

Uphold the Laws Or Change Them.
(Asheville Citizen)

Under the North Carolina law the ancient mandate is preserved:

"Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Until that law is abolished by the people, who alone have power to change it, anipathy to capital punishment and sentiments of mercy are not sufficient reasons for demanding of Governors that they set aside the verdicts of the courts. A Governor has authority to exercise clemency when he finds reason (that is, evidence, not sentiment) for believing that the courts have made a mistake, or when new evidence is laid before him which makes improbable the guilt of the defendant.

If the people are not satisfied with the ability of an average jury to pass upon the question whether a defendant has sense enough to know right from wrong, let them through the Legislature establish an insanity commission or provide official expert advice for the courts on this question. If the people are convinced that a criminal highly abnormal in mentality, but not insane, should have special consideration in the execution of laws, let them undertake the task of defining abnormality and of providing a satisfactory way of dealing with it.

Above all, let the people make up their minds that two systems of law, one statute and the other the custom of disregarding the written law, cannot be administered concurrently without final destruction of respect for all law. Such laws as we have have been tested by the experience of centuries. In many respects they need amendment and additions; law must free itself from delay and too much technicality. But, just as the communists have mistakenly thought that human nature could be changed for the better by a change of form of government, so many critics of the laws err in thinking that people can necessarily be made more lawful by the new or more numerous laws. There must first be the determination to uphold even a bad law until it can be replaced with a better, because respect for law and obedience to law are fundamental to the existence of any form of free government.

Wonders Of Vancouver.

Stanley Park, in Vancouver, is named in honor of Henry M. Stanley, known to fame as a reporter and explorer, maybe more as the latter than the former. It's a wonder. There are giant trees in this glorious spot, some of them sixty feet in circumference. There is a rock garden in which all the wild flowers of Canada may be found in profusion—and confusion, too. There's Shakespeare's Garden, with every flower named in the works of the bard of bards. And, under cover, are tropical and sub-tropic plants. Nearby is a zoological garden with bears, wolves, lions, moose, buffalo, lynx, kangaroos, ostriches and beasts and birds without number.

Why anybody American should go into rhapsodies over the Alps when he has such a marvel as Mount Ranier in the United States and the wondrous Cascades and Canadian Rockies on his own footstool is hard to understand. There's enough scenery when you look out of your hotel window in Vancouver to make your heart delight. Mountains of the coast range come right down to the water—and the bare mountains. Few cities of the world have such towering heights within a few miles. At dawn and sunset glow they have a beauty man may know but never be able to translate by written word.

Vancouver's great show place is called Shaughnessy Heights, in honor of the doughty old man who was president of the Canadian Pacific railway. Many of the palaces of this beautiful residential section are literally covered with roses. In the East the rose is of June. Here it lasts up to Christmas. You find the rose vines even twined about the chimney tops. And the roses themselves! They have a richness of color beyond anything grown without the hothouse of the East.—Spillane, Business Editor Philadelphia Public Ledger, On the Road.

—The postoffice department says that there are about 19,000 railway mail clerks in the service at the present time.

—Junior Red Cross workers of the schools of Porto Rico have offered a two year scholarship in the normal department of the University in Porto Rico for the best work done by a girl graduate of a Porto Rico high school.

HOW GOOD ROADS HELP
(Dunn Ditpatch)

How much profit does the average farmer reap from improved roads? That question probably does not occur to all who speed over the good roads to Dunn, Grove and Averasboro townships, but it is a big one for the farmer. Do you remember the good old days when there were no bridges over Black River,

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way. Yesterday we saw one farmer drive in with seven bales of cotton on a big wagon hitched to two mules. That was a saving of six days' work for the farmer and his team, besides being easier on the wagon, the mules and the farmer. Still there are those who contend that good roads are mostly for the comfort and convenience of automobile owners.

