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THE HISTORY OF MARIHUANA AKA
HASHISH (TRICHOME) VILIFICATION
FROM 1887 TO 1937 ...

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MAP OF UNITED STATES IN 1824, BEFORE THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR (WIKIPEDIA).



Mexican–American War

The **Mexican–American War**,^[a] also known in the United States as the **Mexican War** and in Mexico as the ***Intervención estadounidense en México*** (*U.S. intervention in Mexico*),^[b] was an armed conflict between the United States and Mexico from 1846 to 1848. It followed the 1845 U.S. annexation of Texas, which Mexico considered Mexican territory since the Mexican government did not recognize the Velasco treaty signed by Mexican General Antonio López de Santa Anna when he was a prisoner of the Texian Army during the 1836 Texas Revolution. The Republic of Texas was *de facto* an independent country, but most of its citizens wished to be annexed by the United States.^[4] Domestic sectional politics in the U.S. were preventing annexation since Texas would have been a slave state, upsetting the balance of power between Northern free states and Southern slave states.^[5] In the 1844 United States presidential election, Democrat James K. Polk was elected on a platform of expanding U.S. territory in Oregon and Texas. Polk advocated expansion by either peaceful means or by armed force, with the 1845 annexation of Texas furthering that goal by peaceful means.^[6] However, the boundary between Texas and Mexico was disputed, with the Republic of Texas and the U.S. asserting it to be the Rio Grande River and Mexico claiming it to be the more-northern Nueces River. Both Mexico and the U.S. claimed the disputed area and sent troops. Polk sent U.S. Army troops to the area; he also sent a diplomatic mission to Mexico to try to negotiate the sale of territory. U.S. troops' presence was designed to lure Mexico into starting the conflict, putting the onus on Mexico and allowing Polk to argue to Congress that a declaration of war should be issued.^[7] Mexican forces attacked U.S. forces, and the United States Congress declared war.^[8]

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THE **WAR** MAY HAVE ENDED
IN **1848**, BUT THE **FEAR**
FORMED FROM **DISTRUST**
STILL **EXISTED** BETWEEN
AMERICANS AND **MEXICANS**
... SIMILAR TO TODAY'S
FEAR FORMED FROM
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NORTHERN **YANKEES** AND
SOUTHERN **REBELS**.



TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

1850: CANNABIS HEMP ENTERED INTO
THE U.S. PHARMACOPEIA

1853-1857: US SECRETARY OF WAR,
JEFFERSON DAVIS (OWNER OF A
LARGE COTTON PLANTATION IN
MISSISSIPPI)

1858: JEFFERSON DAVIS ARGUED
AGAINST SECESSION BUT BELIEVED
STATES HAD AN UNQUESTIONABLE
RIGHT TO LEAVE THE UNION.



TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS:

1860: COTTON WAS THE #1
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UPON POOR WHITE LABOR.



TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS:

1861-1865 JEFFERSON DAVIS
BECOMES THE PRESIDENT OF
THE CONFEDERACY AND THE
CIVIL WAR BEGINS.



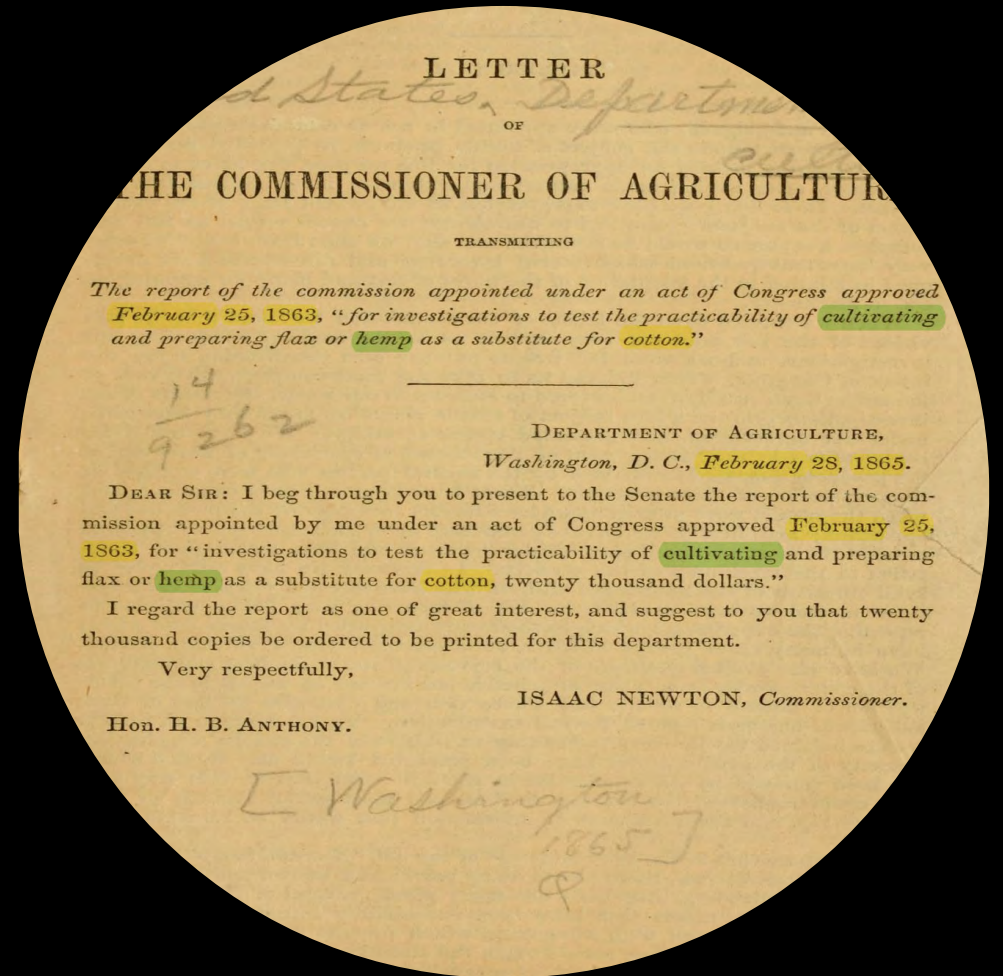
TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS:

1863 CONFEDERATES' COTTON
PLANTATIONS ARE IN RUINS
FROM THE DEVASTATION OF
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TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

1865: U.S. COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE SUBMITS FINDINGS ON FLAX AND HEMP AS SUBSTITUTES FOR COTTON; PROVIDED SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY CAN BE INVENTED TO PROCESS THE RAW STALK'S FIBERS AS GIN DID COTTON.



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The commission has found it difficult to ascertain the value and amount of fibrous products that have been produced in the United States. The cotton crop has long been one of so much importance to the commerce of the world that its values have been regularly reported, and this has been set forth by the Superintendent of the Census Bureau as having been the subject of a wonderful increase in the last decade, amounting, indeed, to 110 per cent. The annual exportation at the beginning of this century was less than 5,000 bales. In 1849 the quantity grown had reached 2,445,703 bales of ginned cotton, of 400 pounds each. In 1859 it had further increased to 5,196,944 bales.

From the same source* it appears that the product of hemp fibre for 1850 was 3,943 tons, and that of the dressed fibre of flax was 3,783,079 pounds, equal to 1,891½ tons, making a total of these two products of 5,834½ tons, against about 489,120 tons of cotton fibre reported as the product of the same year, so that the relative amounts of these two classes of fibres are widely different. It is true that many reasons exist to explain the comparatively small amount of flax and hemp fibres that have been produced, some of which will presently be considered; nor is it easy to compute the extended ability of our country to furnish these products, which we firmly believe may be grown in various parts of the United States to any desired extent; and we find that the stimulus of advanced prices, and still more, the improvements in various agricultural machines, but especially in apparatus adapted to the preparation of the fibres of these plants for market, will have the desired effect, and that they have already had the effect of increasing the area of land devoted to flax and hemp. Hitherto the leading difficulties have arisen from the supposed necessity of employing hand labor in almost every stage of their production, from the sowing of the seed to the baling of the finished product when ready for the market. These obstacles have in a great measure been overcome by modern ingenuity, and we find that the seed may be sown with a drill machine, and more evenly distributed than when cast upon the soil by the most practiced hand, and in this condition the young crop can be hoed by horse-power with suitable cultivators, instead of the tiresome and expensive hand-weeding universally practiced in Europe, but which could never be accomplished by the farmers of our country. When we come to the harvesting of the flax, instead of the weary, tedious, and expensive labor of pulling the stalks from the soil, as formerly practiced, we have harvesting machines that cut the crop rapidly and as closely as may be desired, though not retaining the straw in as perfectly straight a condition, it is true, as the regular strikes or handfuls of the European flax gatherer, and yet sufficiently well to answer the ends of the manufacturer, who can afford to lose a percentage in the increase of tow or codilla, caused by the tangled condition of the straw. When dry, the flaxseed may be removed by a very simple apparatus of rollers that separate it without disturbing the straw, or by a slight modification of the common threshing machine, and the bundles are kept straight. When the tangling of the stalks is not objected to, as is the case with the tow machines next to be noticed, the threshing machine

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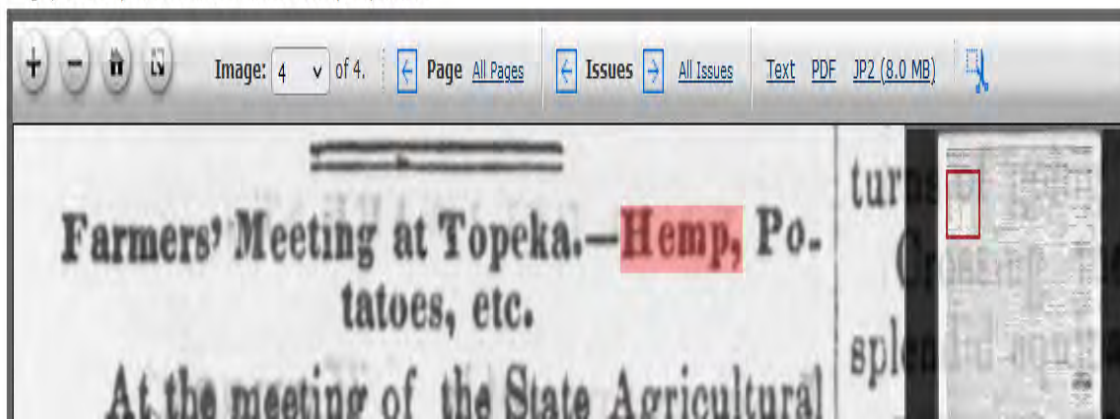
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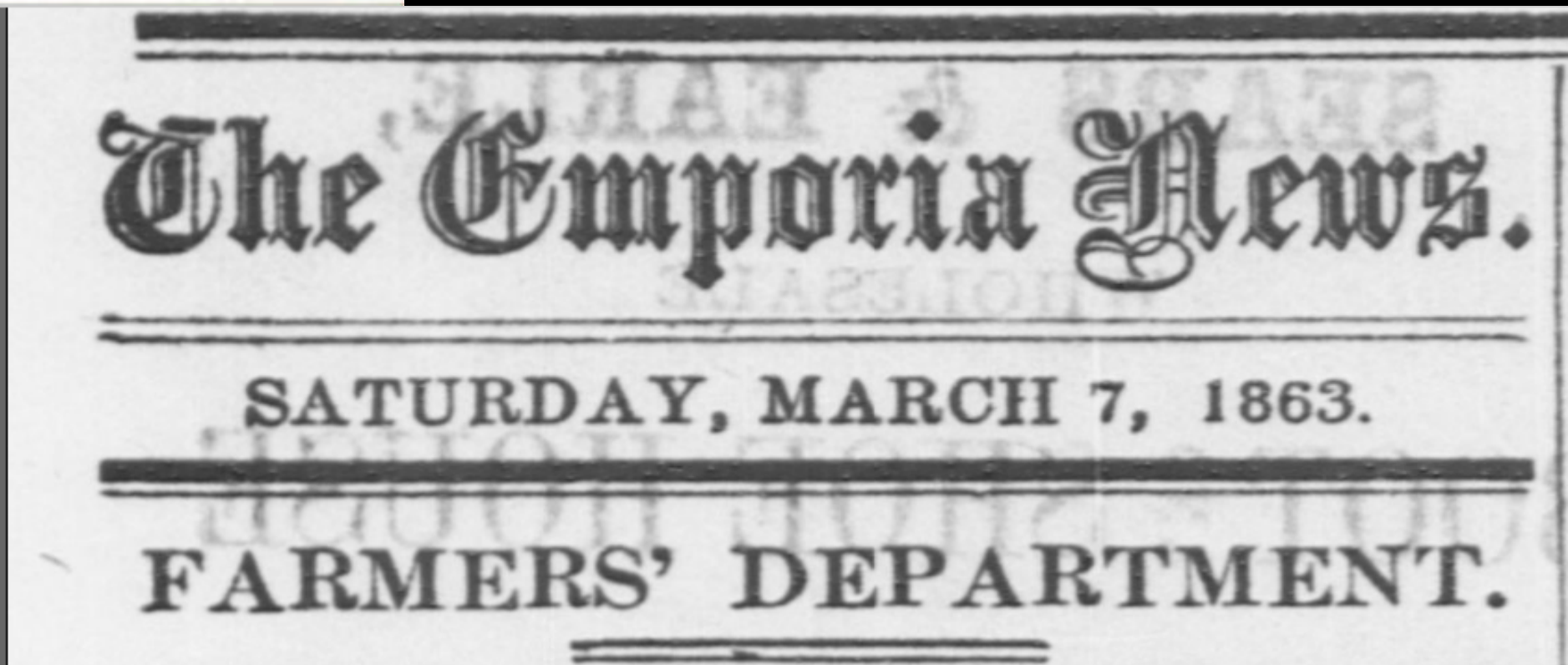
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At the meeting of the State Agricultural Society, on the 13th ult., the President proposed that **Hemp**, among other branches of farming, be the subject of discussion for the evening, and made a statement of facts procured of Mr. Farnsworth, who cultivated a field of twenty acres during the past season, near Topeka. The following are the items

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near Topeka. The following are the items of cost per acre, as given by Mr. Farnsworth:

Plowing,	\$1.50
Sowing and Harrowing,	1.50
Seed,	2.00
Cutting,	2.25
Handling,	1.00
Breaking,	10.00

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Freight,	5.00	
	\$23.25	\$23.25
Yield one-half ton per acre,		56.00
Profit per acre,		\$32.75

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Mr. Bennett, of Doniphan county, stated that there is a Norwegian settlement near his residence, where there were 250 acres of **hemp** grown during the last year. He did not know how much profit they made, but he knew they were making money. I think there is three times as much **hemp** raised in that county as in all the rest of the State.

