft, 5 00 per ton.  
Butter—Plenty and in fair demand at 20c; creamery, 35c.  
Eggs—In good demand at 25c per dozen.  
Lard—Fairbank's, wholesaling at 11c.  
Poultry—Ready sale; dealers are paying for chickens 11c; turkeys, 14c.  
Vegetables—Potatoes, 40c; onions, 40c; cabbage, none in the market; apples, ready sale at 3 00@3 50 for prime stock.  
Flour—City flour, 1 60@1 70.  
Brooms—2 95@3 00 per doz.  
**LIVE STOCK.**  
Cattle—3 00@3 50; calves, 5 00@7 50.  
Hogs—Local packers are buying now and there is a good demand for all grades; choice packing, 5 35@5 55; mixed, 4 75@5 25.

**IOWA ITEMS.**

Rock Rapids has incorporated a board of trade.  
Orange City will vote on incorporation on the 20th inst.  
Miss Minnie Swain has been made deputy treasurer of Crawford county.  
The winter weather does not stop the building of new houses in Orange City.  
The Merchants' National bank of Fort Dodge has increased its capital stock to \$100,000.  
The Crawford county fair will be at Denison on the 9th, 10th and 11th of September.  
About \$1,000 has been subscribed in Burlington, so far, toward the Dodge monument.  
The value of Davenport fire department property, inclusive of buildings, is about \$30,000.  
The Jefferson postoffice sold 10,000 2-cent stamps in January. The entire proceeds of the office for the month amounted to \$330.  
Judge Mitchell, register, declines to recommend the acceptance of Polk & Hubbell's offer of \$300,000 for the assets of the Allen estate. In Des Moines he also rejects their claim for interest on unpaid dividends, and thinks the best interests of the estate will not be promoted by the sale of the assets by public auction. He recommends to Judge Love that the entire assets be sold on the terms proposed by Polk & Hubbell for \$350,000. They will take the case up for further hearing before the United States district court.

**The Matter of Fence-Posts.**

It seems certain that steel or iron barbed wire will in the future supersede boards for making farm fences. The objections to it are few and are gradually diminishing as animals become accustomed to it. The advantages of it are many. It is cheap, easy to transport, durable, and convenient to put in position. Prairie fires do not burn it and violent winds do not blow it down. A fence made of it does not harbor vermin or provide a place for a nursery of weeds and bushes. It does not occupy the space of a Virginia rail-fence or a stone wall. It does not trespass on the ground or injure growing crops like the roots of hedge plants. It is easily removed if it is no longer wanted in the place where it was first erected. Barbed wire has obviously "come to stay." It is likely that it will be improved and cheapened, but it is not likely that it will go out of use. There is now an excellent opportunity for inventive talent to find a substitute for the ordinary material for farm fence posts. Cedar is fast becoming scarce and high. The largest trees, are used in the manufacture of cooperage and for various fancy articles. The tallest trees are employed for telegraph poles. A vast amount of cedar blocks are now used for paving streets. Numerous large cedar forests have been destroyed by fire during the past few years. There are few or no cedar trees within easy reach of the territory that is now being settled up. Chestnut, which furnishes the best substitute for cedar, does not grow to any considerable extent in the west. Some varieties of oak that grow in the west make very good posts, but most of them do not. The southern pitch pine and cypress make good posts, and it appears strange that they are not more generally used for this purpose.

Much has been written during the past few years on the advantages of employing living trees for supporting boards or wire employed for fencing. The appearance of a farm is greatly improved by having it surrounded by stately trees. If these trees could be used for the purpose of supporting fence-wire they would be both useful and ornamental. Great trouble, however, has been found in attaching wire to them. As the trunks expand they grow over the wire, cause it to rust, and finally to break. Of course it is impractical to remove the wire after it has become imbedded in the wood of the growing tree. A correspondent of an eastern paper suggests boring holes through the trunks of trees and passing the wires through them. This plan, however, would not prevent the wires from becoming imbedded in the wood on the sides of the trees, while the injury done to the center would be likely to cause the trunks to decay. A better plan would seem to be to put a piece of iron tubing, like a gas pipe, through the sugar hole. This would exclude the air and allow an opportunity to stretch the wire when it became necessary or to remove it altogether. In some of the eastern states granite fence posts have been in use for more than a century. They are heavy to transport and are liable to be broken by having carts run against them. They are not liable to decay and of course can not be injured by ordinary fires. There are machines for drilling holes into them for holding nails or staples, and the latter can be fastened in place by the use of molten lead or sulphur. In many parts of the west are deposits of limestone that would make excellent posts. It is easier worked than granite and lighter to handle. In a few instances posts of earthen and concrete, as well as of artificial stone, have been used. Iron is well protected that the prospect of using it for protecting fields appears to be very poor.

