

ABOUT CHEAP WHEAT

PRODUCT OF ARGENTINA GROWN BY PEON LABOR.

Primitive Methods of Italian Farmers Favorable Soil and Seasons. Cheap Labor and Long Hours Factors That Regulate Market Prices.

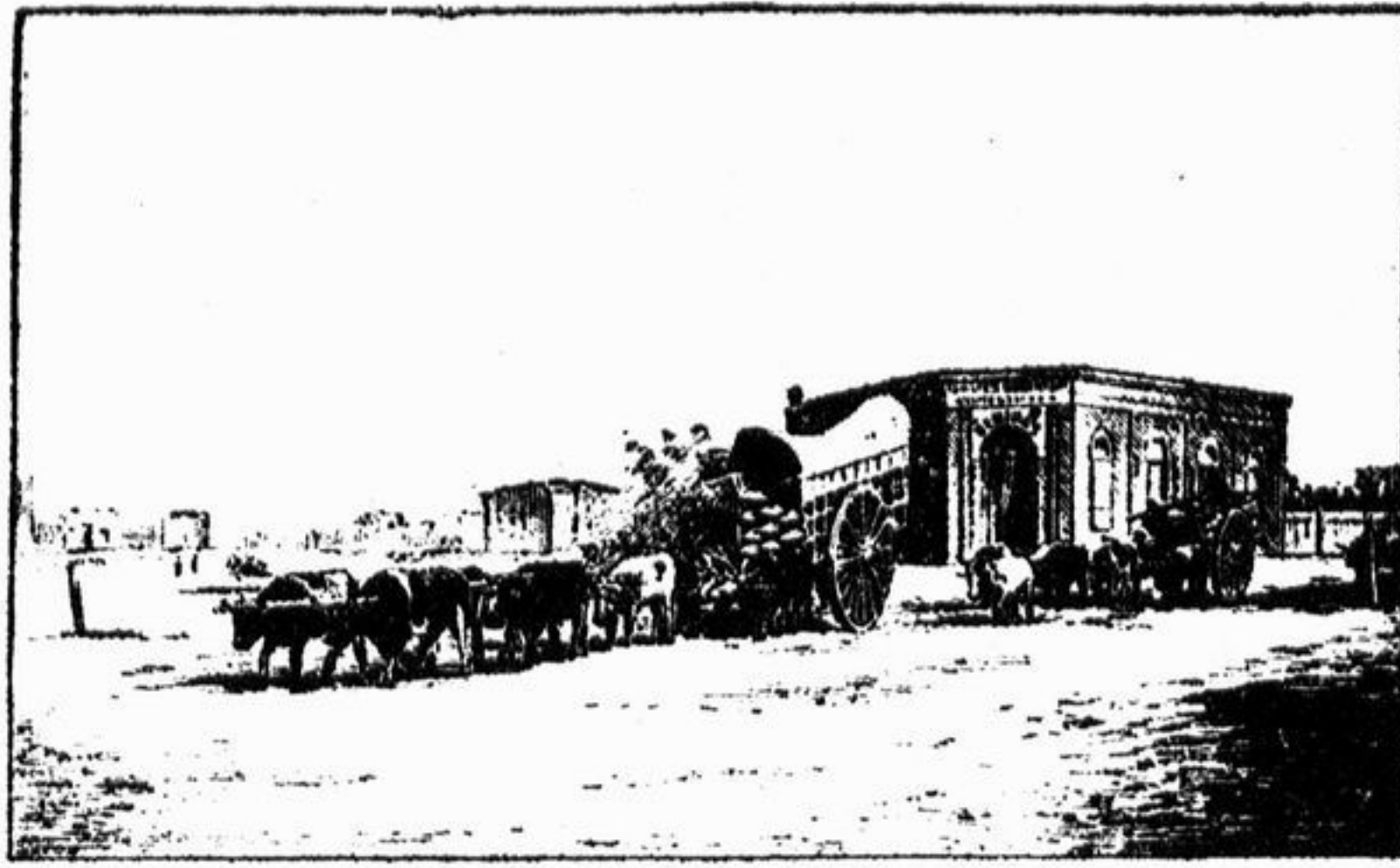
As the future price of wheat is mainly dependent upon the Argentine wheat crop, to be harvested about December next, it is interesting to study the methods of cultivation there.