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There were one thousand acres grown in that county last year. There would be no difficulty in getting a supply of seed for the State in that county. The hemp that was shipped from Doniphan by Mr. Simmons brought some eight dollars a ton more than that from any other place. The cost of

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Hemp is raised on high prairie, as well as on the bottom land. That on the bottom land grows more rank; that on high prairie weighs more.

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The Norwegians tried to break their hemp by horse power, but did not succeed in reducing the expense in that way. They cut with a machine—procured their machine at St. Jo.

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Nothing has ever injured **hemp** in our section but the hail; the wind does it no harm. They have never had any trouble in rotting it except one season, when it did not rot in time to put in the next spring crop, and they were obliged to remove it from the ground.

[The Record states that Smith and Farnham, of Topeka, will have hemp seed for sale, this spring.]

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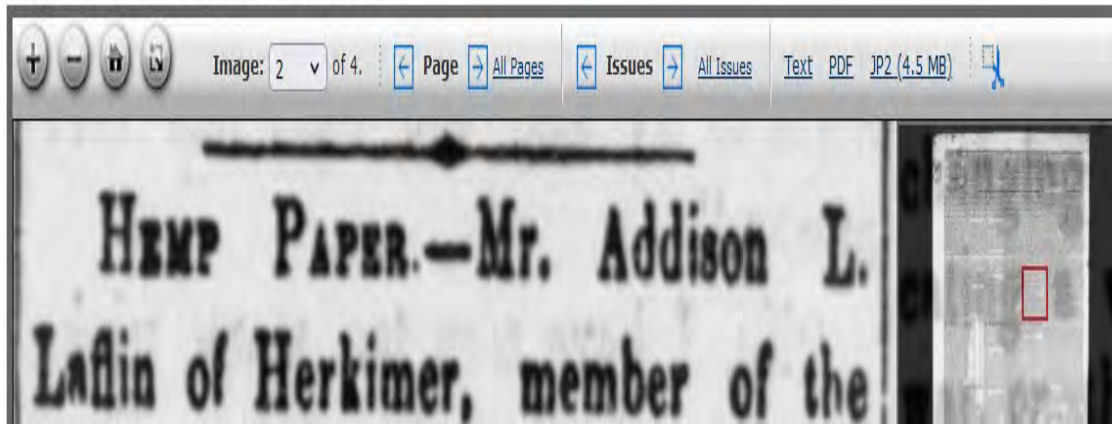
