

INCORPORATE CO.

TO MANUFACTURE

FITCH TRACTOR

Directors Pledge Themselves To
Establish Plant in City That
Offers Company Best
Inducement

KANSAS MAN AVERS
MACHINE IS SUCCESS

John H. Fitch is President and
C. F. Olmstead Secretary of
Newly Organized Concern

The Fitch tractor was incorporated yesterday for \$50,000, of which \$27,010 was paid in capital. The name under which it was incorporated was the Four-Drive Tractor Co.

The tractor was given this name because it pulls from all four wheels. Its pulling surface is 48 inches at the minimum, exclusive of the six inches on each wheel which come into contact with the soil.

In the articles of incorporation Ludington was stated as the principal place of business, but this can be amended if desired. The company has received several good propositions. Yesterday four or five Ludington men, three from Pentwater, one from Big Rapids, and one from Quenemo, Kas., were on hand in regard to the factory's location.

The Kansas man, C. E. Logan, says that the Fitch tractor is by far the best of 17 which he has seen demonstrated. He was present at a demonstration of the tractor in Pentwater, when it was put on marshy land, where critics said it would bury itself, as a team would do in such ground. Not only was this idea disproved, but the tractor pulled up a submerged tree stump to which it had been fastened. At this Logan tossed his hat in the air and acclaimed it the best tractor he had ever seen.

The officers of the company are as follows:

President—John H. Fitch.

Vice president—Elbert J. Jenkins, Big Rapids.

Secretary—Clay F. Olmstead.

Treasurer—R. J. Fitch.

E. J. Jenkins is the register of deeds and is prominent in the chamber of commerce in Big Rapids.

"The board of directors has voted to accept the proposition most favorable to the concern," said Clay F. Olmstead this morning, "regardless of the city from which it comes. We have pledged ourselves to act without prejudice toward any one place."