

## CROP PROSPECTS.

## Reports from Forty-Eight Counties in Indiana.

## The Showing Far Above the Average—A Year of Unexampled Plenty.

[Special Dispatches to Cincinnati Enquirer.]

**BENTON**—Wheat: Reports show an increased acreage of 30 per cent.; will yield twenty bushels per acre, which is an increase of 50 per cent. over last year. Oats: An increased acreage of 33 per cent., being the largest and best crop ever raised in this county. Corn: An increased acreage; prospect magnificent for a very large crop. Potatoes: Acreage, 500 early, 500 late; about the same as last year; prospect splendid for a large yield. Fruits: Full crop of all kinds.

**BOONE**—Wheat shows an increased acreage of 200 per cent.; yield one-fourth more than average, and twice as good in condition of grain. Corn: A decrease of 20 per cent. in acreage; condition of crop good; prospects of an average crop. Potatoes: A decrease of 40 per cent. in acreage; condition of crop good; early very fine. Fruits: Apples half a crop; no peaches.

**BROWN**—Wheat: Acreage, 10,190, an increase of 50 per cent. over last year, averaging twenty bushels per acre, an increase of nearly 400 per cent. in the yield; the grain very full and plump. Oats: Acreage, 7,000, good yield, not quite so good as last year. Corn: Acreage, 18,753, about the same as last year; condition good; corn clean, no weeds; small per cent. of decrease in yield. Fruits: Peaches not a full crop, but in fine condition; apples about half a crop, but what we have are good, smooth and clear of worms.

**CASS**—Wheat: Acreage, 45,000, an increase of 10 per cent. over last year; will average twenty-five bushels per acre and far superior in yield than last year. Oats: Acreage 30,000; prospects of a very heavy yield. Corn: Acreage, 30,000, increase of 10 per cent.; in excellent condition; will yield about 20 bushels per acre. Fruits: All kinds abundant, and promise well except grapes, generally killed by frost.

**CLINTON**—Wheat: Acreage, 20,000, an increase of 10 per cent. over last year; will average 20 bushels per acre, and is 33 per cent. better in yield. Oats: Acreage, 9,000, a slight increase; prospect for immense crop. Corn: Acreage, 50,000, 20 per cent. increase; crop not so far advanced as last year, but will yield about the same. Potatoes: Acreage, 300 early, 450 late, an increase of 25 per cent.; the prospect is fair for good yield. Fruits: All kinds of small plentiful; apples and pears, big crop; no peaches or grapes. Flax, hay, etc., are doing splendid.

**CRAWFORD**—Wheat: Acreage, 6,000, an increase of 33 per cent.; will average 7 bushels per acre, being 33 per cent. in excess of last year's yield. Oats: Acreage, 12,000; about the same as last year; prospect for a fine crop. Corn: An increase of 15 per cent. in acreage; prospect for yield not very encouraging. Potatoes: Acreage, 500 early, 2,000 late; a slight increase; condition of crop good and prospects so far very flattering. Fruits: A large crop of all kinds.

**DECATUR**—Wheat: Acreage, 18,000, an increase of 25 per cent.; will yield 20 bushels per acre, about the same as last year, but quality a great deal better. Oats: Acreage, 7,104, a decrease of 5 per cent.; prospect for a good crop. Corn: Acreage, 47,203, a decrease of 10 per cent.; prospect now as good, if not better, than last year. Potatoes: About same acreage as last year; prospect of a yield in excess of last year, which was a very large crop. Fruits: Apples good and prospect of large crop; peach crop fair; other fruits good. Timothy, clover, rye and barley all excellent crops.

**DEKALB**—Wheat: Acreage, 50,000, an increase of 25 per cent. over last year; will yield 20 bushels per acre, an increase of 10 per cent. Oats: Acreage, 15,000, an increase of 5 per cent.; prospect favorable for a large crop. Corn: Acreage, an increase of 10 per cent.; the condition of the crop is fine, and prospect for a fine yield. Potatoes: An increase of 25 per cent. in acreage; prospect for large crop never better. Fruits: Large crop of all kinds, except grapes, which are very few.

**DELAWARE**—Wheat: Acreage, 19,475, an increase of 20 per cent. over last year; will average 21 bushels per acre, the yield much larger and grain in fine condition. Oats: Acreage, 5,209, a slight increase in acreage; crop splendid and very large. Corn: About same acreage as last year; prospect for an excellent yield. Potatoes: Large crop of early and prospect good for late. Fruits: Large yield of all kinds, with the exception of grapes—very few of them.