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I would have **hemp** grown, and I will
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My process enables me to use the **hemp**
straw after the seed has ripened; while
heretofore the crop has been grown,
either for the bark or the seed, reali-
zing only one profit. By selling me
the **hemp** straw and others the **hemp**
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It can be all mown with a mowing
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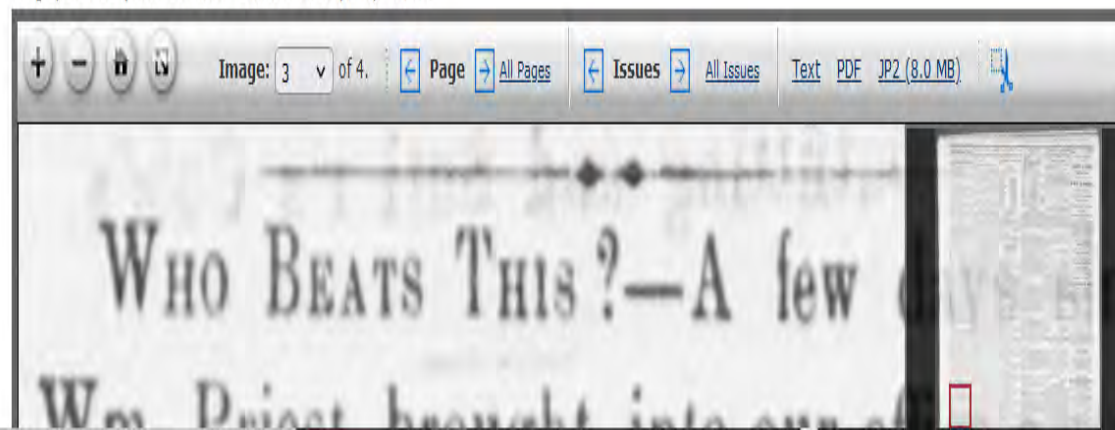
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of **hemp** raised by Wesley Pearson, of Mad-
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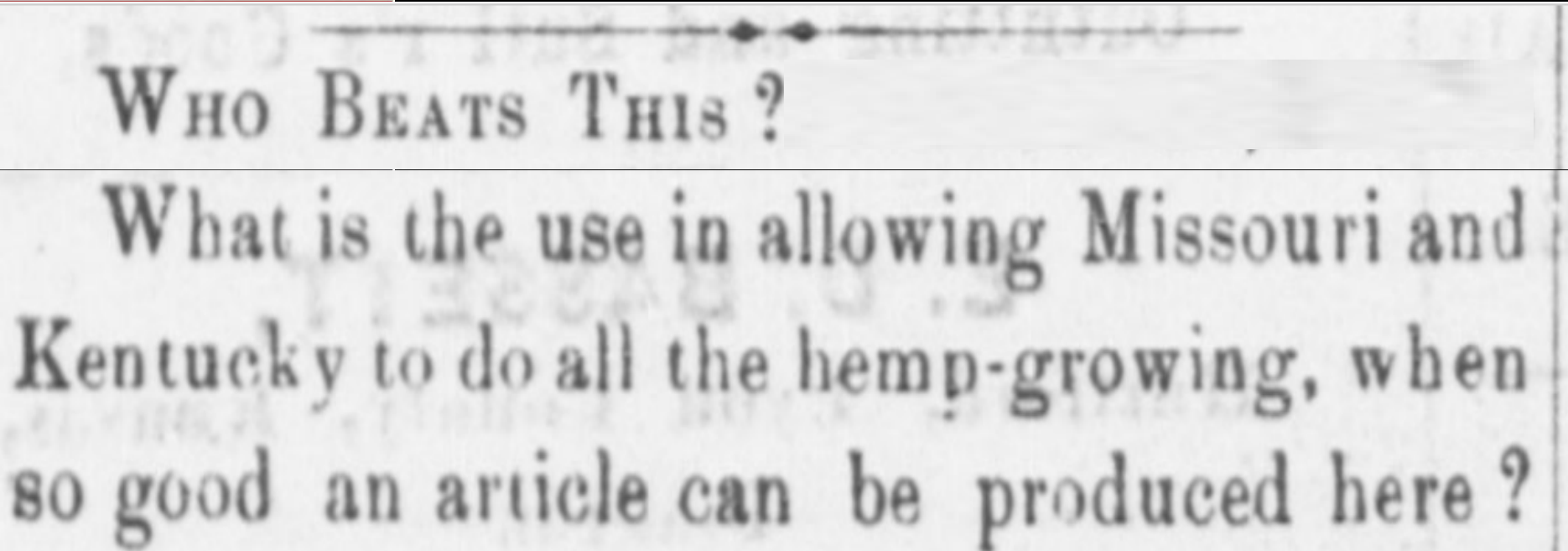
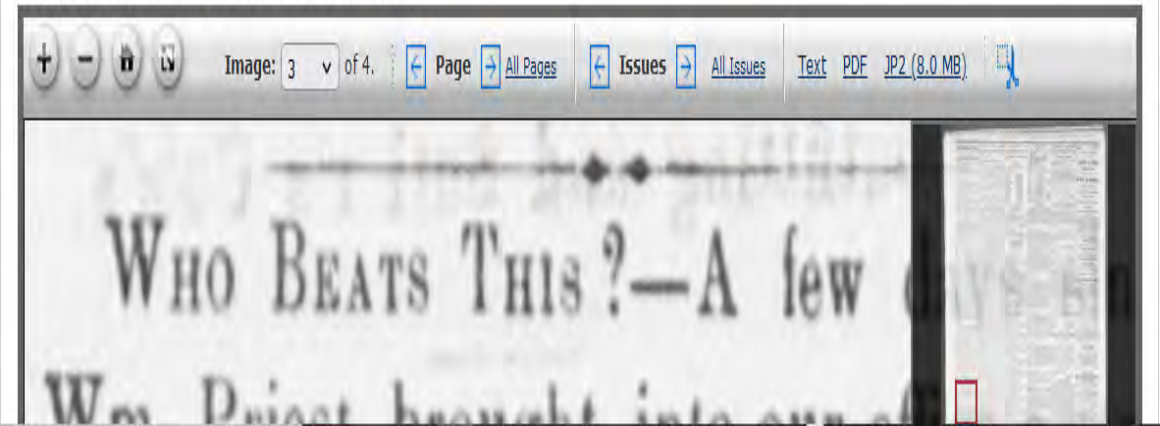
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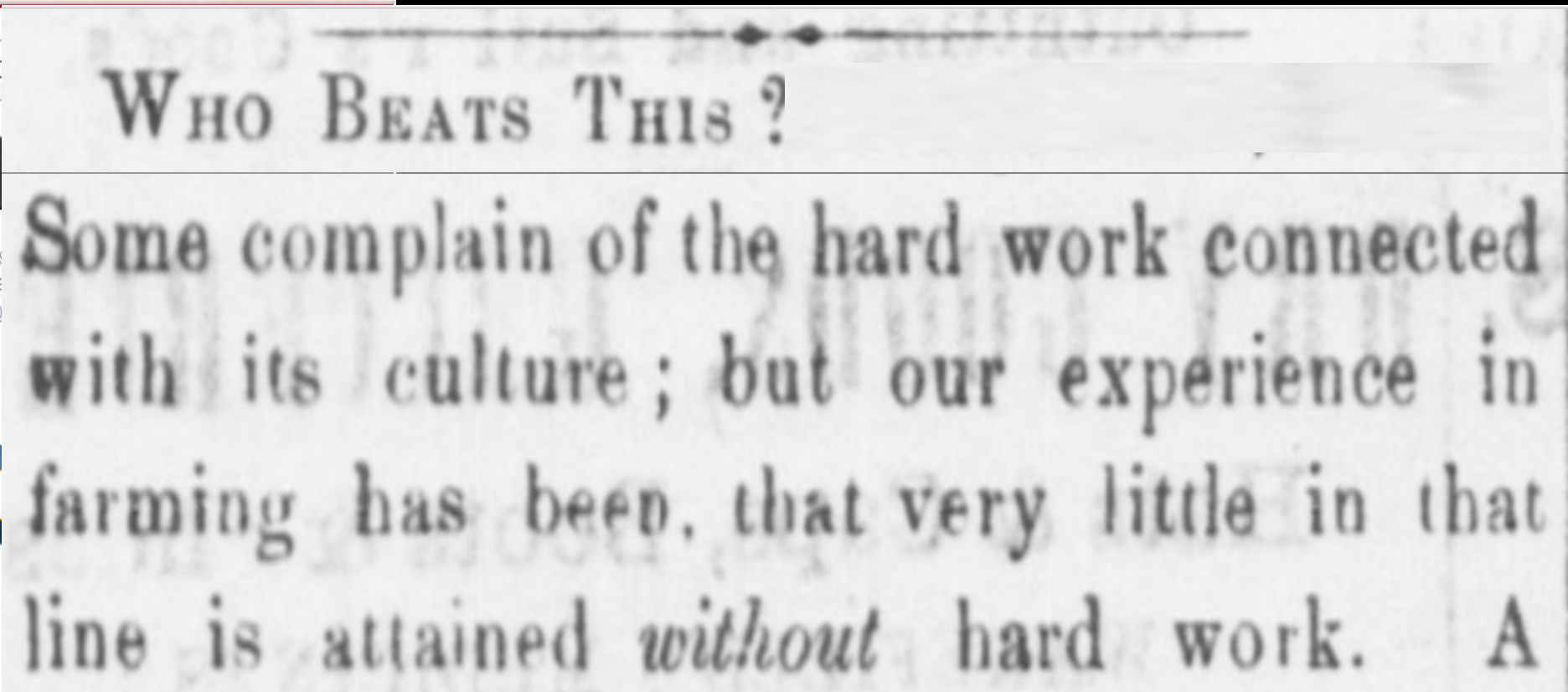
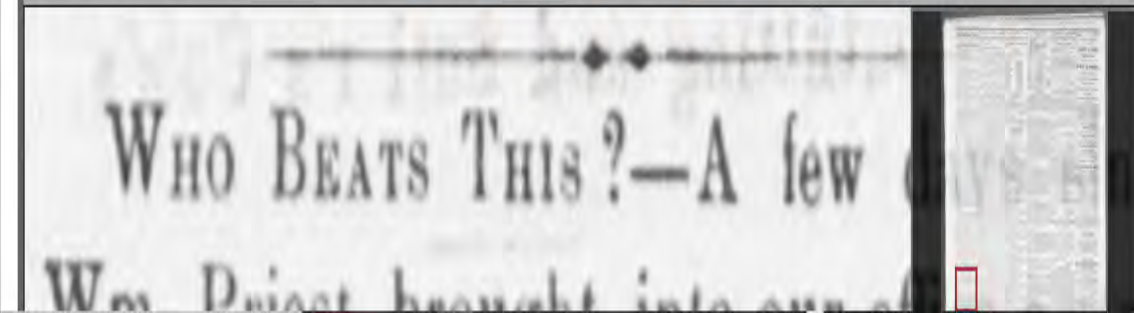
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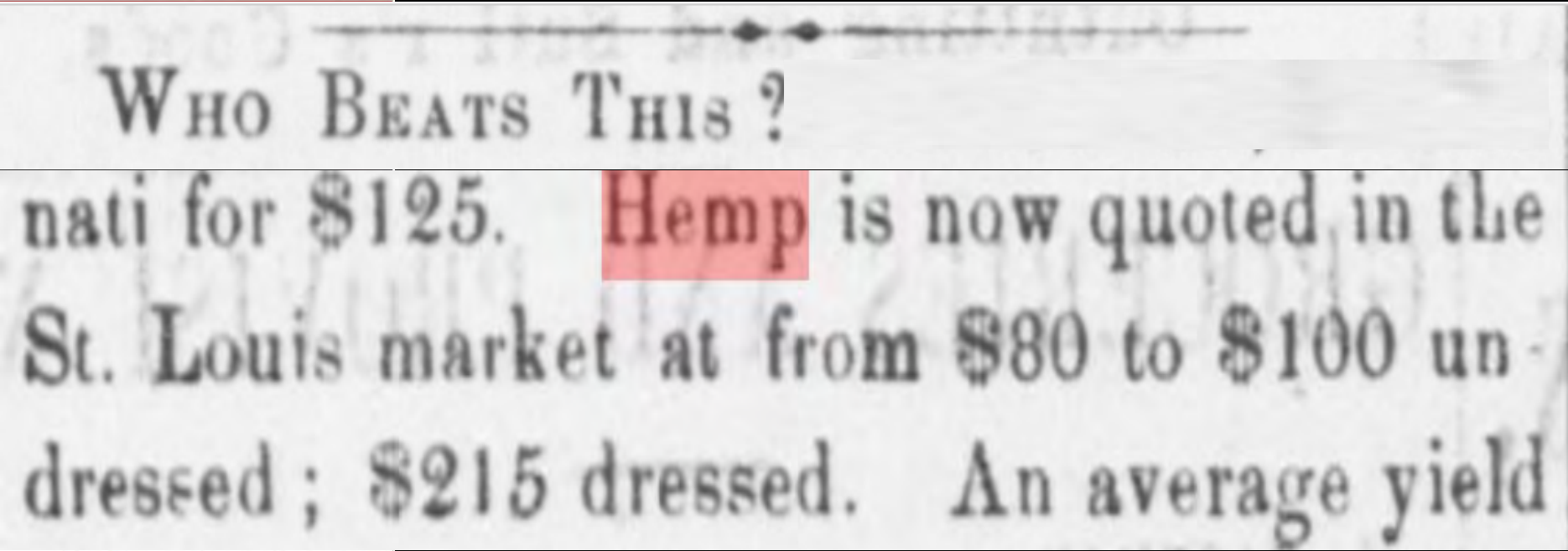
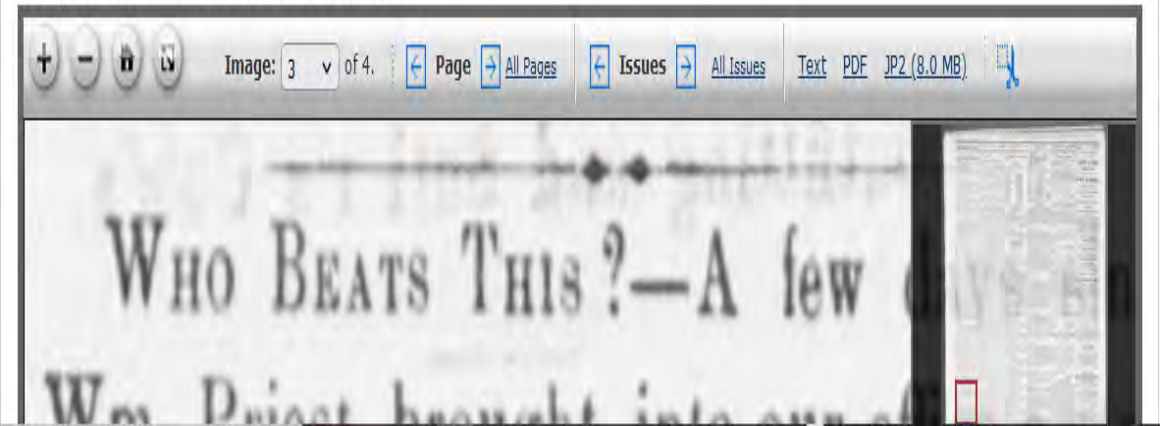
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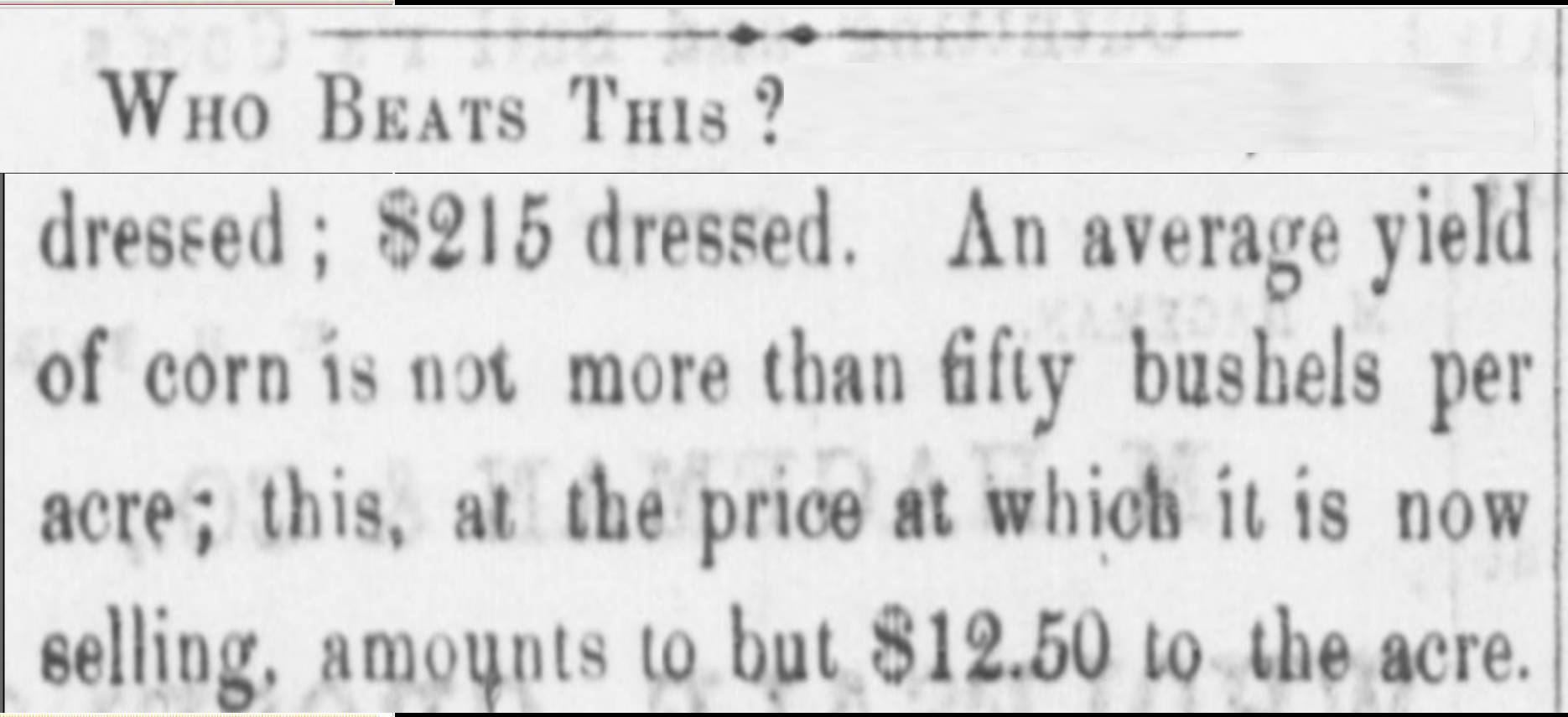
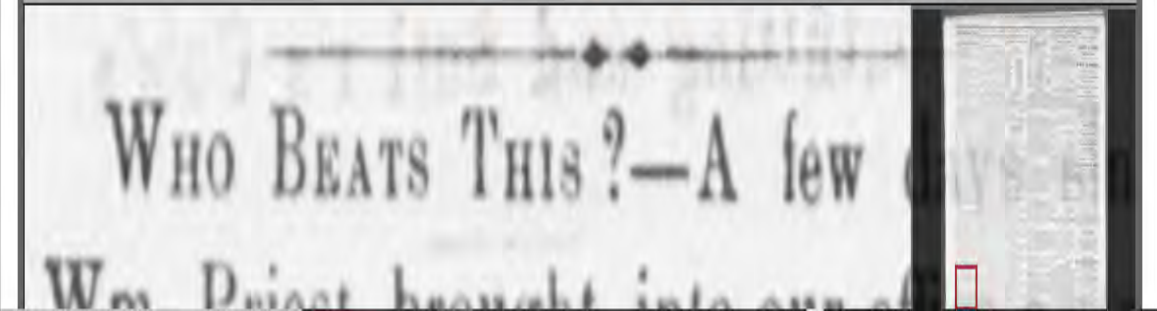
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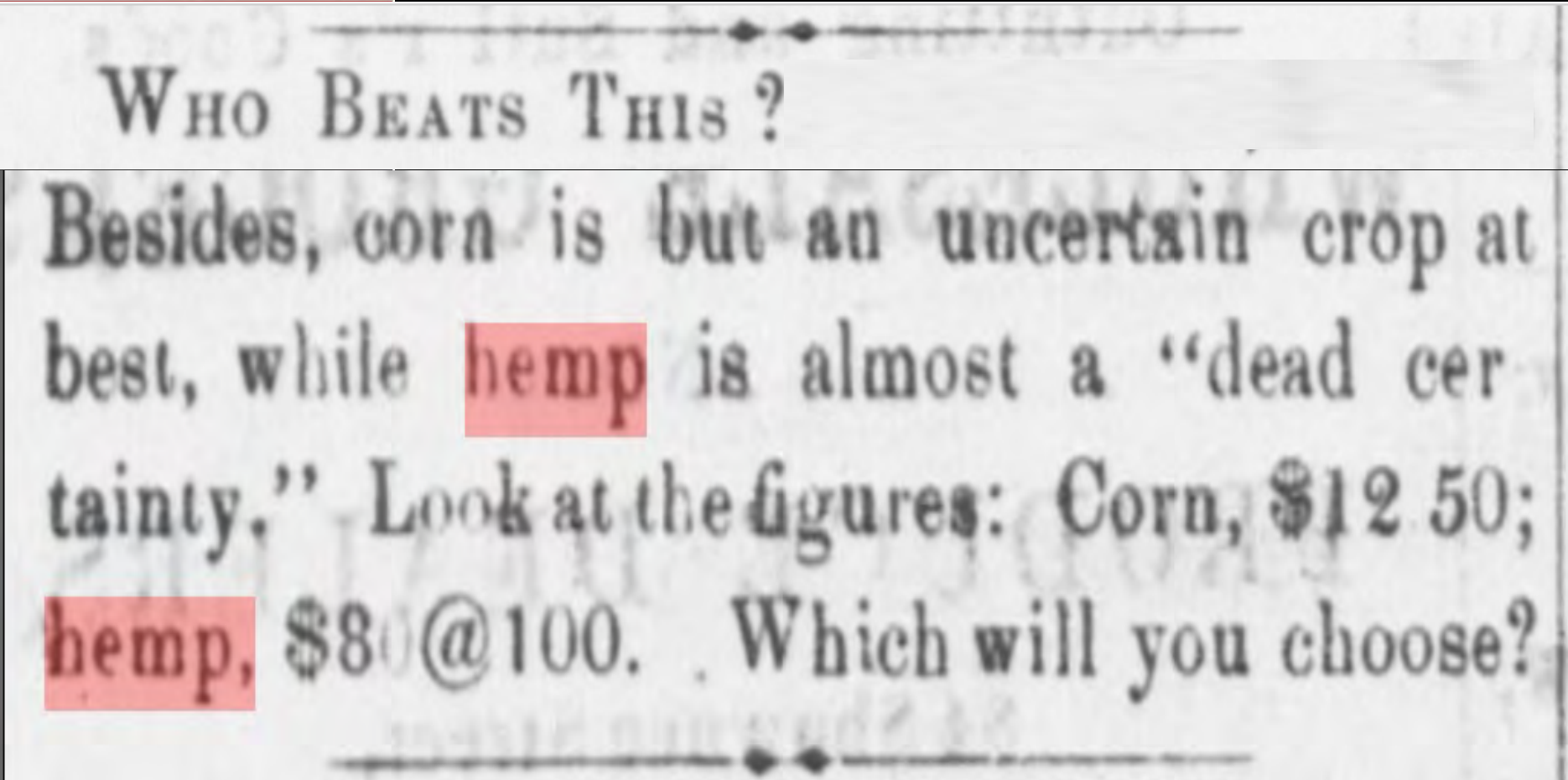




