

MOVING WESTWARD.

A remarkable change in the course of American Rivers.

The people who live on the banks of the Mississippi river are accustomed to the astonishing activity of this vast volume of moving water in shifting its channel and cutting away its banks in one place while it builds up new territory at another.

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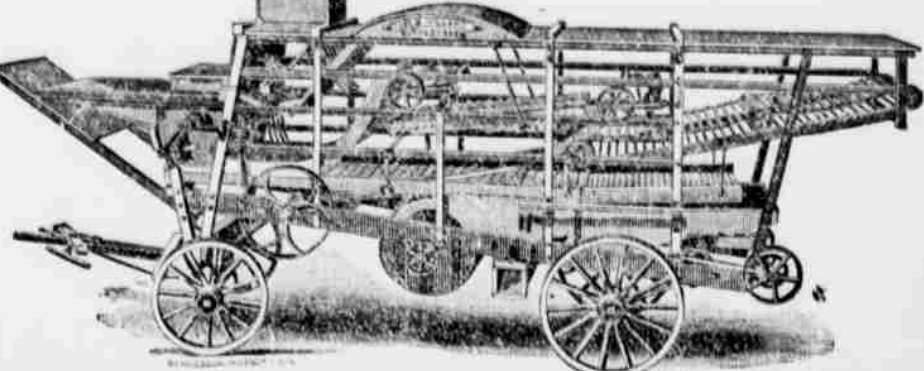
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