That portion of the Argentine republic at present devoted to wheat cultivation includes the provinces of Santa Fe, Buenos Ayres and Entre Rios.

The surface of this great section of country is level and free from stones, devoid of timber, with few streams.

The general character of the soil is the same in all parts, varying somewhat in fertility according to the nearness to or remoteness from the great river Parana or the estuary known as River Plate.

It can be safely said that on an average of favorable seasons may be looked



HAULING WHEAT TO MARKET.

from 8 up to 50 per cent of the produce of every crop according to the facilities given to the tenant, and this system of working on shares is by far the most usual, and seems to be suited to the present state of the country.

If the tenant is a poor man the land owner may build the very simple mud house that shelters the family and also supply bullocks, plows, seed and supplies until the first harvest, and the landlord then takes 50 per cent of the crop, but if only the use of land is given 8 to 1 per cent of the produce goes to the land owner as rent.

The family would provide themselves with vegetables from the farm, and other household expenses and necessary clothing would cost about \$2 per month, and can be reduced according to the frugality and meanness of the family.

Good land situated conveniently near to a railway station and within 100 miles of a port, may be valued at \$1 (\$5 gold) per acre, and the farm can be worked by the colonist, assisted by a young son and by one hired peon all the year round, and by two extra peons at harvest.

eratic circles that there are a few Democrats in New York city and state who are inclined to the opinion that the judgment of such men as Mr. Gorman, Chairman Jones, ex-Governor Hoes and other men of long experience is quite as valuable as that of the Boy Orator of the Platte.

What has become of that \$1,500 speech which Mr. Bryan was to deliver at the Ohio silver camp-meeting? Also, what has become of the camp-meeting itself? It seems to have been as flat a failure as Bryan's paid "explanation" of why silver and wheat have parted company.

There is something of a contrast between conditions under the McKinley administration and those under the Cleveland administration.

The mad rush of the leaders of the late Populacy for a new focus to take the place of the exploded silver theory has resulted in the nomination of Henry George for mayor of Greater New York by a large element of the Democratic party of that city.

The United States had in 1871 15 cents per capita in silver, and now has \$8.77 per capita.

Japan imports cheap labor. It is interesting to note that Japan is importing cheap laborers from Korea to work in her coal mines.

REPUBLICAN OPINION.

Ex-candidate Bryan seems to be of the impression that he and silver are THE Democratic party.



SANTA FE—ITALIAN COLONISTS CLEANING WHEAT.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"THE THREE TAVERNS" LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text: Acts, Chapter XXVIII, Verse 15, as follows: "They Came to Meet Us as Far as Apoll' Forum and the Three Taverns."



SEVENTEEN miles south of Rome, Italy, there was a village of unfortunate name, a tavern is a place of entertainment.

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Alas! that the large majority of those who go down to the sea in ships should have twice to pass the Three Taverns, namely, before they go out, and after they come in.

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But notice the multiplicity. What could that Italian village, so small that history makes but one mention of it, want with more than one tavern?

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who made laws to restrain intemperance, the consecrated platform orators who thrilled the generations that are gone, with "high-mindedness, temperance, and judgment to come"—Albert Barnes and John B. Gough were there to greet him, and golden-tongued patriarch Stephen H. Tynd was there.

God let him live on for near a century, to show what good habits and cheerfulness and faith in the final triumph of all that is good, can do for a man in this world, and to add to the number of those who would be on the other side to attend his entrance.

In this battle the visible troops are not so mighty as the invisible. The gospel campaign began with the supernatural—the midnight chant that woke the shepherds, the hushed sea, the eyesight given where the patient had been without the optic nerve, the sun obliterated from the noonday heavens, the law of gravitation loosing its grip as Christ ascended; and as the gospel campaign began with the supernatural, it will close with the supernatural, and the winds and the waves and the lightnings and the earthquakes will come in on the right side and against the wrong side; and our ascended champions will return, whether the world sees them or does not see them.

PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY.

Few of them seemed to have learned anything noble from Nature. "For the simplicity and righteousness of our government we are accustomed to think we must pin our faith on the country people who live 'near to Nature's heart'."