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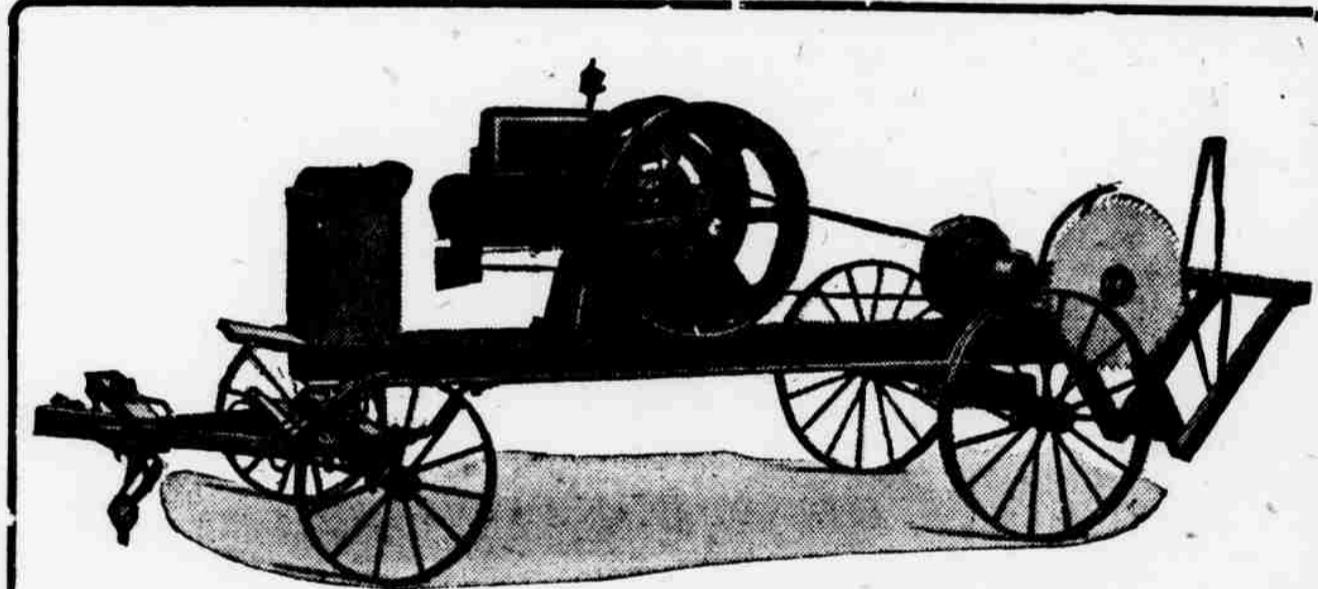
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