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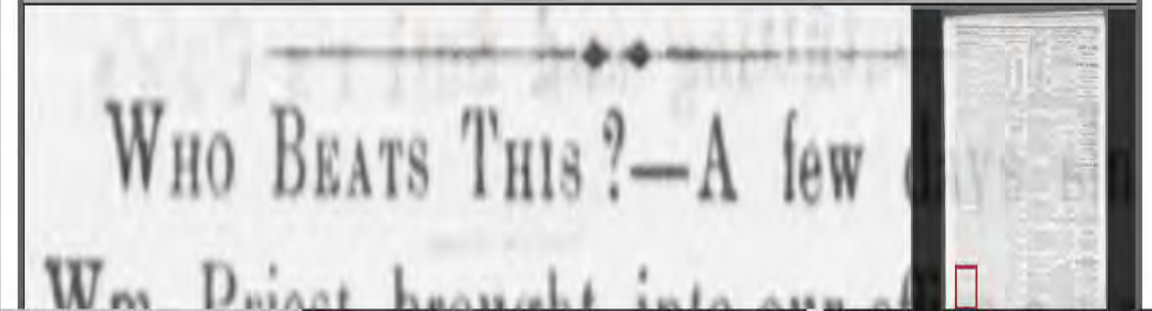
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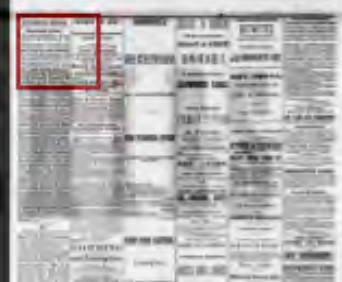
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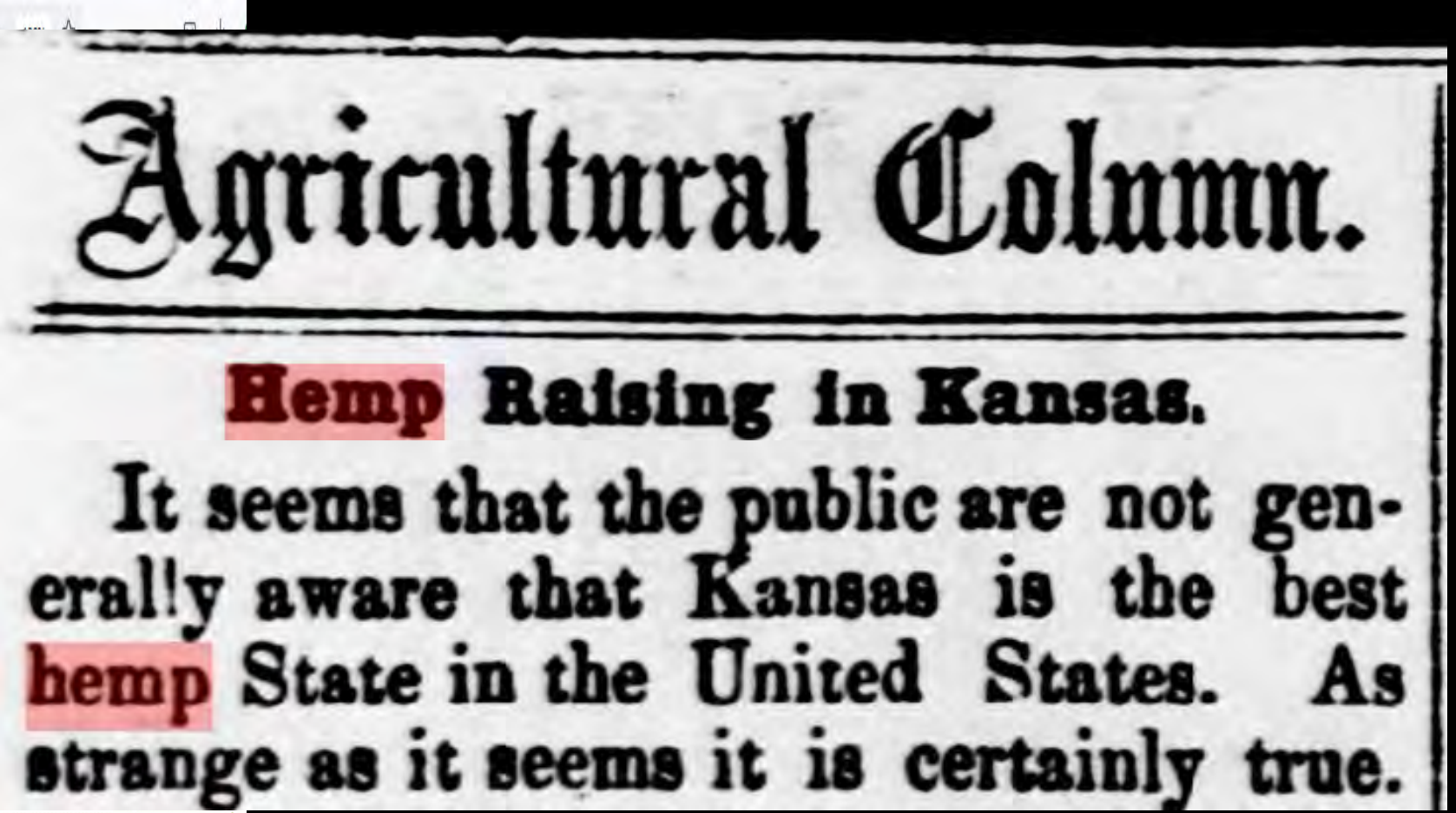
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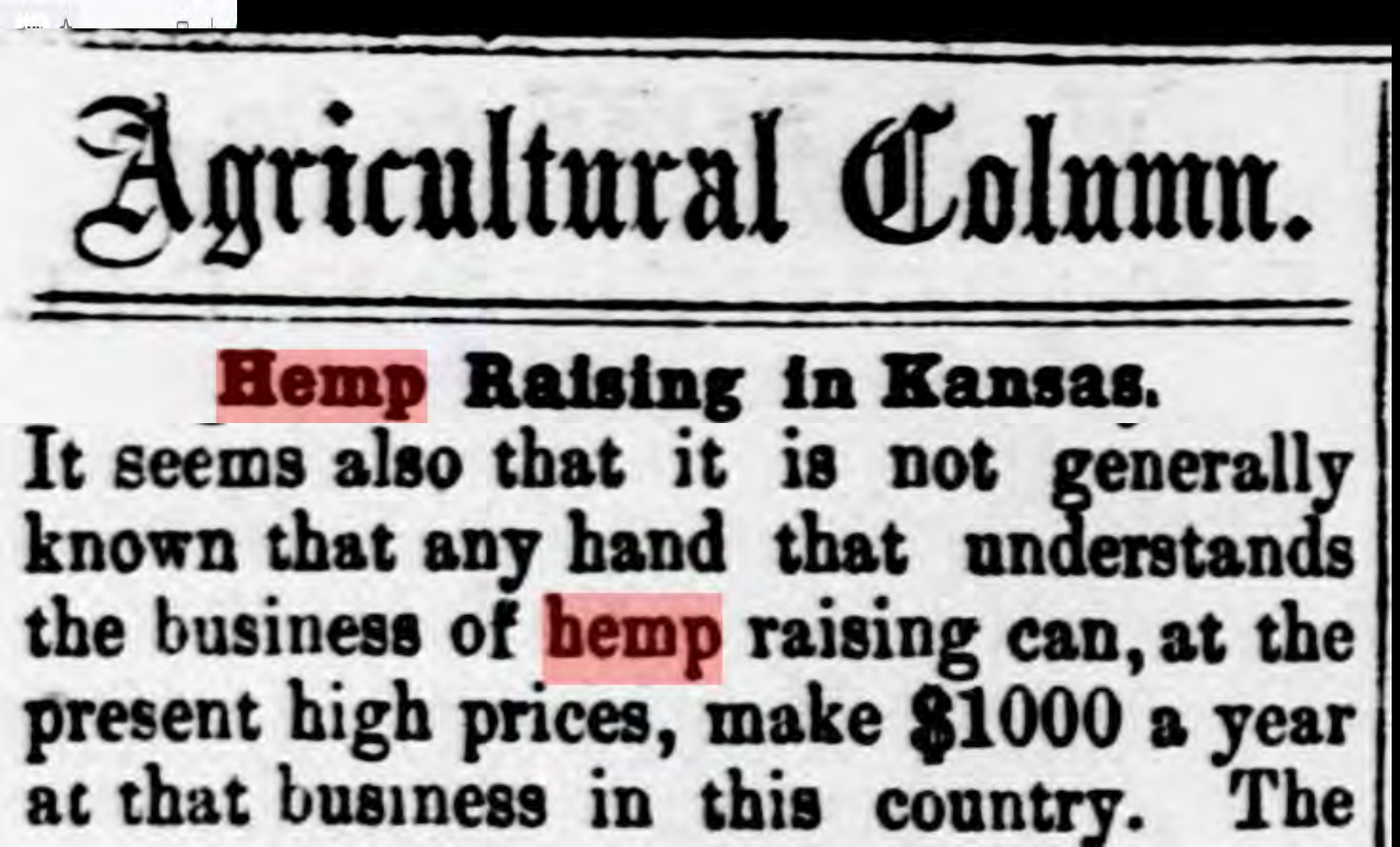
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at that business in this country. The farmers ought to know that we import from Russia from three to five million dollars' worth of hemp annually, and this has been going on for the last forty or fifty years. This does not speak well for the farming interests in the hemp States. I have raised hemp in



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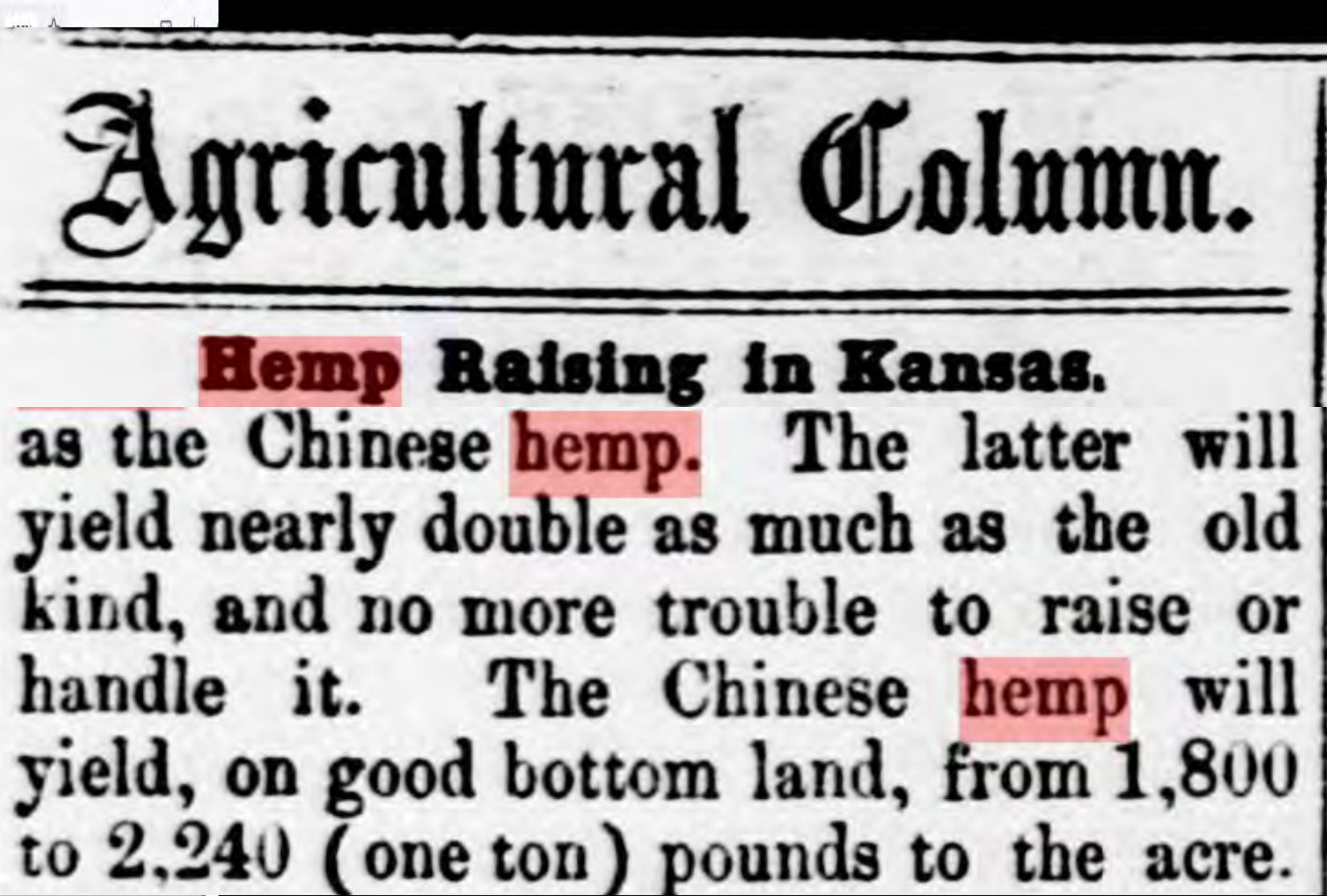
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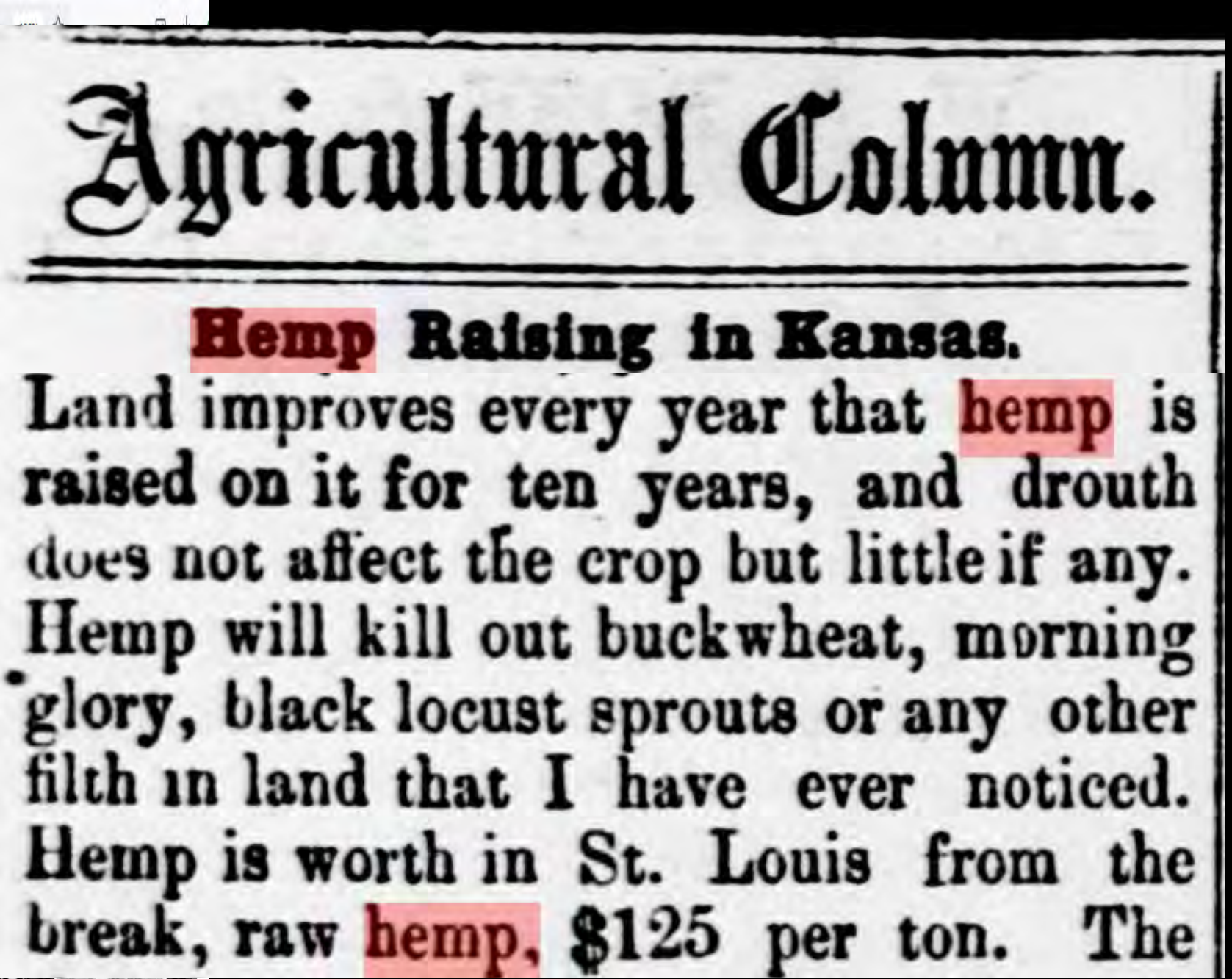
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hemp States. I have raised **hemp** in
Kentucky, Tennessee, and in Kansas.
The bottom land in Kansas is far su-
perior to the lands of Kentucky or Ten-
nessee for the quantity or quality of the
hemp or lint. There are two kinds of
hemp—the old kind and what is known
as the Chinese **hemp**. The latter will



