

Missouri farmer. The operators, it is said, hail from London, Ont. When will some farmers learn not to attach their signatures to documents proffered by strangers?

The St. Thomas Times tells of a new scheme devised to get at the pockets of the farmers. A travelling agent sells a farmer a receipt for adding 50 per cent. to the weight of his wheat when he puts it on the market, the farmer signing a contract to pay the peddler half the money he made out of the extra weight given to his grain. The "contract" a little later turned up in the shape of a note for \$300, which the farmer has to pay out of the proceeds of his wheat without any added weight from the dearly bought process.

Of the remarkable sights in the penitentiary the following are mentioned: Few bald men are seen. The majority of the inmates have brown hair. Not half a dozen are red-headed, one alone has a decided sunset color. One youth has startling white hair. Few halt or lame are inmates. Two men alone were seen with legs off; a couple with arms off and several have deformed feet and carry canes. Fat men are greatly in the minority. Nineteenths of the men are under thirty years of age. Some of the convicts have their zebra clothing as neat and as well fitting as any tailor could make them; others are decidedly slouchy in their get-up. The colors predominating are brown and yellow, though as the men passed in review the colors were changeable from a purple to a drab. As a rule the negroes were neat and stout. One of them is a charming singer. He held a place in the choir.

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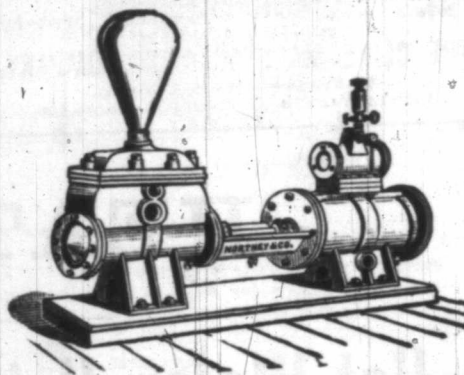
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1873	1,572,936	1,737,751	621,326	3,932,013	18,946,579
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1881	1,855,745	223,119	500,535	2,400,940	27,017,305
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1883	1,954,422	305,177	522,229	2,980,728	30,082,935
1884	2,111,627	313,086	530,015	3,119,472	30,409,506
1885	2,272,475	299,808	547,380	3,178,924	31,463,988
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1885	9,437,641	87,791,343	2,845,491	15,816,335	632,445	226,609
1886	11,163,504	92,262,969	3,030,012	17,004,500	658,819	266,726
1887	12,028,992	97,372,334	3,201,345	17,837,214	719,285	282,667
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