**ELKHART**—Wheat: Shows an increased acreage of 20 per cent.; will yield 20 bushels per acre, about the same as last year; the crop is in a flourishing condition, and will average better than last year. Potatoes: About same acreage as last year; prospect very good for large crop. Fruits: Apples and pears good, peaches and grapes poor.

**FAYETTE**—Wheat: Acreage, 15,000, an increase of 15 per cent.; will yield 20 bushels per acre, an increase of 25 per cent. over last year. Oats: Acreage, 2,000, about the same as last year; will be an average crop. Corn: Acreage, 40,000, about the same as last year; prospect good for large yield. Fruits: All kinds in abundance, with the exception of peaches, which are scarce. Flax: Good meadows very heavy.

**FLOYD**—Wheat: Acreage, 3,277, an increase of 20 per cent.; will yield 20 bush. per acre, being 15 per cent. less than last year. Oats: Acreage, 2,977, slight increase; prospect good for large yield. Corn: Acreage, 5,365, 5 per cent. less than last year; the crop is now in better condition than at the same time last year; prospect for large crop. Potatoes: An increase of 10 per cent. in acreage; the condition of the crop is excellent, with good prospect of heavy yield. Fruits: There will be an excellent crop of all kinds.

**FOUNTAIN**—Wheat: Shows an increase in acreage of 5 per cent.; will yield 20 bush. per acre, being three times as large as that of last year. Oats: Average acreage and good quality. Corn: Average acreage; crop in good condition, prospect for large yield. Potatoes: Same acreage as last year; prospect for a large crop. Fruits: All in fine condition and prospect for a large crop.

**FRANKLIN**—Wheat: An increase in acreage of 5 per cent. will yield 15 bushels per acre, about 5 per cent. better than last year. Oats: About same acreage as last year; prospects fair for a good yield. Corn: A slight increase in acreage; prospect not very good; great many complaints. Potatoes: About same acreage as last year; prospects at present not good. Fruits in good condition; much better than last season.

**GREENE**—Wheat: Acreage, 26,236, 15 per cent. in excess of last year; will yield 15 bushels per acre, an increase of 10 per cent., and of much better quality. Oats: Acreage, 8,294, an increase of 10 per cent.; prospect for a good yield. Corn: 10 per cent. increase in acreage; crop in better condition than usual at this time of the year; prospect for a good yield. Potatoes: Acreage, 4,218 early, 5,232 late; an increase of 15 per cent.; crop in good condition, with excellent prospect. Fruits: Apples scarcely an average. Peaches in abundance; trees breaking down; quality, No. 1. Plums, pears and smaller fruits never more abundant.

**HAMILTON**—Wheat: Acreage, 25,000, an increase of 33 per cent.; an average of 23 bushels per acre; will be double the yield of

last year. Oats: Acreage, 8,000, a slight increase in acreage; prospect for a good crop and of an excellent quality. Corn: About same acreage as last year; crop in good condition; prospect never better. Potatoes: An increase of 25 per cent. in acreage; crop in good condition; prospect for a fair crop. Fruits: Good prospect of apples, all of which is raised, worth mentioning in this county. Flax is being raised in very great quantities.

**HANCOCK**—Wheat: Acreage, 17,670, an increase of 11 per cent. over last year; will average 22 bushels per acre, an increase of 25 per cent. Oats: Acreage, 3,965, a decrease of 5 per cent. Crop very heavy. Corn: Acreage, 49,452, an increase of 15 per cent. over last year. Crop clean, and in better condition than at the same time last year; will yield 15 bushels more per acre than last year. Potatoes: Acreage, 250 early, 1,897 late, an increase of 9 per cent. over last year. Crop growing nicely, and prospect for large crop. Fruits: There will be a large yield of apples, pears, plums and grapes; but few peaches. Much flax sown, now ripe; will be a heavy yield—about 20,000 bushels.

**HENRY**—Wheat: Acreage, 15,000, same as last year; yield, 25 bushels per acre, an increase of 75 per cent. Oats: Acreage, 3,000; fair crop. Corn: Acreage, 20,000, a slight increase; not in as good condition as last year. Potatoes: Acreage, 1,000 early, 2,000 late; same as last year; prospect not very good. Fruits: All kinds good with the exception of grapes, which are a failure on account of the frost.