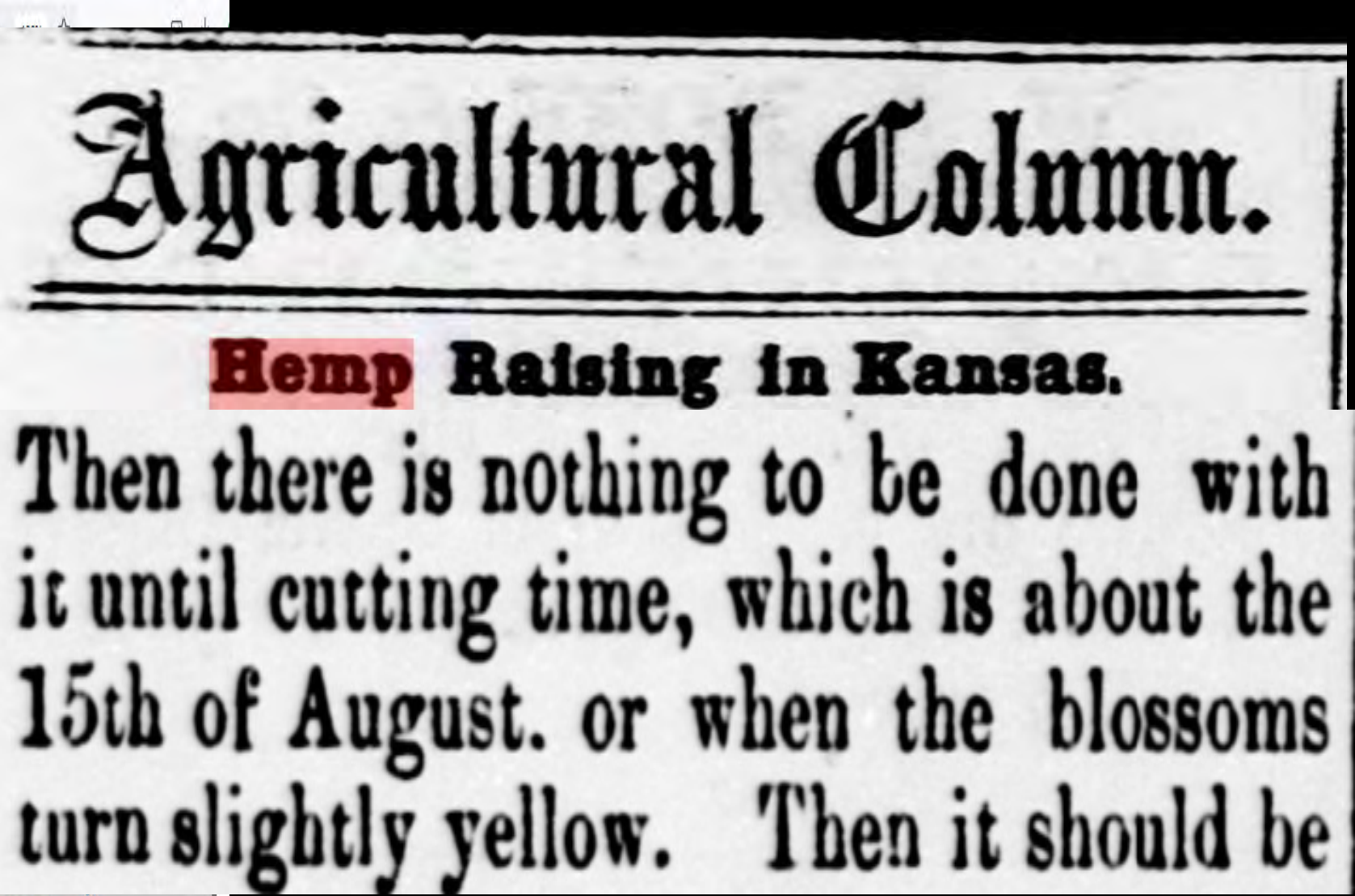


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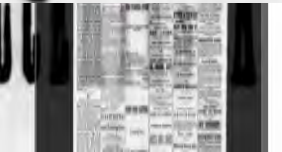
break, raw **hemp**, \$125 per ton. The time for sowing **hemp** is from the 1st to the 15th of May—the quantity of seed is one bushel per acre—the ground must be well pulverized before sowing, then sow broadcast and harrow in.



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turn slightly yellow. Then it should be cut or cradled, spread on the ground where it stood, as thick as it grew, and should lay until it receives two rains, when it should be taken up, put in shocks about as large as corn shocks, and bound with some of the stalks to prevent their falling down. About the





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prevent their falling down. About the 1st of November the hemp should again be spread, on the same ground it was before it was shocked, and as the lint leaves the stock a little and is sufficiently rotted to break easy, it may be broke as you take it off of the ground, if you are ready, if not, put it in shocks again until you are ready to break it.—*Cor. Emporia News.*



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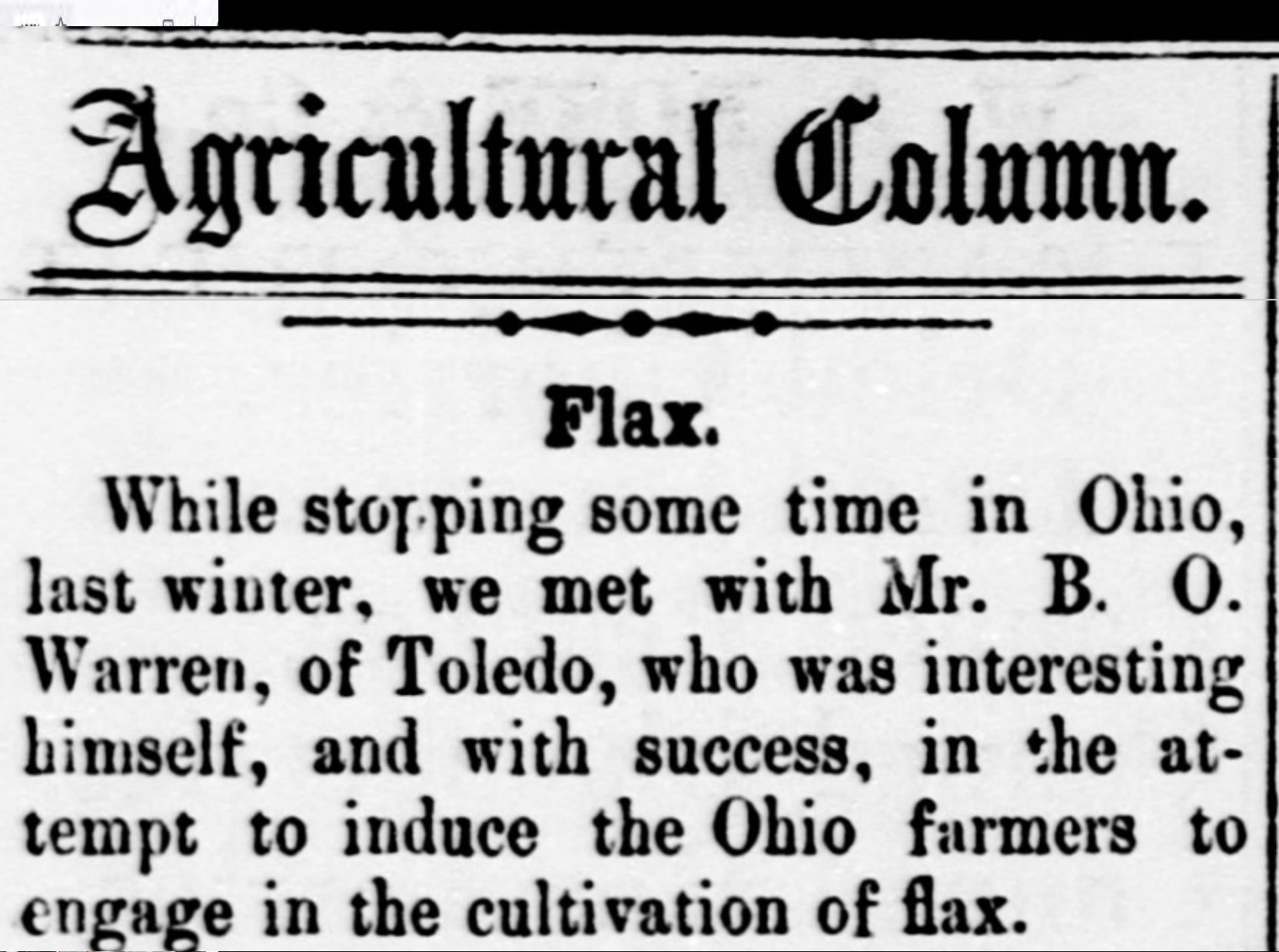
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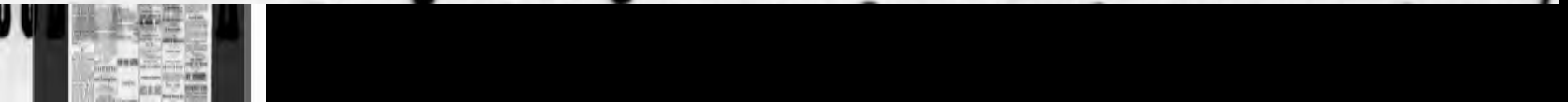
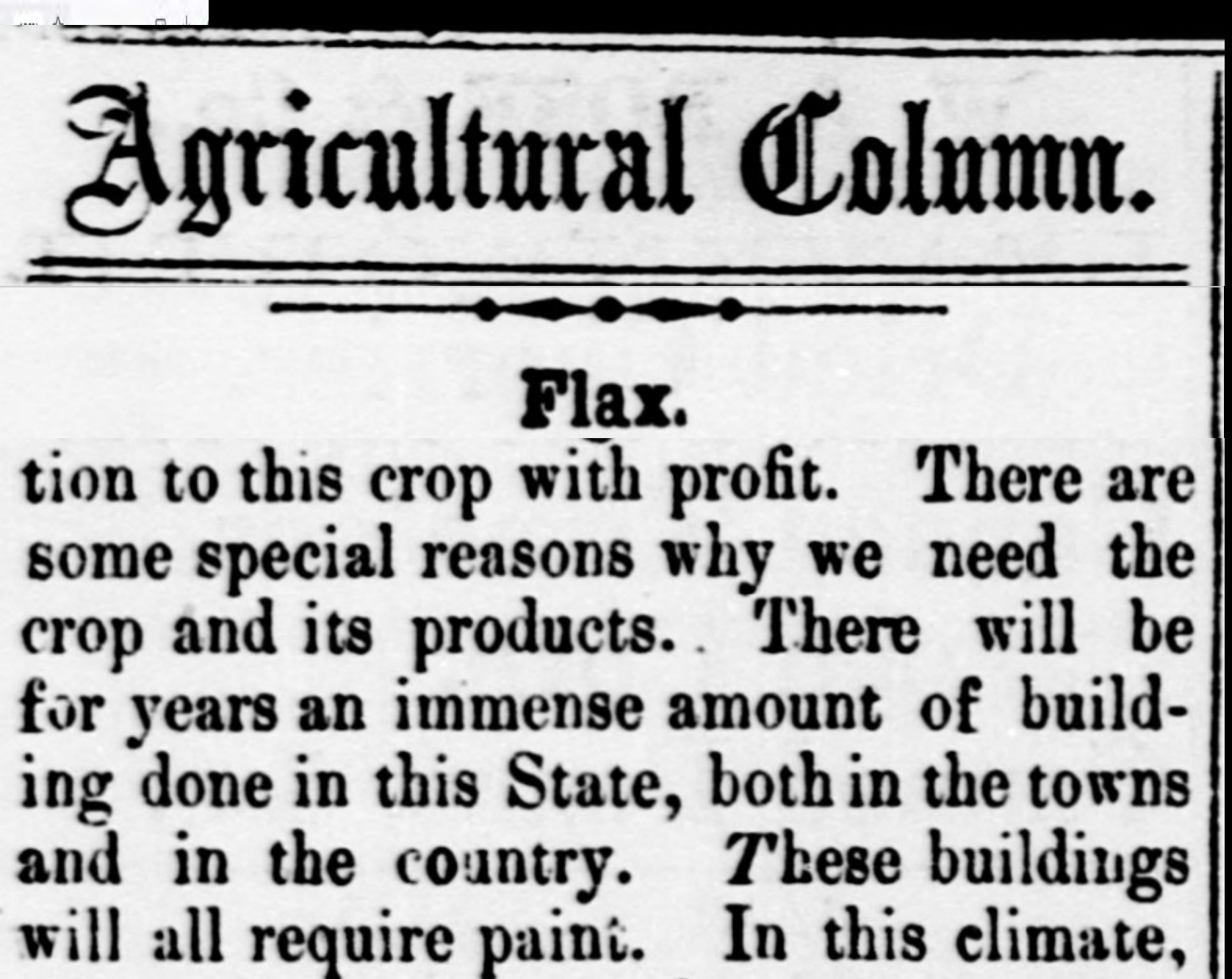