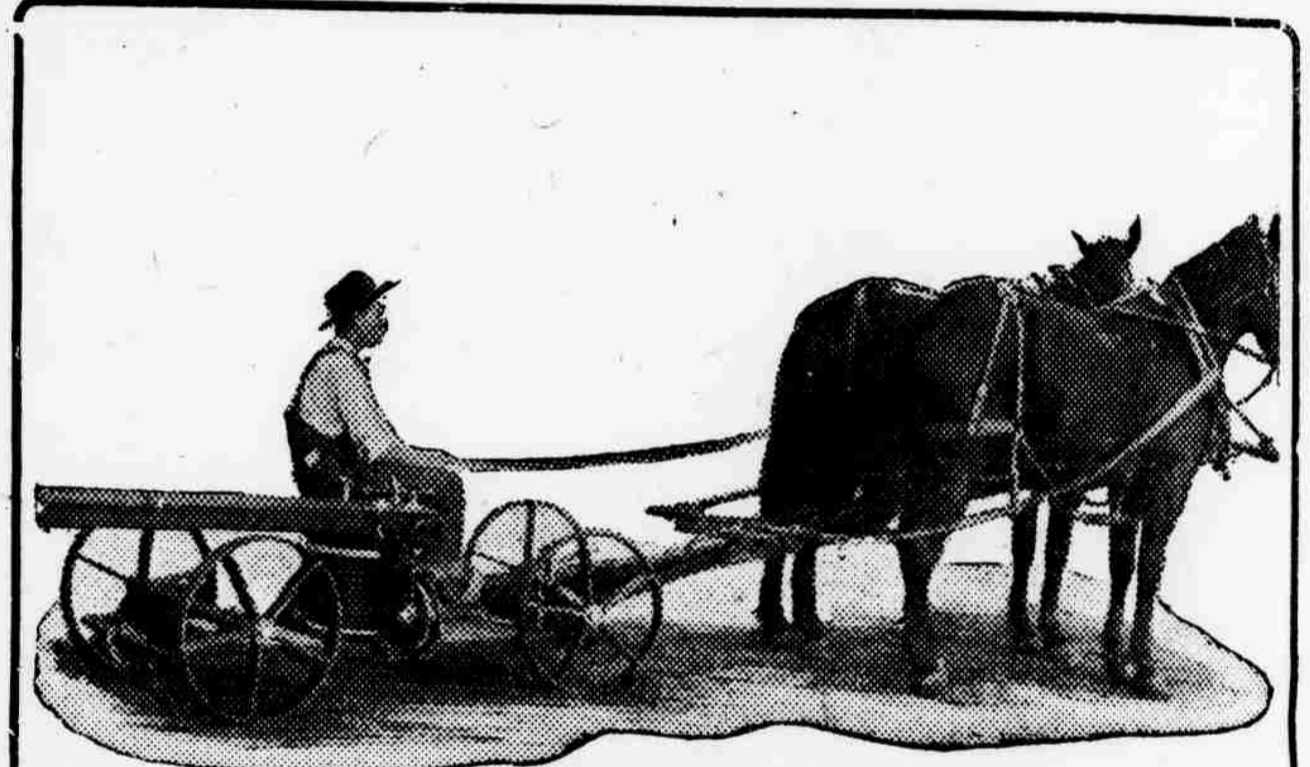
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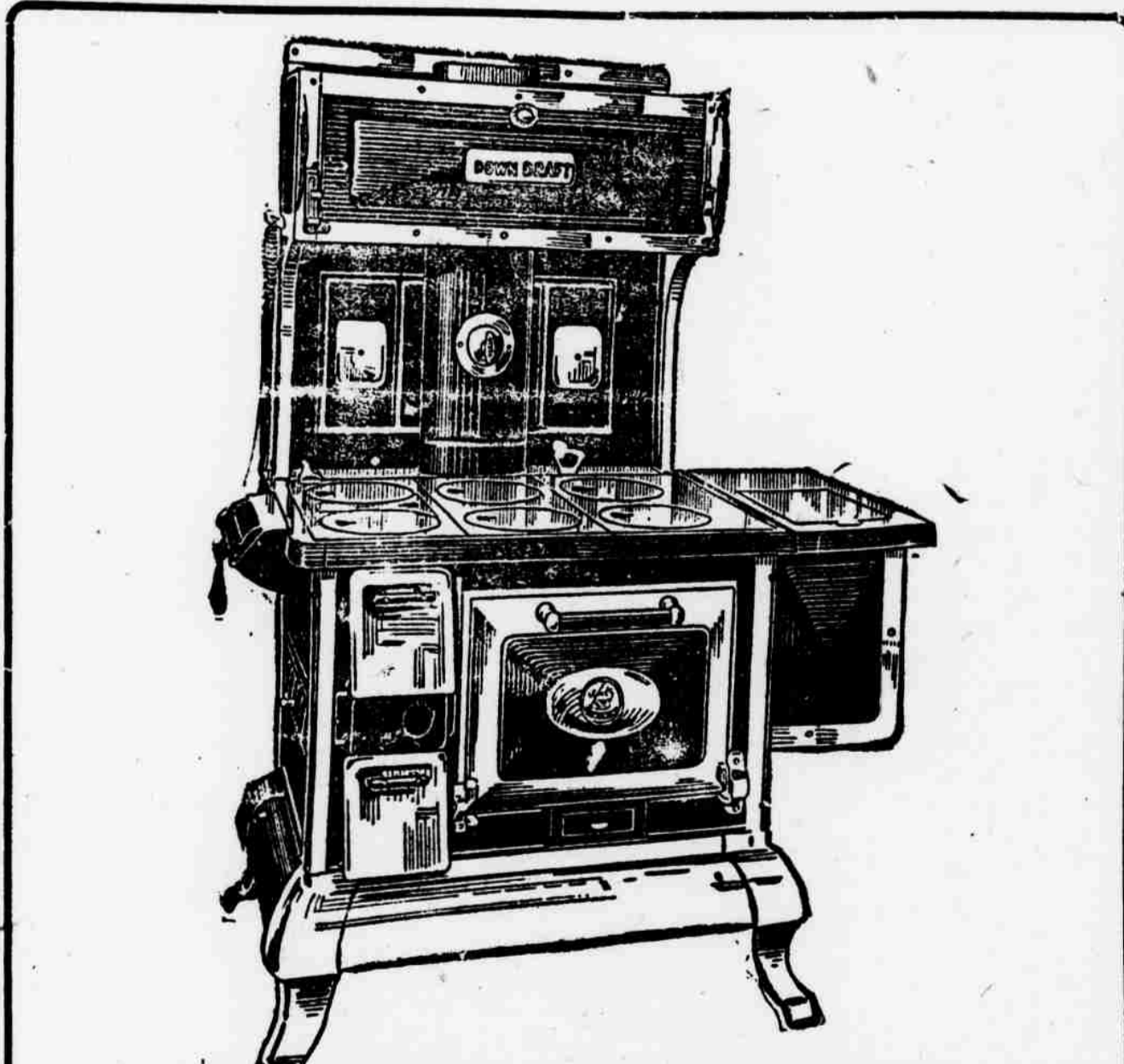