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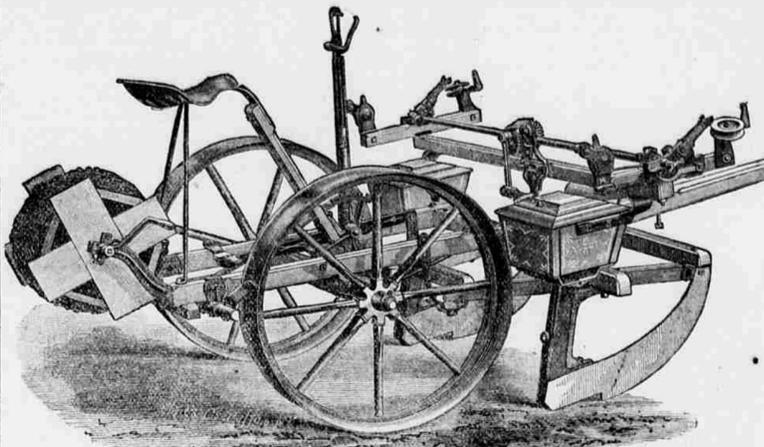
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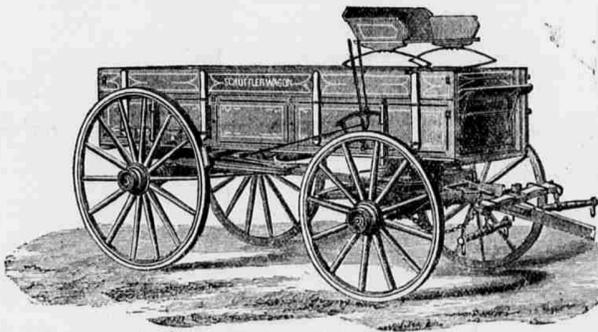
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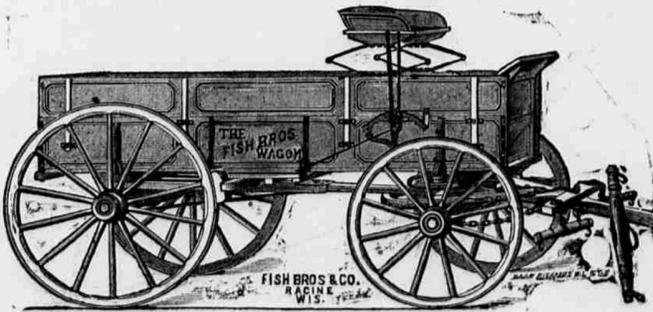
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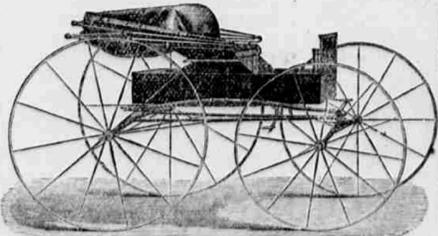
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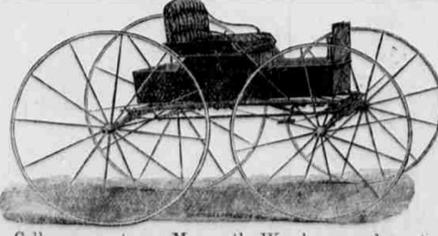
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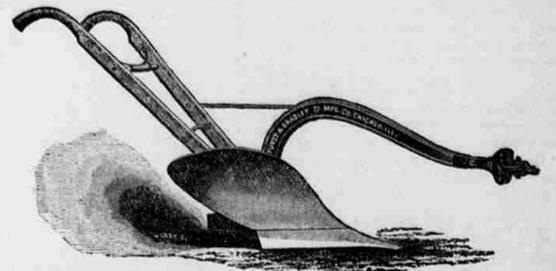


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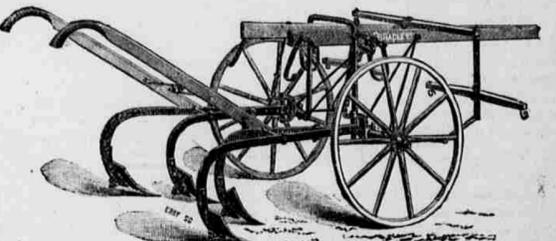


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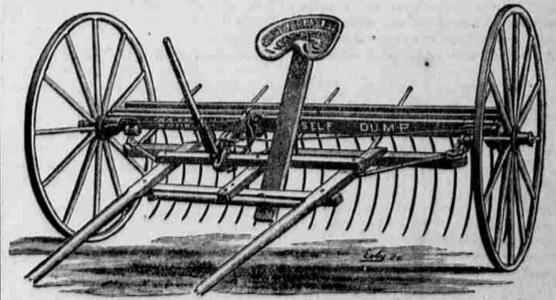
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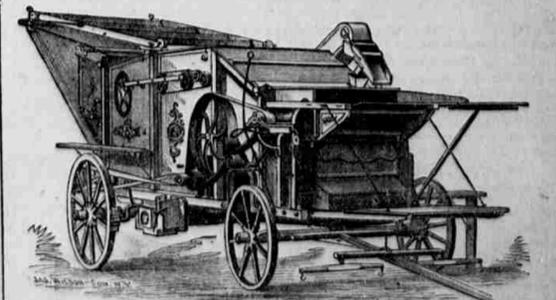
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