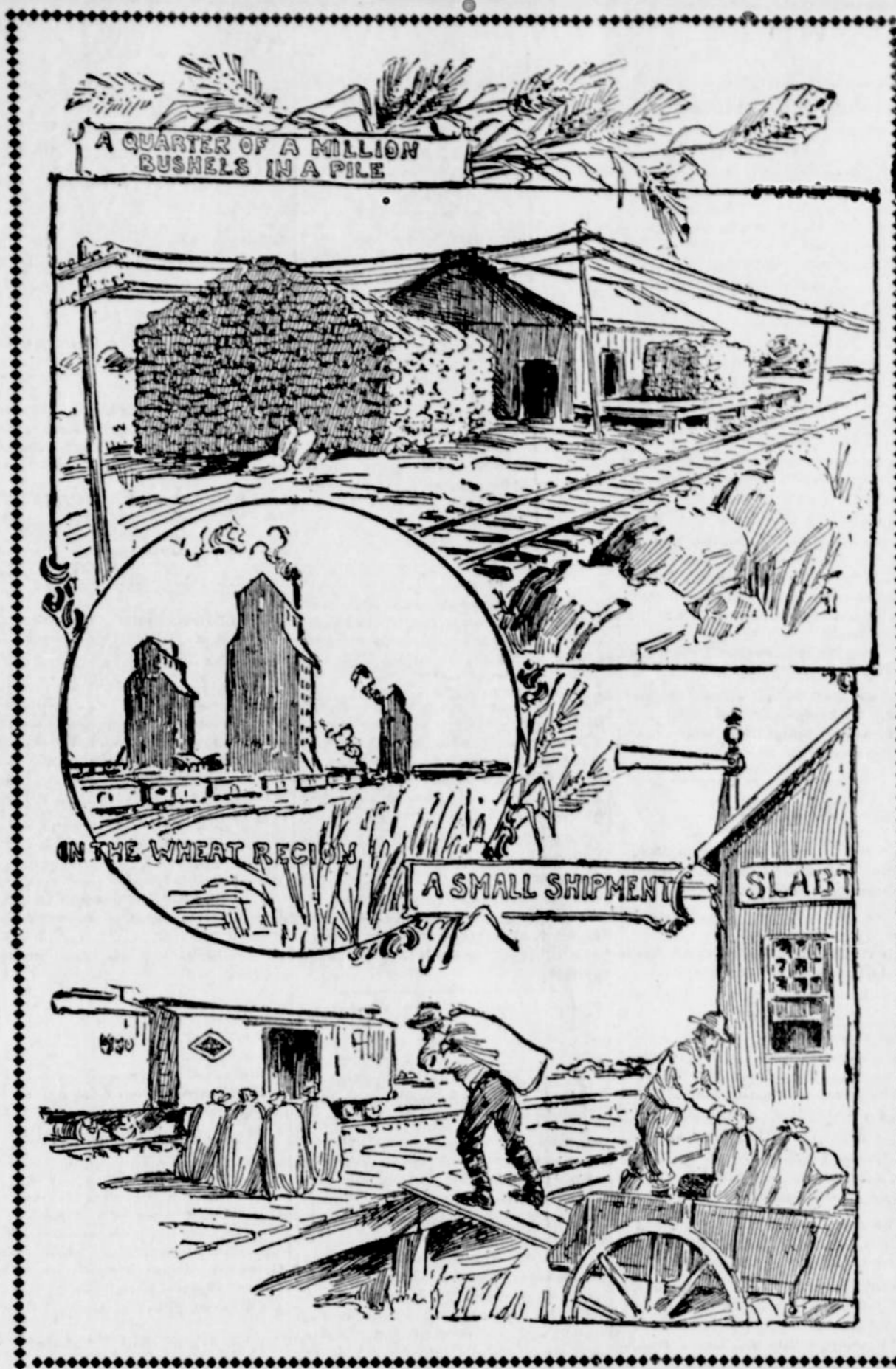


SCENES IN THE WHEAT COUNTRY.