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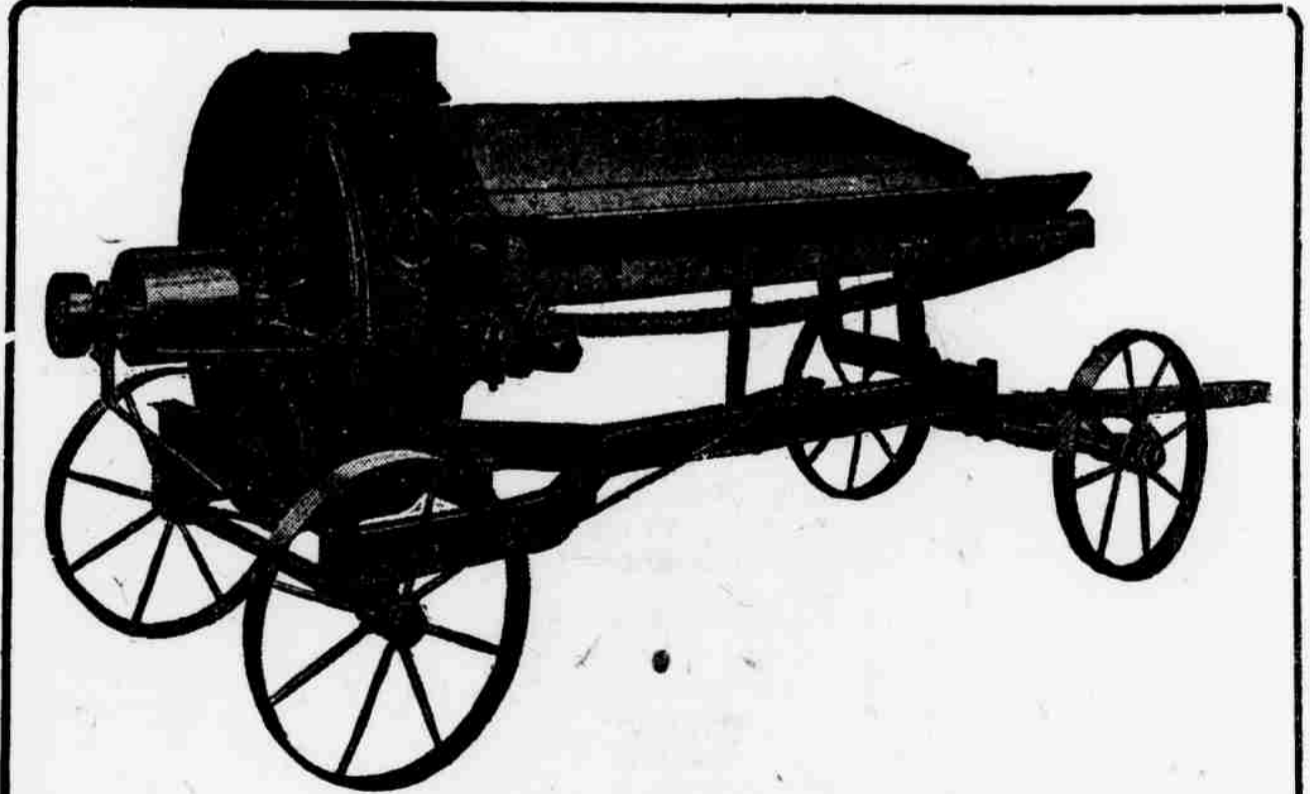


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