**HOWARD**—Wheat: Acreage, 12,000, more than twice the number of last year; average, 25 bushels per acre, 30 per cent. greater. Oats: Acreage, 2,500, about same as last year; good crop. Corn: Acreage, 6,000, about 2,000 acres less than last year; crop in much better than the average condition; prospect fine. Potatoes: Almost usual crop; condition about the average. Fruits: Late Apples in fine condition, not many early; very few peaches; cherries plenty and fine.

**JAY**—Wheat: Very nearly all in; will average 18 bushels per acre. Early potatoes in market, and very good. Corn, for the season good. Oats and flax very good. Very few apples or peaches in this county.

**JACKSON**—Wheat: Acreage, 13,025, an increase of 600 acres; average, 29 bushels per acre, 75 per cent. better than last year. Oats: Acreage, 9,976, an increase of 10 per cent. over last year; the crop will be unusually large. Corn: Acreage, 58,836, an increase of 10 per cent.; the crop is in good condition, with prospect for a greater yield than last year. Potatoes: An increase in acreage; prospect for a good crop. Fruits: Abundance of all kinds; peaches fine.

**JEFFERSON**—Wheat: One-third greater acreage; will average 17 bushels per acre; quality superior, but yield not so great. Corn: One-fourth more planted; looks healthy, is growing nicely, and promises an abundant yield. Potatoes: A decrease of 33 per cent. in acreage; the prospect for a good crop is fair. Fruits: All kinds splendid and abundant; best peach crop for years.

**JOHNSON**—Wheat: Acreage, 30,000, an increase of 33 per cent.; will yield 19 bushels per acre, probably double the yield of last year, it being so much better quality. Oats: Acreage, 60,000, a decrease of 12 per cent.; the prospect is now very flattering for a good yield. Corn: Acreage, 50,000, a decrease of 20 per cent.; quality excellent, nearly as good as last year; yield per acre somewhat less. Potatoes: Acreage, 5,000 early, 7,000 late, a decrease of 33 per cent.; crop of early potatoes remarkably good; late very fair. Fruits: Apples are not a half crop, and rather poor; peaches good, large yield; pears, small crop; trees largely killed by pear blight; trees have appearance of having been struck by lightning.

**KOSCIUSKO**—Wheat shows an increased acreage of 30 per cent.; yield of 20 bushels per acre—15 per cent. greater than last year. Oats are more than an average crop. Corn: The prospects are better than for years, more acres having been planted than usual. Potatoes will be a good average crop; no grapes as yet. Fruits: Apples and peaches plenty, with an abundance of small fruit.

**LAWRENCE**—Wheat shows an increase in acreage of 5 per cent.; will yield 10 bushels per acre—about the same as last year, but of a better quality. Oats: Large increase in acreage, and yield very good. Corn: Acreage larger than last year; yield promising. Potatoes: Greater acreage; prospects very good. Fruits: Peaches good; apples fair; small fruits promising. Hay crop, which is now being cut, will be very large.

**MADISON**—Wheat: Acreage, 40,000, one-third more than last year; an average of 22 bushels per acre, nearly double the yield of last year. Oats: Acreage, 8,000; prospects for a large crop. Corn: Acreage, 50,000; condition at this time much better than last year; prospect never better. Potatoes: Twice as many planted as last year, and in fair condition. Fruits: All kinds will yield a full crop, except peaches. There will be an increased amount of flax. All kinds of grapes are in good condition and yielding largely.

**MORGAN**—Wheat: Acreage, 30,000, an increase of 20 per cent. over last year; averaging 15 bushels per acre, a yield 20 per cent. greater than last year, and of a better quality. Oats: Acreage, 5,000; good crop; fine quality of grain. Corn: Acreage, 50,000, a decrease of 10 per cent.; condition not so good as last year by 15 per cent. Potatoes: Slight decrease in acreage; prospect for early crop better; late good. Fruit: All kinds in good condition.

**MONROE**—Wheat: Acreage, 16,000, a slight increase; average, 20 bushels per acre; 100, 10 per cent. greater than last year. Oats: Acreage, 10,000, and the best crop ever harvested. Corn: Acreage, 60,000, a slight increase; condition of crop as good as last year; at this time prospect of yield the very best. Potatoes: Acreage, 2,000 early condition good; prospect for good crop. Fruits: Apples average crop; peaches enormous yield, with trees breaking down, but fruit not so large as usual; all other fruits and berries plenty.