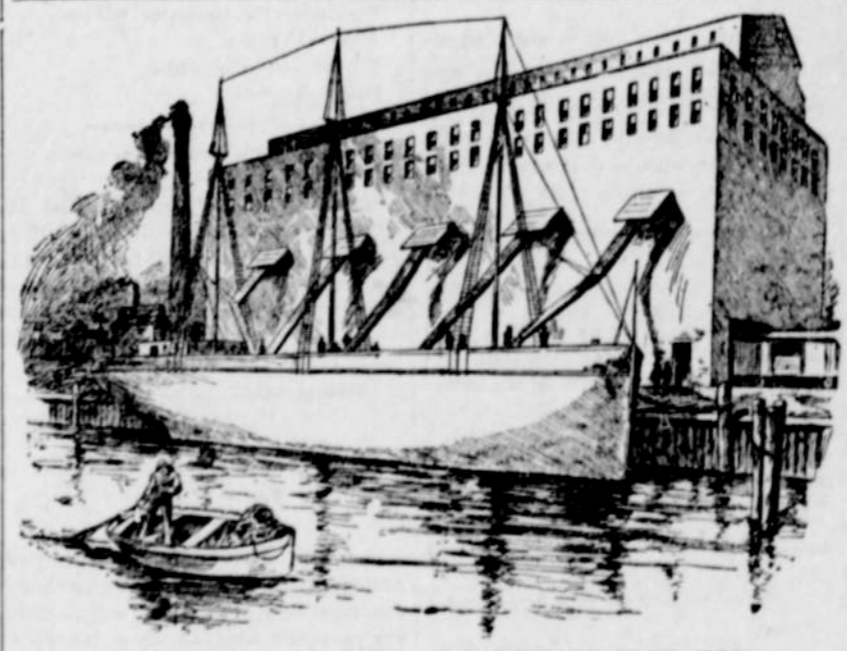


MOVING THE WHEAT CROP.

A Gigantic Industry Employing Millions of Capital and Countless Hands.

At the present time the quantity of wheat which is sent abroad from the United States and Canada annually is about 250,000,000. Yet this, large as it is, will certainly be more than doubled within the next ten years.

most notably Minneapolis, vast systems of elevators have sprung up, each controlled by a powerful central house at the terminal point. There are no fewer than thirty-six elevator companies in Minneapolis, controlling 1,862 country elevators with a combined capacity of nearly 50,000,000 bushels of wheat.



LAKE VESSELS LOADING AT A CHICAGO ELEVATOR.

ness moves with more ease and efficiency, a degree of care and accuracy simply amazing to the outsider being constantly maintained.



"SHE WAS A BEAUTEOUS LADY."

"Mamma has been telling me a story. Do you like stories?" "Sometimes. Was this a good story?" "Not very," said the child, frankly; "mamma almost cried about it, but I didn't think it was sad. No one died in it."

FREAK HOUSES.

For Which Some Overambitious Amateur Architects Are Responsible. Amateurs are everywhere and in everything, but none of them shine more conspicuously than the amateur architect.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

In Washington a man has patented a new crosscut saw machine, to be worked by the legs, having two L-shaped levers pivoted on a frame, the long end of one L projecting up and the other down, with pedals on the short ends, which reciprocate a bar attached to the saw.

Uncle Sam as a Printer.

One thing that is mounting up rapidly is the official literature of the government. Most citizens complain if the President's message fills more than one page of the average newspaper, but they fail to remember that behind that message are thousands of reports and tons of documents.

As to Divorce.

"Mamma," said little Ethel, "Mrs. Gayley's husband isn't dead, is he?" "No, dear."

Prophecy of Early Boomers.

Manassah Cutler of Massachusetts in a circular in 1787 "booming" the settlement which the New Englanders were about to plant on the Ohio at the mouth of the Muskingum, declared that "the current down the Ohio and the Mississippi" for produce and merchandise of all sorts would one day "be more crowded than any other streams on earth."