

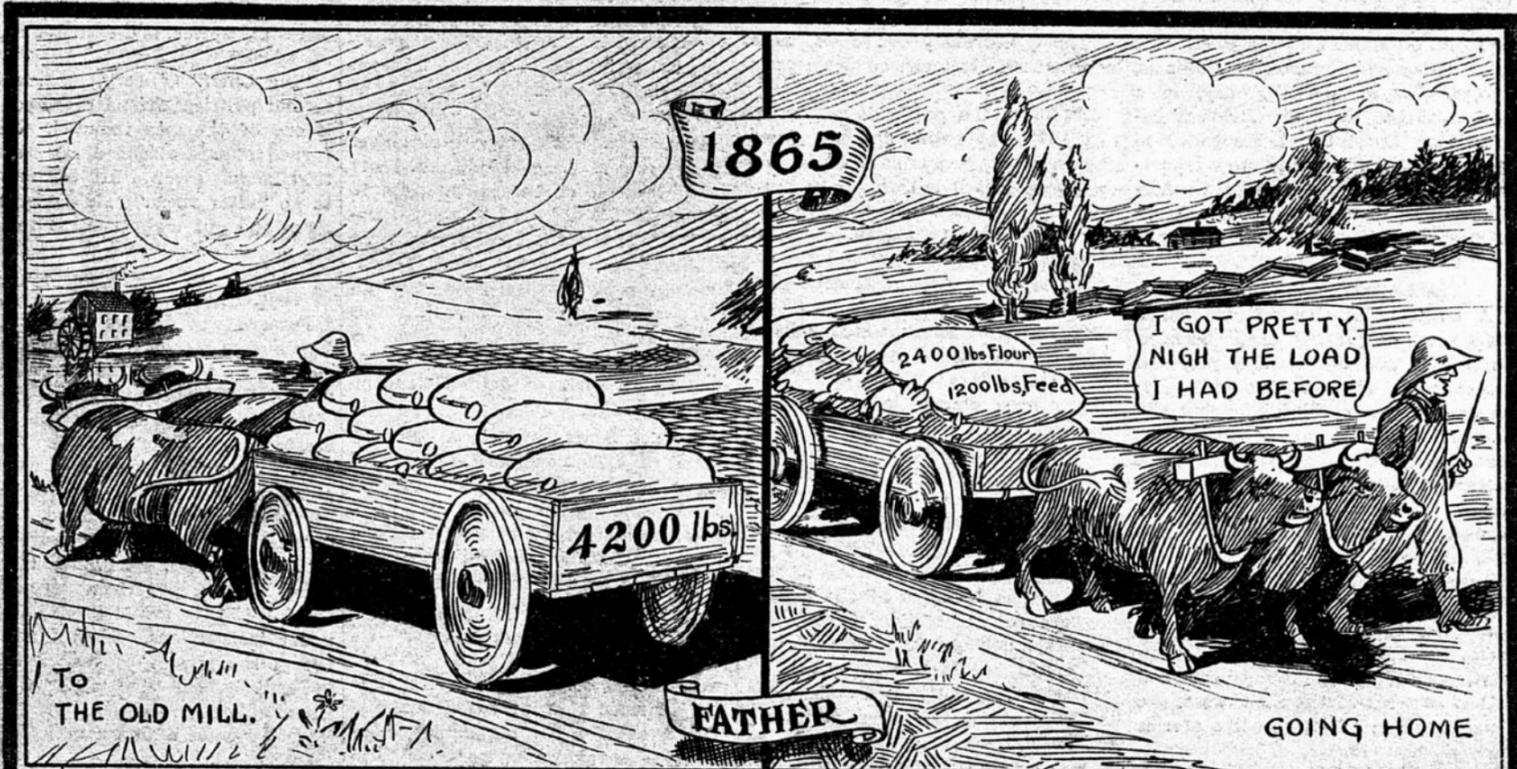
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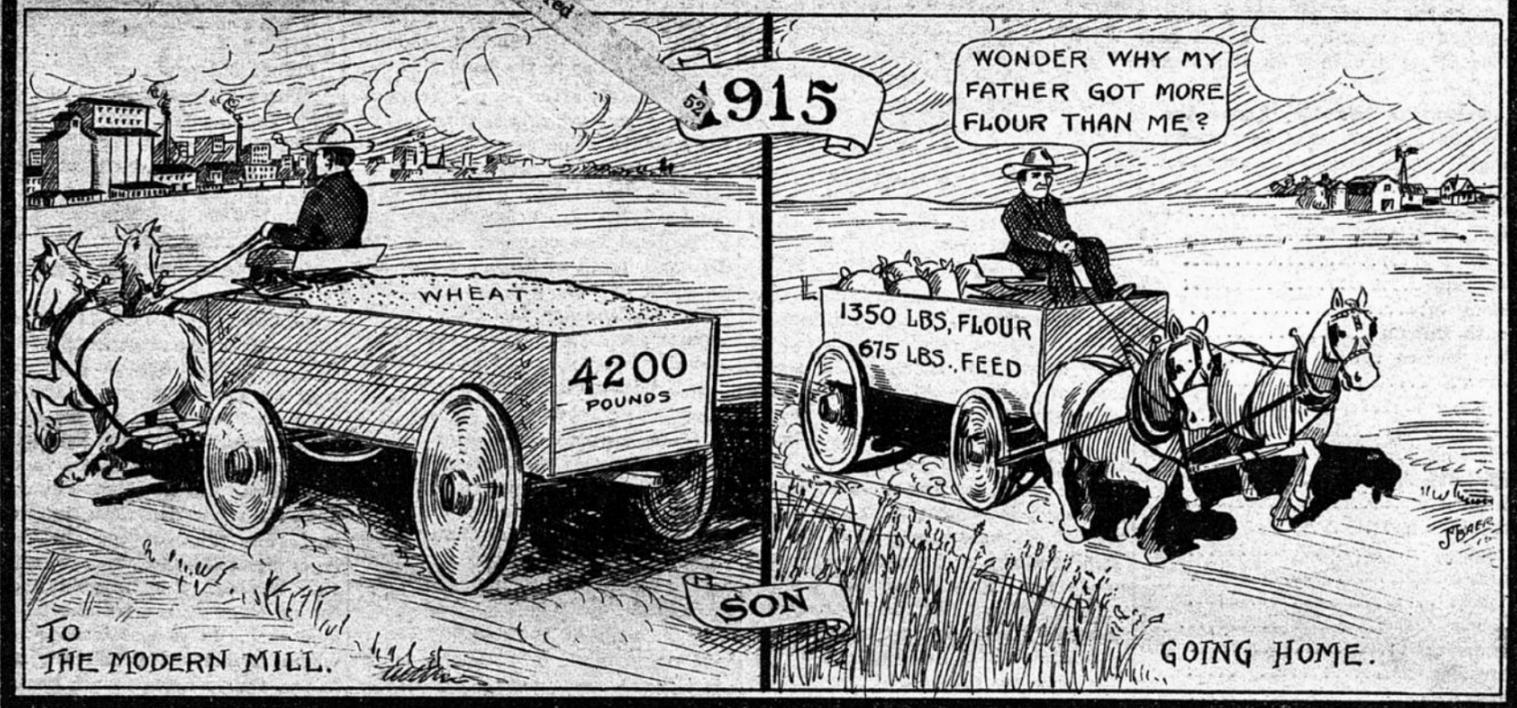
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## The Farmer Fifty Years Ago and Today