**MONTGOMERY**—Wheat: Acreage, 22,344, twice as much as last year, averaging 25 bushels per acre; yield more than double of last year's. Corn: Acreage this year is about the same as last, and present prospects promise an immense yield. Potatoes: The present condition and prospects are all that could be desired. Fruits: The peach crop will be the largest in five years; apples will be very abundant; the prospects for grapes is not so good as last year; all small fruits in great abundance.

**OWEN**—Wheat: Shows an increased acreage of 10 per cent., averaging 15 bushels per acre, the yield about double of last year's. Corn: About same acreage as last year; in fair condition; prospect for good crop. Potatoes: An increase of 25 per cent. in acreage; crop in good condition; promises large yield. Fruit: All kinds in good condition; prospect for a large yield.

**PORTER**—Wheat: Acreage, 10,000, a slight increase; will average 20 bushels per acre, with double the yield of last year. Oats: Acreage, 15,000; will yield 50 bushels per acre, an increase of 15 per cent.; condition fully as good as last year; promises a better yield. Potatoes: A slight increase in acreage; prospects very flattering for a good yield. Fruits: All kinds promise an abundant yield.

**PERRY**—Wheat: Acreage, 50,000, an increase of 5 per cent. over last year, averaging ten bushels per acre, showing a decrease

in yield of 33 per cent. Oats: Acreage, 5,000; prospect of a large yield and fine crop. Corn: Acreage, 55,000; slight increase; yield of forty bushels per acre; 5 per cent. greater than last year. Potatoes: About 2 per cent. increase in acreage; condition of crop good; quality excellent; yield large. Fruits: Good; apples light; apples light. There will be about 10,000 tons No. 1 hay in this county.

**PUTNAM**—Wheat: Acreage, 10,000, an increase of 25 per cent., averaging twenty bushels per acre, 25 per cent. increase in yield; quality as good, if not better, than ever known. Oats: Acreage, 5,000; small increase on last year; prospects never better for yield and quality. Corn: Acreage, 5,000; a little backward, owing to cold weather and heavy rains this spring, but the warm sun of the past three weeks has made it grow rapidly, so that it will compare favorably with previous seasons. Potatoes: A decrease of 25 per cent. in acreage; prospect for a good crop for many years. Fruits: All kinds very fair, prospects best for many years.

**RANDOLPH**—Wheat: Acreage, 17,775, an increase of 25 per cent.; will average seventeen bushels per acre, with an increased yield of 25 per cent. Oats: Acreage, 14,406, an increase of 15 per cent.; a very large yield, and of an extra quality. Corn: Acreage, 60,000, a shade less than last year; crop in good condition; prospect for a large yield. Potatoes: A small increase in acreage; prospect for a good crop flattering. Fruits: Poor prospect for all kinds, except berries.

**RENSSELAIRE**—Wheat: Acreage, 75,000, one-third greater than last year; will average eighteen bushels per acre; the yield will be one-third greater per acre, and of a much better quality. Oats: The yield will be greater than has been known for years. Corn: Acreage not as large as usual; condition about same as last year; yield not so good, but the yield will be average. Potatoes: Acreage about same as last year; prospect good. Fruits: Not many peaches; an abundance of apples, pears and plums; grapes scarce on account of June frosts.

**SHENANDOAH**—Wheat: Acreage, 36,373; an increase of 20 per cent. over last year; will average 14 bushels per acre; 25 per cent. better in yield than last year. Oats: Acreage, 3,180; prospect for a very large crop. Corn: Acreage, 71,583; an increase of 10 per cent. over last year. The condition of the crop is good and the prospects are for fully as good if not better yield than last year. Potatoes: About the same acreage as last year; condition excellent; prospect of unusual fine yield in quantity and quality. Fruits: Apples in fair condition. Peaches not so good; will be small crop; will be only indifferent crop of plums, grapes and other fruits.

**ST. JOSEPH**—Wheat: Same acreage as last year; will average twenty bushels per acre; yield 10 per cent. better. Oats: Acreage about the same, but a much better yield. Corn: More planted than last year, and the crop will be a good average. Potatoes: A decrease of 33 per cent. in acreage; the prospect for a big crop. Fruits: All kinds in good condition, and prospect of large yield.