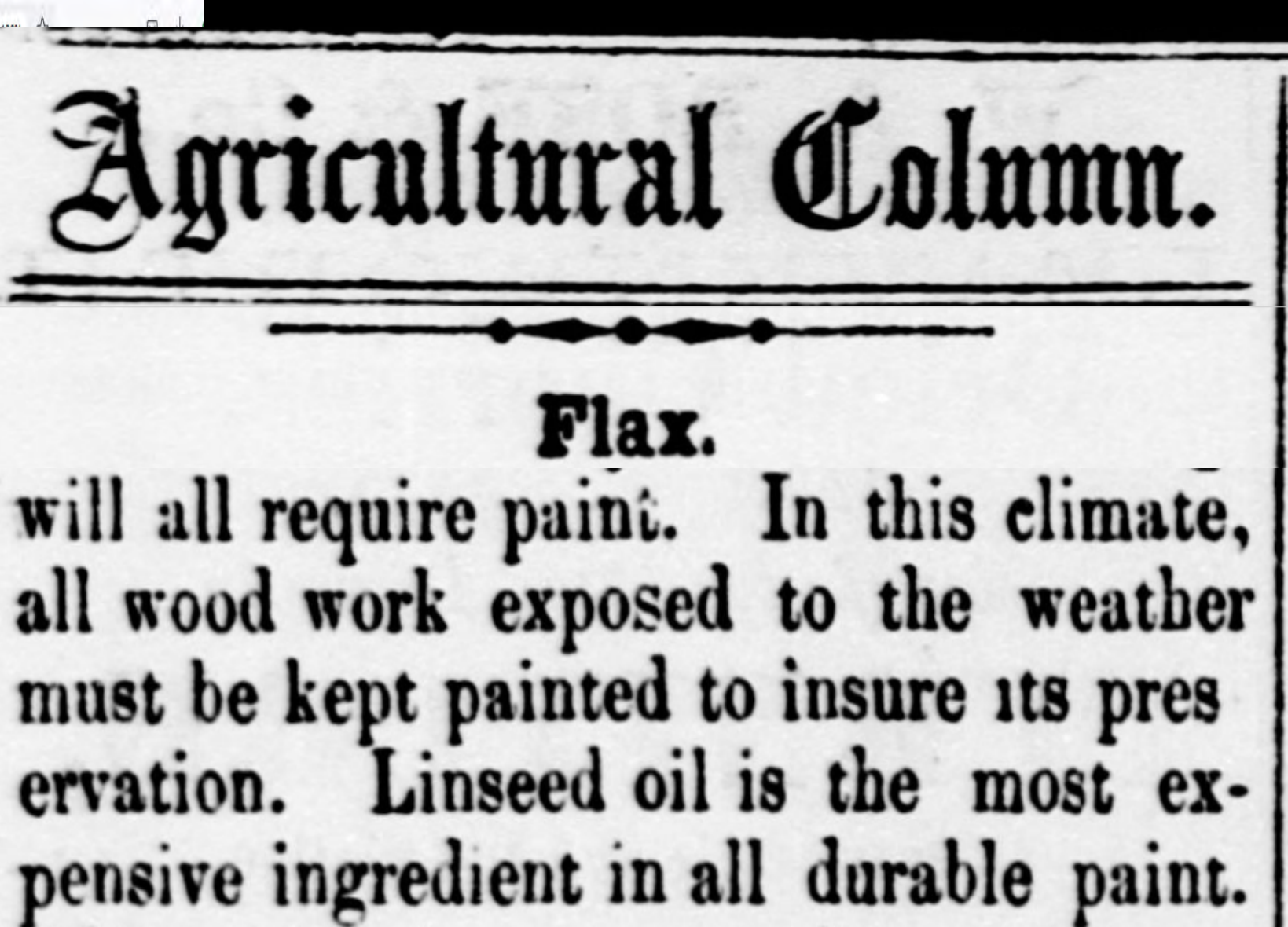
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From facts which we have learned from him we have thought that perhaps Kansas farmers might turn their attention to this crop with profit. There are