COMPARATIVE PRODUCE HAULED HOME, THEN AND NOW:  
 1865 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 1915 = \_\_\_\_\_



### FIFTY YEARS.

Fifty years of progress.

The above cartoon shows that.

It shows fifty years of agricultural and industrial progress.

It shows what fifty years have done for the man who tills the soil. Look at this cartoon again. Hang it on the wall.

Look at it every morning. Look at it every night. Get it pictured in your mind.

It will do you good.

It is the kind of picture you should think about. It will show you some reasons why things are as they are. It will show you why you work and why the other fellow profits from your work.

Do you wonder that Patten gets rich—and you stay poor?

Patten, we are told, recently made \$200,000 over night.

He made this money in wheat. He didn't make it by raising wheat.



He doesn't raise wheat.

He gambles in it.

He bets on the price of wheat. This time he bet the price would fall.

It did. He made \$200,000. That \$200,000 represents your loss. You lost \$200,000 on your wheat crop. You didn't lose the wheat. You lost the price.

Patten didn't get the wheat. He got the price. The transaction took place on paper.

That's all.

Now look at the above cartoon once more.

1865. That was fifty years ago. Farming was different then. It was more simple. It was done with simple machinery. Now the machinery is more complex. It is much more productive. Mr. 1915 Farmer can produce many times as much as his grandfather could in 1865.

And what happens?

Let us see.

Mr. 1865 Farmer drove to town, to the old mill on the

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