**STURGEON**—Wheat: Acreage, 32,000, an increase of 30 per cent. over last year; will average eighteen bushels per acre, a yield of 50 per cent. greater than last year. Oats: Acreage, 10,000; large crop. Corn: Acreage, 20,000, an increase of 25 per cent.; excellent condition. Potatoes: Acreage, 5,000, an increase of 30 per cent. in acreage; flattering prospect for a good crop. Fruits: Fair, but not the best.

**SULLIVAN**—Wheat: Acreage, 47,751, an increase of 25 per cent. over last year; will average 15 bushels per acre, a much better yield and quality than last year's. Corn: Acreage, 50,000, a decrease of 5 per cent. in acreage; prospects favorable for an average yield. Potatoes: An increase of 10 per cent. in acreage; prospects favorable for a large and good crop. Fruits: Large crop of all kinds, larger than usual and better.

**SWITZERLAND**—Wheat: Shows an increased acreage of 25 per cent.; will average 15 bushels per acre; the yield will be 20 per cent. greater than last year. Oats: Acreage, 1,000; prospect for a large and fine crop. Corn: Acreage, 20,000, same as last year; condition promising prospect for a large yield. Potatoes: About the same acreage as last year; the crop promises to be unusually good and large; no bugs to do any harm. Fruits: An abundance of apples and pears, but few peaches.

**TIPPECANOE**—Wheat: Acreage, 46,800, twice as large as last year; will average 20 bushels per acre; regarded as the largest yield since 1864. Oats: Acreage, 1,000; promises to be a fair crop. Corn: Acreage, 50,000, about the same as last year; magnificent prospect for a large yield. Potatoes: Slight increase in acreage; best crop known for several years. Fruits: Fair; berries good; other fruits average crop.

**TIPTON**—Wheat shows an acreage one-half larger than last year; will average 25 bushels per acre, with an increased yield of 60 per cent. and 50 per cent. better grain. Corn: An increased acreage of 75 per cent.; condition of crop good, and prospect for a very heavy yield. Potatoes: About same acreage as last year; condition of crop good, with fair prospects. Fruits: Apples, full crop; peaches and grapes only fair, being injured by frost when in bloom.

**UNION**—Wheat: shows an increased acreage of 25 per cent. over last year, averaging 20 bushels per acre; yield 20 per cent. better than last year. Corn: Acreage, 30,000, a slight increase over last year; the condition better than known for some time; prospect very good. Potatoes: Acreage, 5,000, an increase of 10 per cent.; condition of crop good, and promises a fair yield. Fruits: All kinds first-class, excepting peaches, which are scarce.

**WASHINGTON**—Wheat: Shows an increased acreage of 20 per cent. over last year, averaging 18 bushels per acre, being an increase of 15 per cent. in the yield. Oats: Usual quantity and quality. Corn: Acreage, 50,000, there is about 10 per cent. increase in acreage, and prospect for a good yield, equal to last year's crop. Potatoes: A decrease of 5 per cent. in acreage; condition good, and prospects excellent; early are now maturing. Fruits: All kinds plenty, and of the best quality. There will be a large yield of hay, flax, millet and beans.

**VANDERBURGH**—Wheat: Acreage, 20,000, an increase of 20 per cent. over last year, averaging 1,600 bushels to the acre; the yield is 15 per cent. less than last year. Early wheat is of inferior quality, but that harvested later is the average and of better quality. Corn: Acreage, 21,000, a decrease of 5 per cent.; crop in condition and prospect of a yield larger than last year. Potatoes: A decrease of 25 per cent. in acreage; crop fair and in good condition. Fruits: Apples only half a crop and not of good quality. Peaches in great abundance of fair quality. Prospect for grapes 'good'.

**WABASH**—Wheat: Acreage, 44,233, a falling off of 3 per cent. over last year, averaging 14 bushels per acre, a decrease in yield of 10 per cent. Oats: Acreage, 4,502; prospects for a large crop. Corn: Acreage, 54,982, an increase of 5 per cent.; condition of crop good; prospects fair. Potatoes: A decrease of 10 per cent. in acreage; condition of crop good; prospects for a large crop. Fruits: All kinds of the best quality, and a large yield.

**WAYNE**—Wheat: Acreage, 19,125, an increase of 25 per cent. over last year; average, 20 bushels per acre, an increase of 25 per cent. in yield. Oats: Acreage, 14,500, an increase of 15 per cent. in yield over last year. Corn: Acreage, 50,000, same as last year; prospect of yield 10 per cent. greater than last year. Fruits: Unusual heavy yield except apples, which are falling very badly. The crop of hemp and hay is unusually abundant.