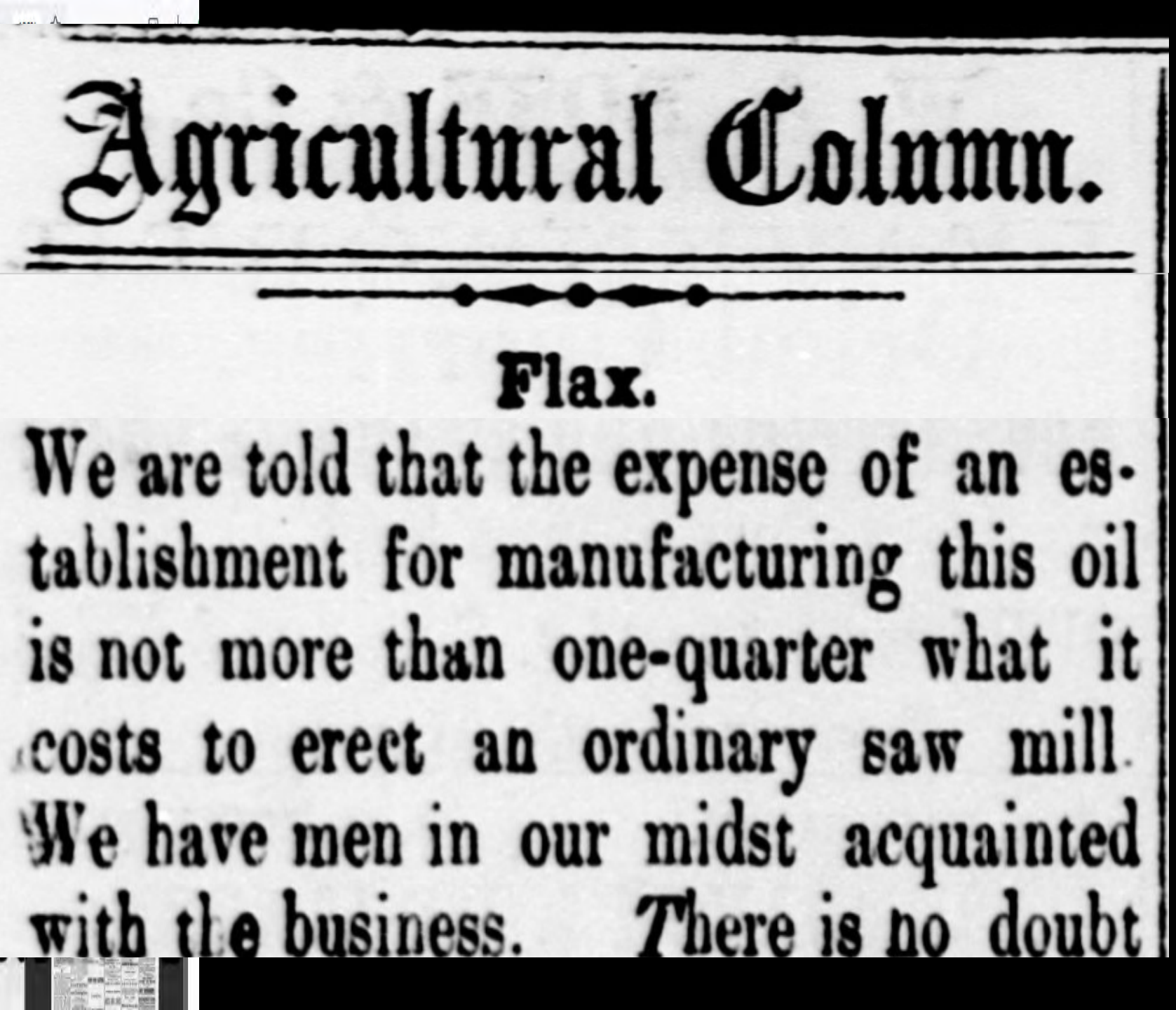


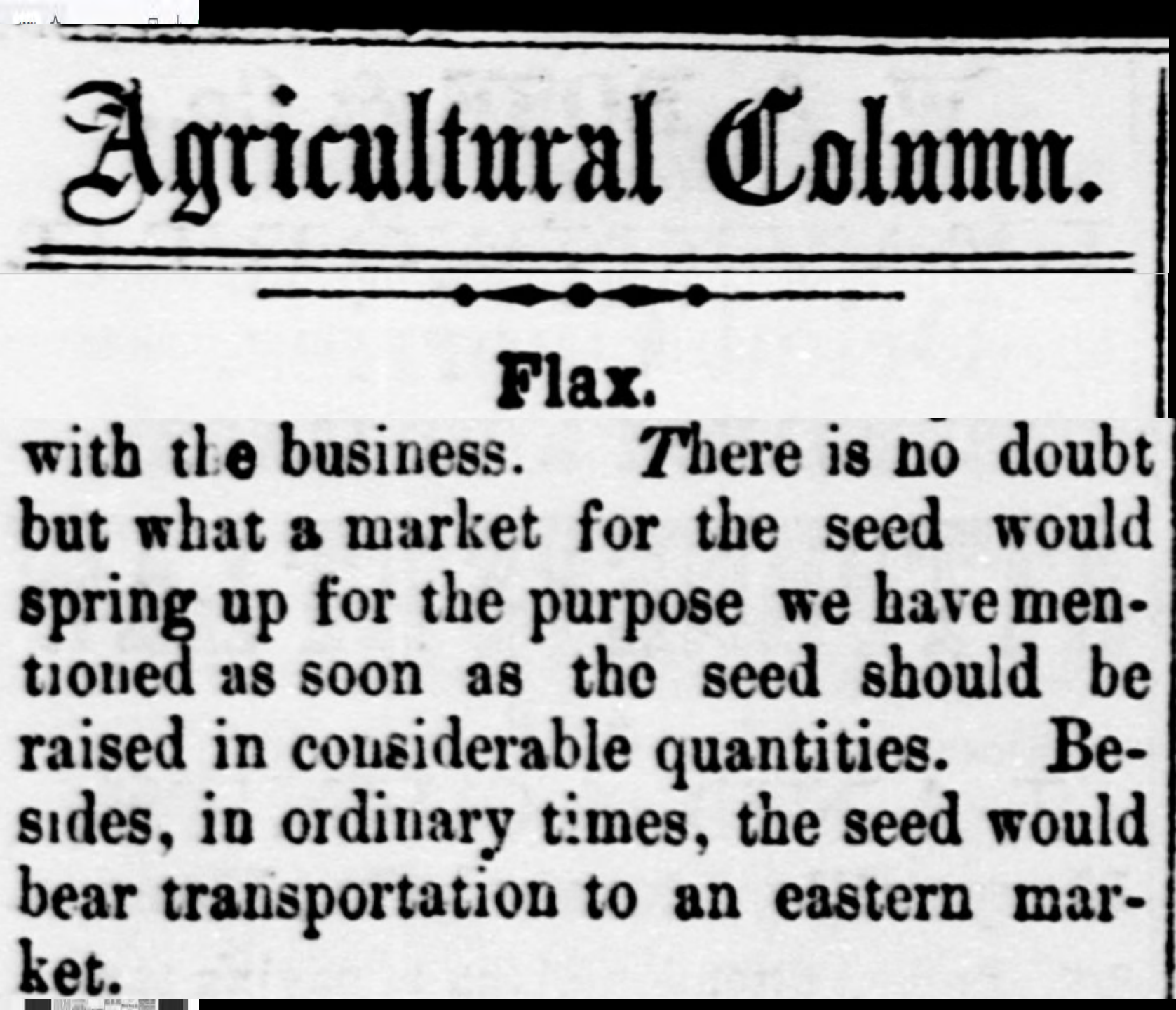
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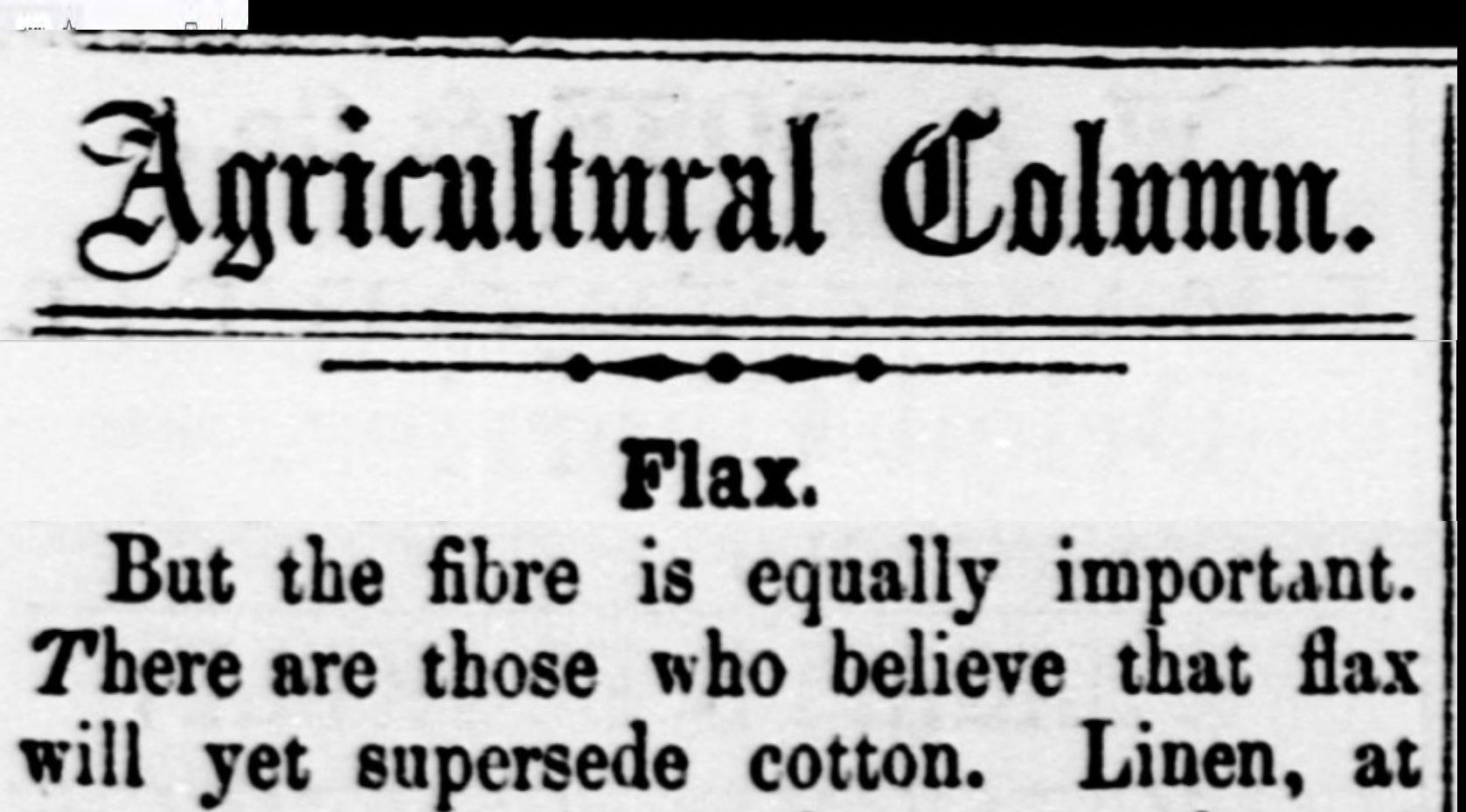
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This article is now quoted in our market at \$2.25 per gallon. At this price it will pay richly to raise flax, just for the seed to be manufactured into oil.





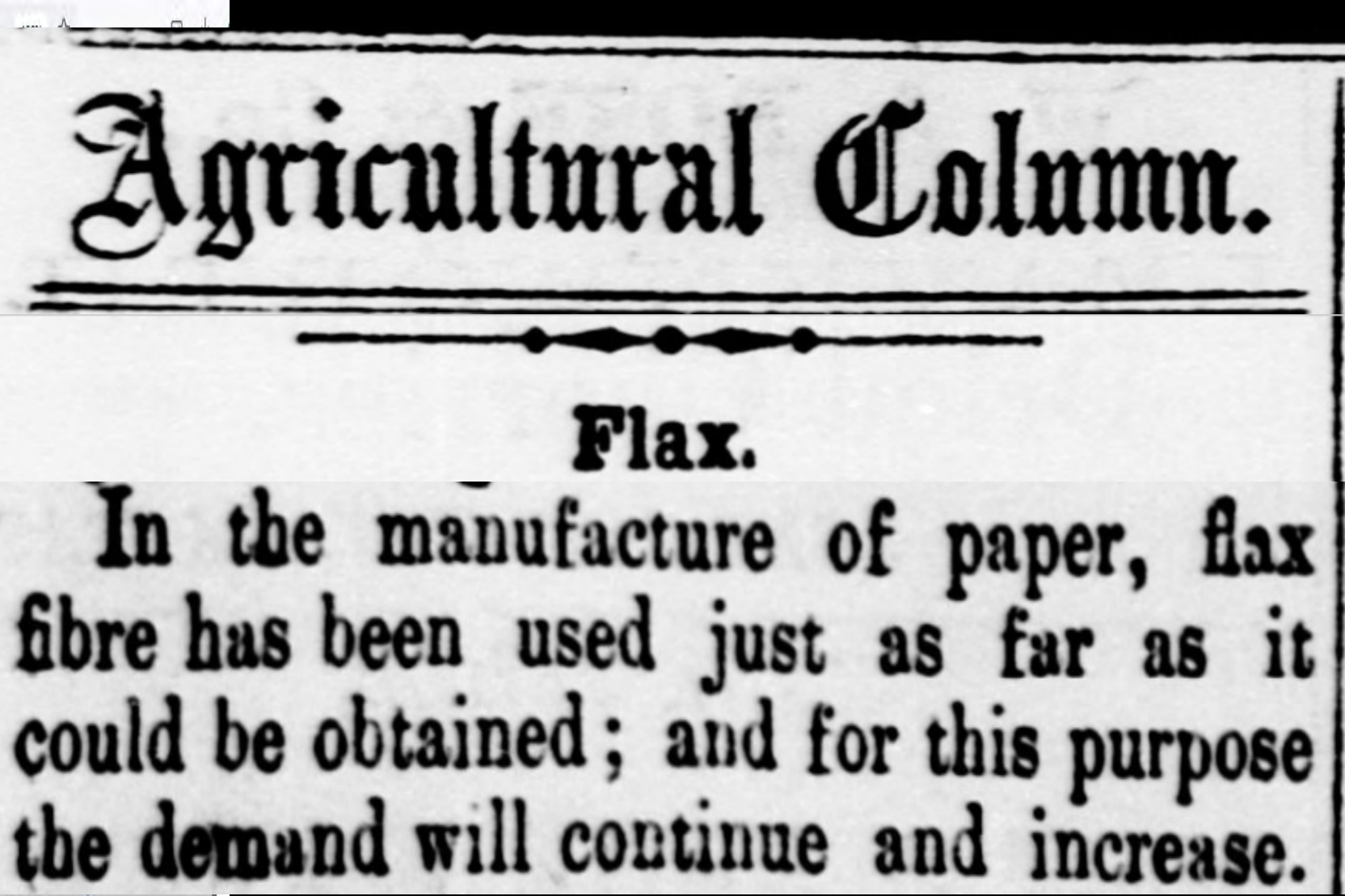


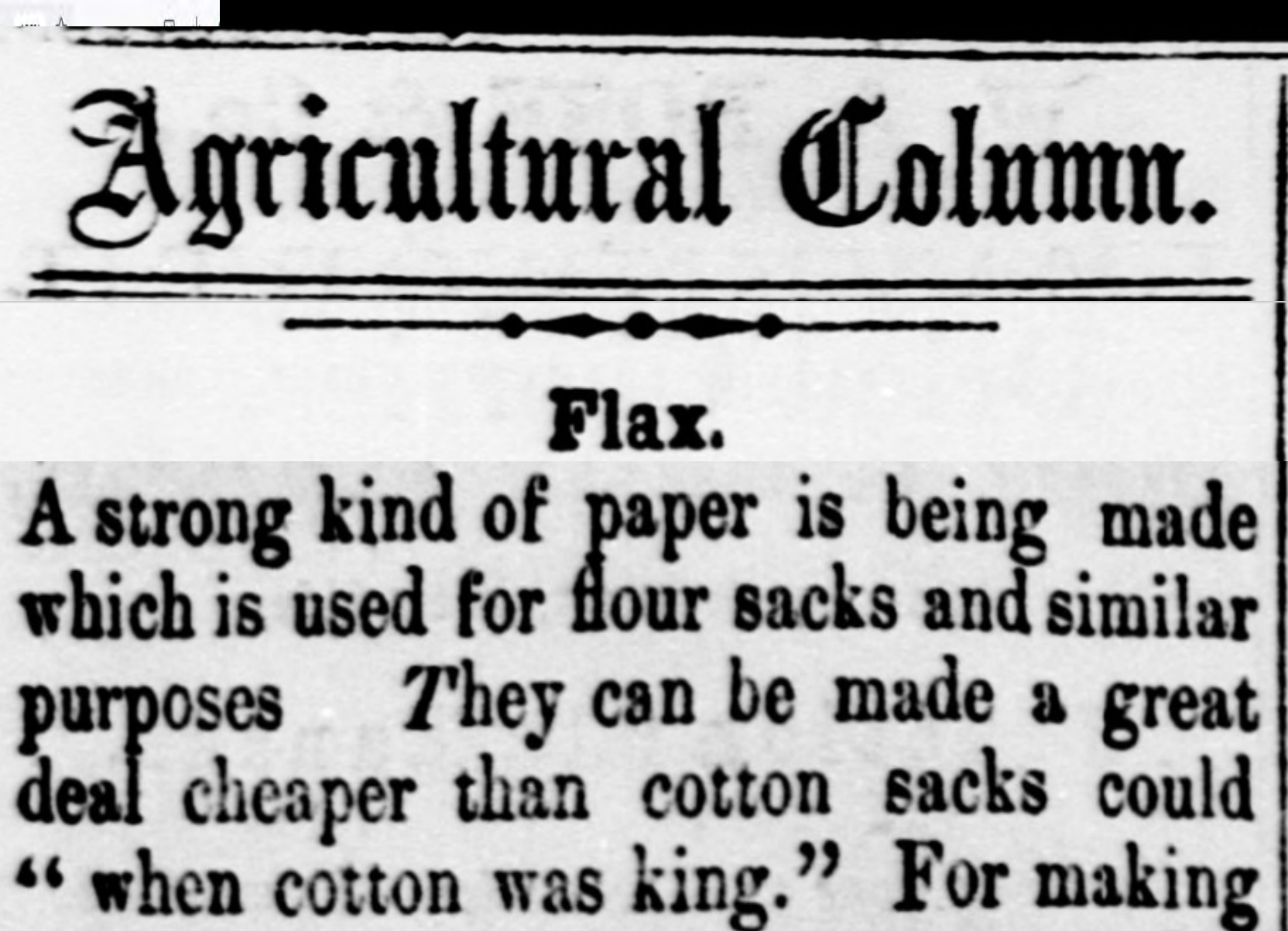


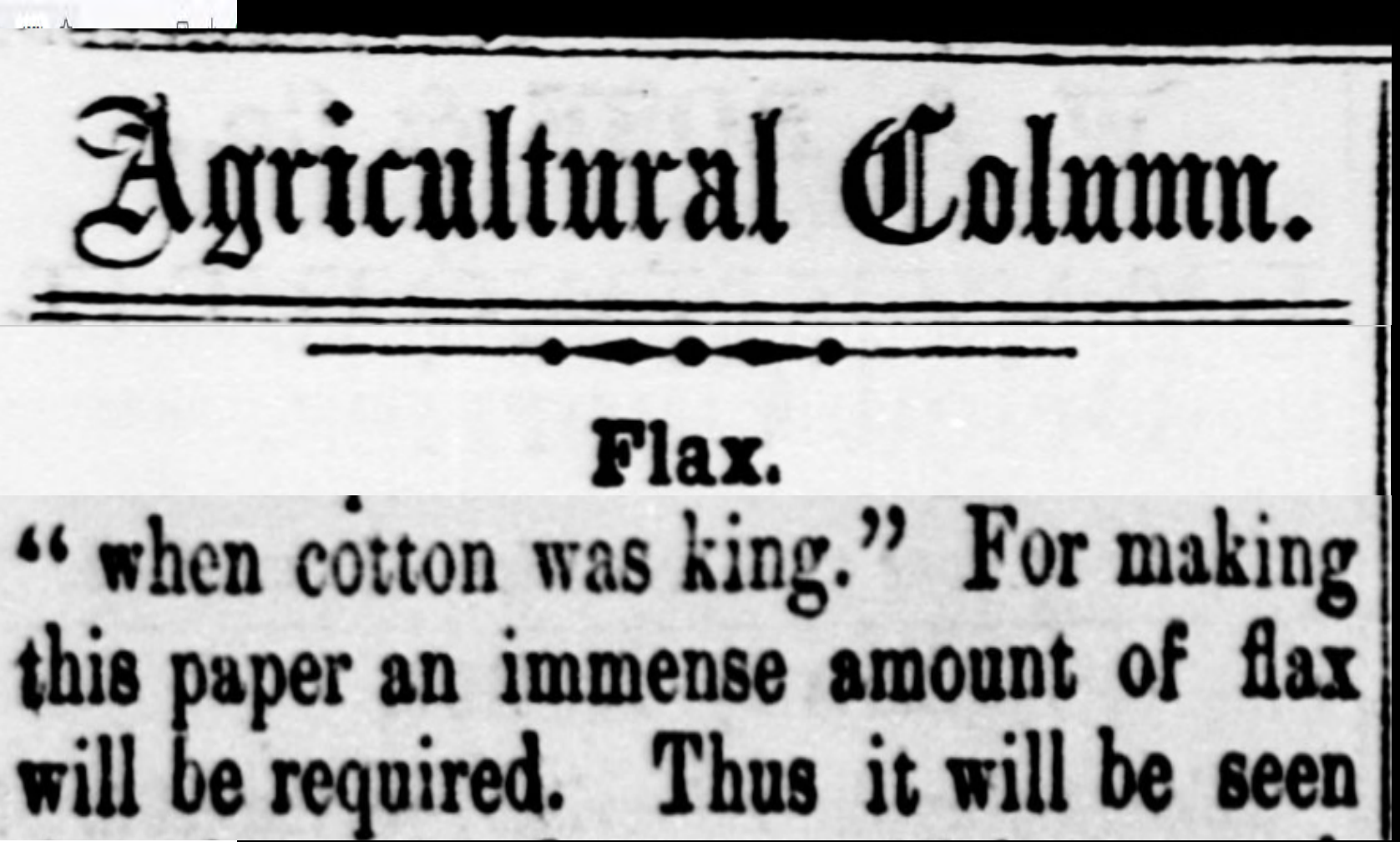
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will yet supersede cotton. Linen, at any rate, will always have a value of its own. Very many can remember when "tow cloth," of home manufacture, made a large portion of the clothing of farming communities.







