



SPECIAL TRAIN McCORMICK BINDERS EN ROUTE FROM CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z., TO LONGBEACH.

**"THE BEST FARM IN THE WORLD."**

Possibly there are many of the readers of the INDEPENDENT who would be loth to admit that the best farm in the world can not be found in some parts of the United States—and it is just possible that the particular spot of ground entitled to this eminent distinction would be variously designated according to the individual views of the particular reader. However we may state in all fairness, and certainly without desire to belittle our American agriculturists—and even granting them the opportunity of not being the owners of the "best farm in the world"—that this title has for some time been held by what is known as the world-famed Longbeach Estate, and that is located in New Zealand. Early in February the harvest season was at its full height at Longbeach, and the enterprising Weekly Press published at Christchurch, sent a special representative with instructions to furnish the paper with a replete report of the interesting event, as disclosed by the operations upon this renowned estate. "Longbeach," says the Press "is a busy place at almost all times of the year, and particularly so during harvest. Plowing, sowing, and other operations occupy large numbers of men and horses, but they are spread over several months of the year, whereas the climate of the district brings the crops to maturity within a period of less than a month, and in that space of time the grain must be secured. Small farmers, contractors, and others—many from the immediate vicinity, others from all parts of Canterbury and some as far as Otago—find work at Longbeach dur-

ing this busy time and useful harvest hands flock thither auro of a job. Employment at Longbeach has always been sought after, there being no better employer in New Zealand than Mr. John Grigg, the owner of the estate, and it can be said that no employer has better workers whether permanent or casual. Many under both categories have worked for him for a great number of seasons, and many snug farms and homes in various parts of the colony were founded by the earnings at Longbeach." The Press representative was impressed with the long line of McCormick harvesters and binders at work in the various paddocks, "there being as many as seventy reapers and binders, and a corresponding number of drays, with upwards of 1,000 horses, and quite an army of men. This season, it is said, the area in wheat, oats, and barley amounts to somewhere about 7,000 acres, and the crops are as promising as have ever been seen on this fertile estate. The McCormick harvesters, as they came up side by side, following one after the other, cutting, tying, and delivering the big, heavy sheaves of grain with the most perfect regularity and without the slightest trouble, or the least sign of hitch, presented a very pretty harvest picture. During the three or four days I was there, I saw them working in heavy tangled crops, with a good deal of undergrowth, in heavy, bright, clean crops, and in crops of such nature as would most thoroughly test the strength and general capabilities of any machine. They did really good work in the heavy tangled grain, but when they got into a clean piece,

the 256 acres of Tuscan, for instance, they delivered most neatly bound, even-butted sheaves, leaving a beautifully clean, close stubble, with a very marked absence of litter. Each machine, drawn by a team of two horses only, cut, tied and delivered the heavy sheaves of grain with the greatest regularity, everything running smoothly, and almost noiselessly, and the draft being so light that even in the heaviest and greenest of the crops, the two horses were never distressed, blazing hot as the weather was." Just prior to the harvest season, Mr. Grigg bought a trainload of McCormick Harvesters from Messrs. Morrow, Bassett, & Co., of New Zealand, "and" continues the writer, "this house is to be congratulated on having so many of the McCormick machines holding the pride of place on this splendid estate, for if they give, as they are doing, unqualified satisfaction on Longbeach, there is no fear of anything approaching failure in any other direction. As an instance of the produce which annually goes off Longbeach, it may be stated that at Winslow, a small hamlet, and the nearest railway station to Longbeach, there is yearly paid a sum of £5,000 (about \$25,000) for freight. Where the interest involved is of such magnitude every risk is, of course, reduced to a minimum. Men—as already mentioned—horses, and machinery must all be of the best type. The break-down of a single reaper and binder for a day might expose a hundred pound's worth of grain to danger from the capricious elements. Consequently no visitor should miss seeing the implements and machinery, for what finds favor at Longbeach may safely be taken as thoroughly reliable and efficient."

**RAGS AND THE TWO TAXES.**

**Sometimes A Dog Knows More Than A Man.**

Near the summit of a hill, on a Dakota farm, two foxes once had their den. One day the farmer's dog "Rags" discovered one of them and gave chase. Round and round the hill they ran until the fox became tired, then he dodged into a path of high weeds where his mate lay concealed. She then ran out and led "Rags" over the track while her mate rested. They continued to fool the dog in this way until he went home thoroughly disgusted.

The next day "Rags" returned and the same plan was pursued. This process was continued all summer, until "Rags" was entirely worn out, and so poor that he could hardly crawl. At last "Rags" concluded he would give them one more trial. When he neared the mound he saw a prairie fire sweeping across the hill; as it burned the patch of weeds both foxes were driven out, and he discovered how he had been deceived. He went home, saying to himself: "I can't catch both of them alone, but I'll get the neighbor's dogs to join me and then they can't get away."

For thirty years the Money Power has been playing the "two foxes" act on the voters. They first get them to chase the fox "Protection," until that issue is tired out. Then they let it rest and "Tariff Reform" dodges out of the grass and the voters chase that issue.

The voters have chased these two foxes until they are as hungry and poor as "Rags." The prairie fire of "financial reform" has now driven the foxes out of the grass, but whether the voters will be as wise as he, and get their neighbors to combine and catch both of them at the same time, by overthrowing the Money Power in 1896, is an open question. Sometimes a dog is more sagacious than a man.—"Snap Shots at Facts in Finance." Copyright, 1895.

**IT TAKES COURAGE.**

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**THE FIGHT IN OREGON.**

**Populists will Carry Oregon in June.**

Gen. Weaver tells us that at every reason to believe that the Populists will carry Oregon at the election on the first Monday of June next. He will be assisted in the canvass by J. H. Davis of Texas, ("Cyclone Davis"), J. R. Sovereign, Master Workman of the K. of L.; W. Whitehead, of New Jersey, late National Lecturer of the Grange, Colonel McDowell, of Tennessee, and Thomas V. Cator, of California; besides a host of local talent. Gen. Weaver was in Oregon recently. He says the Republican party is torn to pieces upon the silver question. The old party press has suppressed all information upon the subject; but the struggle between the two factions of Republicans has amounted almost to a state of war. At the primaries in Portland pistols were drawn, men were knocked down by the score, the police appeared with level guns. The gold-bugs carried the day; then the fight was transferred to the county convention, intensified ten fold. Each side put up a candidate for chairman; the crowd surged onto the platform, both prospective chairmen were knocked down and kicked; the most prominent men in the party were piled up like cord-wood, and the body of the hall was Bedlam-let-loose.

It is, of course, impossible that an organization thus torn to pieces can defeat the united Populist. Hence victory is certain for the Peoples Party. The cry is "union." The free-silver Democrats and the free-silver Republicans are uniting with our people.

This is good news. But our readers can realize the state of slavery we are in under the control of the Associate Press organization, when not a particle of all this important news is permitted to reach us. Gen. Weaver is sanguine that the united Populist and Free-Silverites will sweep the nation in November next.—Ignatius Donnelly.

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