**WHITLEY**—Wheat shows an increase of 200 per cent. in acreage over last year; will average

20 bushels per acre, being 10 per cent. gain in yield, and the quality excellent. Oats: Quality and condition splendid. Corn: Average acreage; the crop has been a little backward, but now doing well; fair prospect of a good yield. Potatoes: About same acreage as last year; the condition of the crop is good, and little trouble with the bugs. Fruits: Cherries a failure. Apples: A good crop; a few peaches and pears; good crop of berries.

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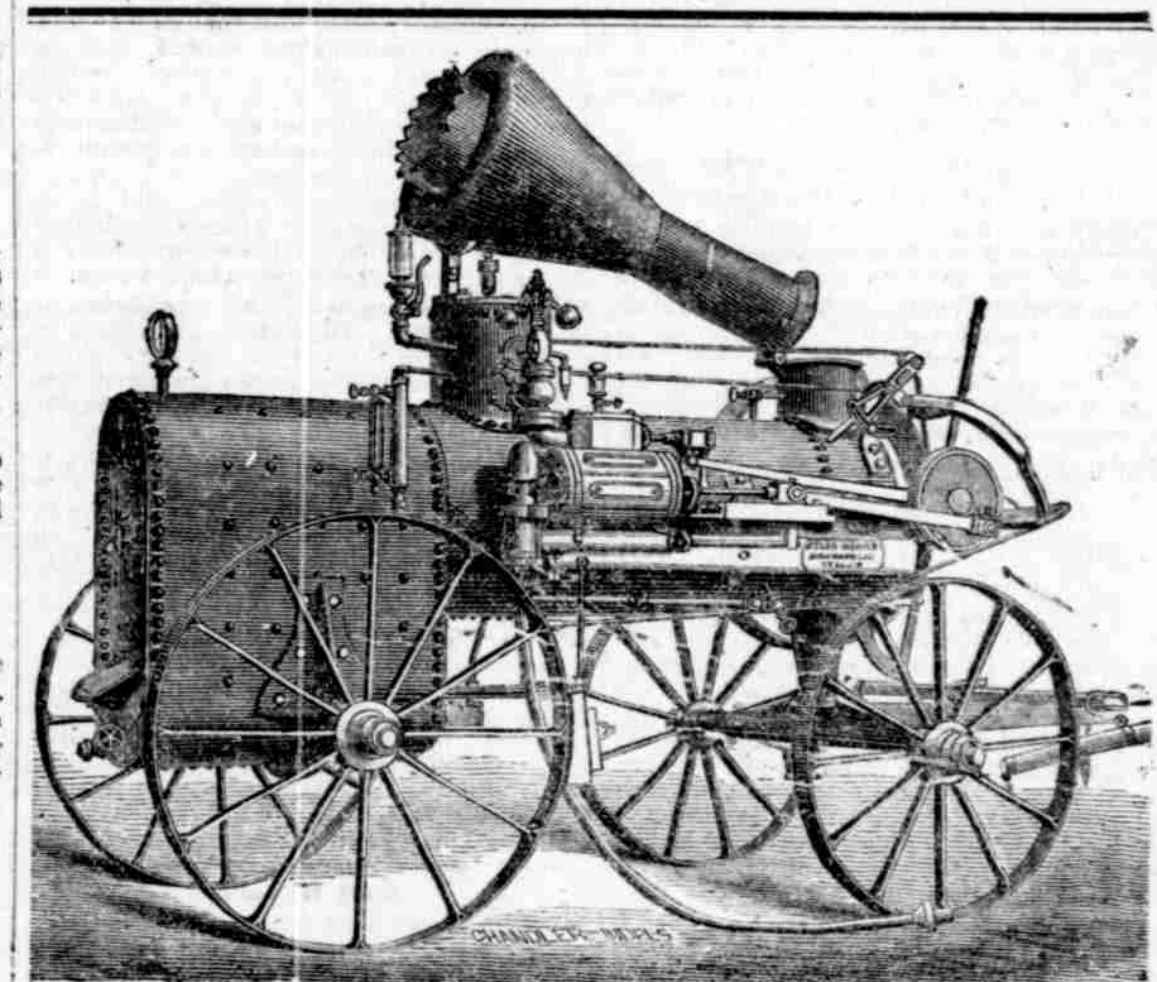
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