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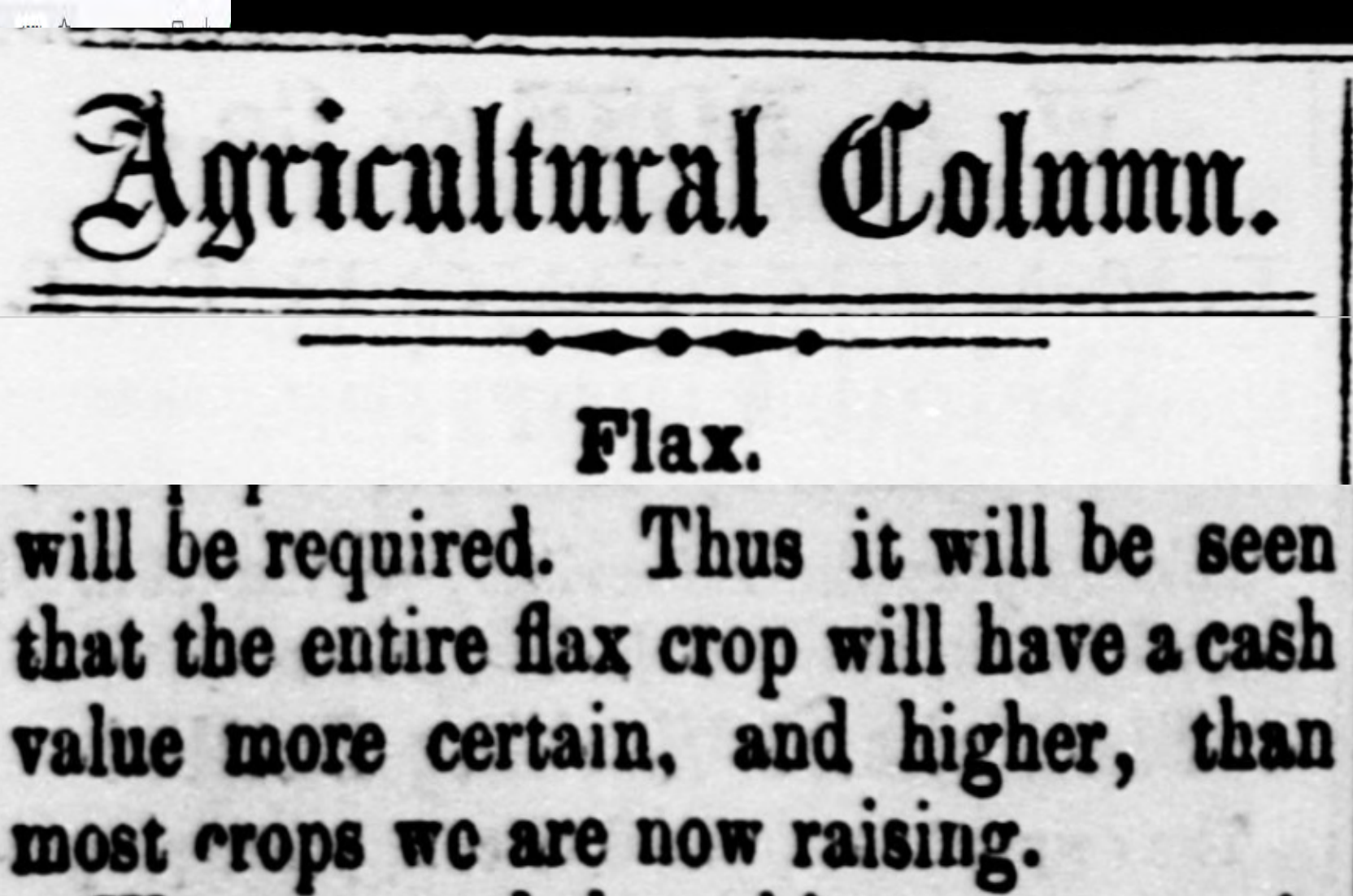
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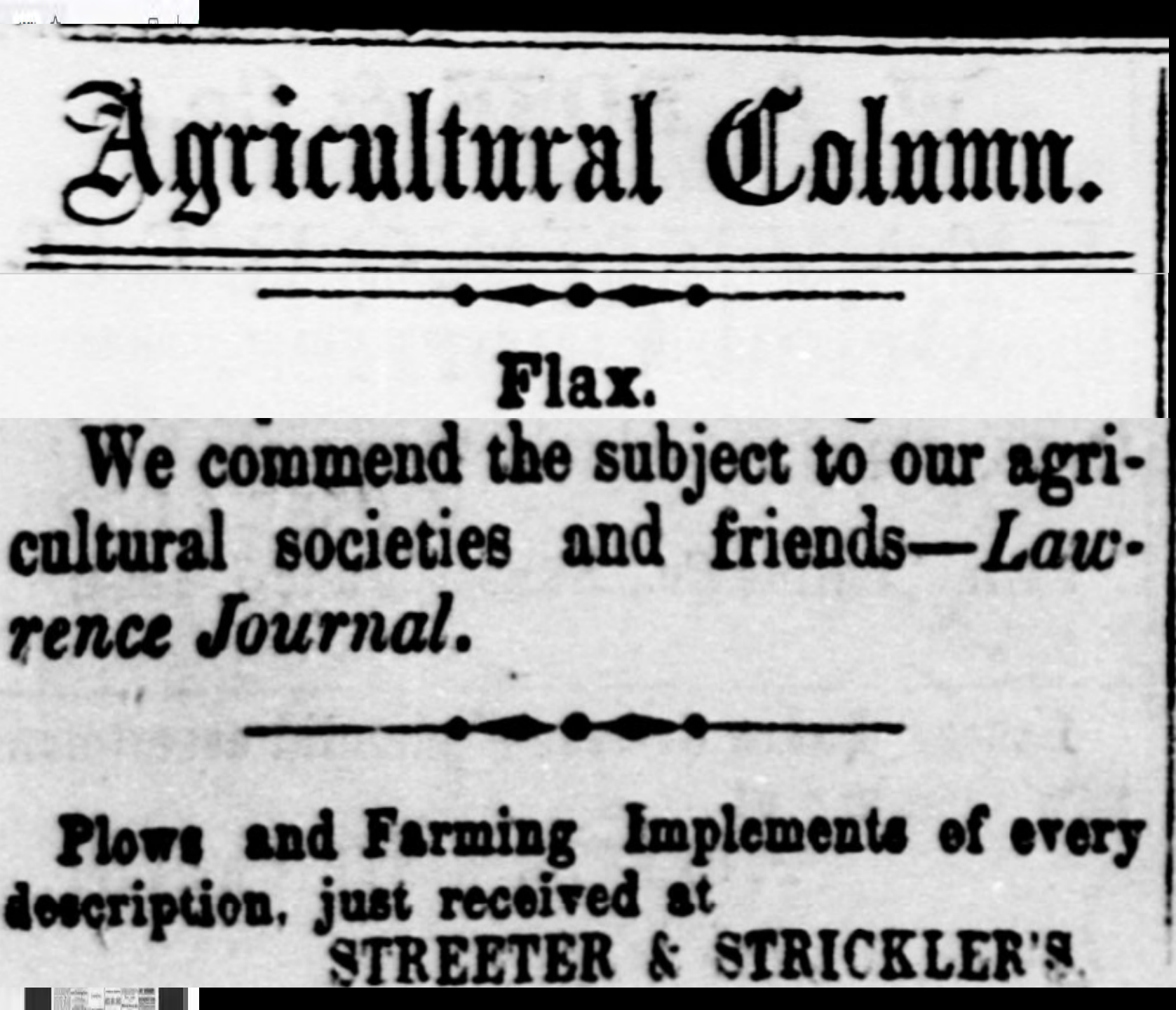
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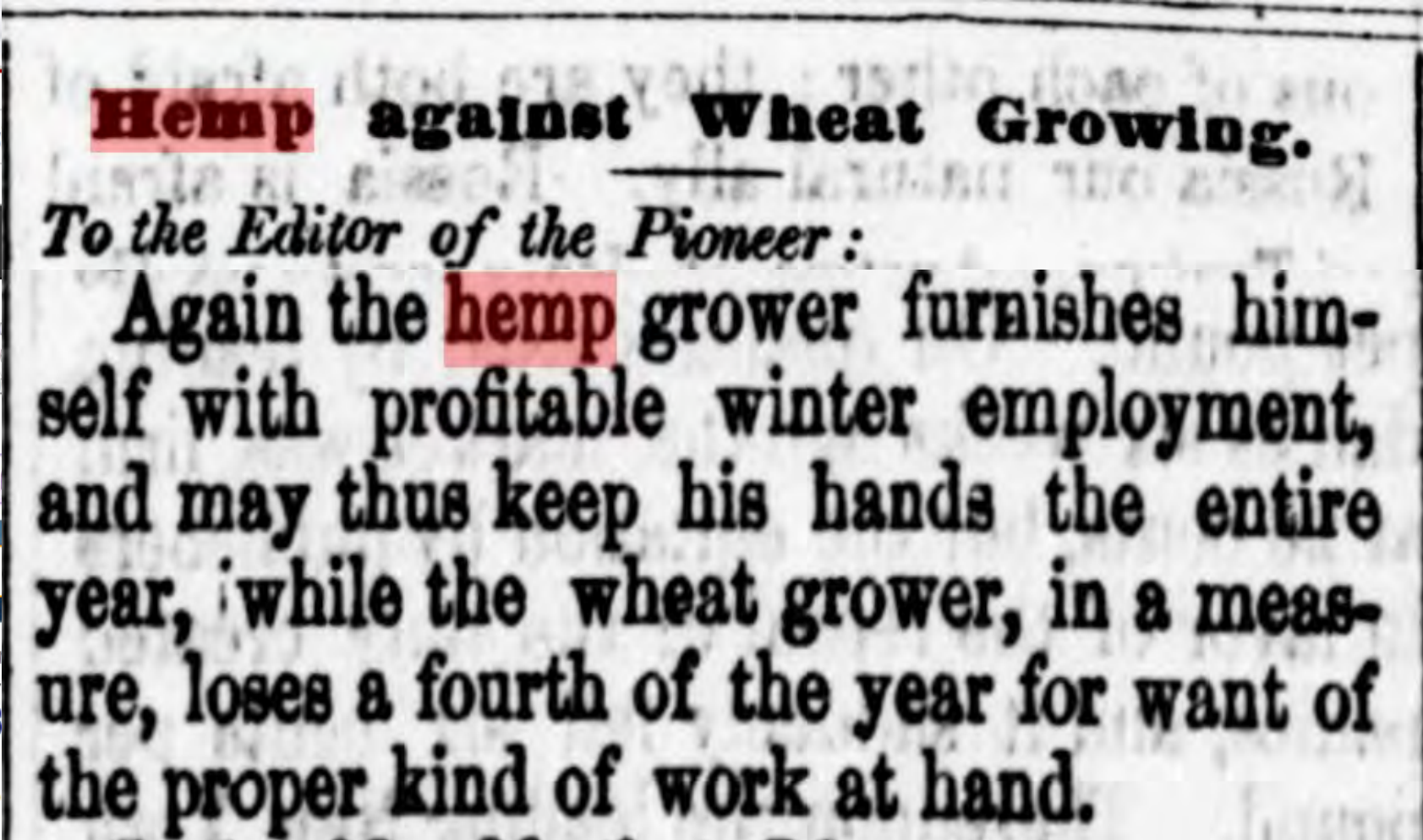


Hemp against Wheat Growing.
To the Editor of the Pioneer:

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To the Editor of the Pioneer:

Wheat, 27 tons, freight.....	\$540
Hemp , 20 tons, freight.....	400
Value of wheat \$1,800 less the freight..	1,260
“ hemp \$6,000 “ “.....	5,600

From this we see that the wheat grower gives one-third of his crop in search of market, while the **hemp** gives one-fifteenth; one, one pound in three, the other, one in fifteen.



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I should add that I have never raised hemp, nor had any experience in that line, but make up what I have said above principally from the various reports of those who have written upon the subject both in this country and in Europe.
Yours, &c.,
T. T. MANN.
COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 1865.