

THE WILLAMETTE FALLS.

The Willamette Falls are located about twenty-four miles from the confluence of that stream with the Columbia. The river at that point is about four hundred yards in width, and flows through a pass in a range of lofty hills covered with dense fir timber, except where the woodman's axe has felled the forest in the interest of advancing civilization. At the lowest stage of

water the fall is sixty feet, and most of the distance from shore to shore it pitches over the ledge of rock above to the seething maelstrom beneath, without an obstruction to ruffle the descending torrent. The rim of the rocky formation over which the river flows is in the form of a crescent, with the circular side up the stream. A fine view of the cataract can be had from the summit of the rocky prom-

ontory on the east side of the river. The scene is grand and awe-inspiring, especially when the sun is half-way down the western horizon, at which time a cloud of rainbows paint the mist which rises from the foaming abyss, adding beauty to the sublimity of the view. From time immemorial the Indians resorted to the falls during the spring and fall salmon run for purposes of fishing. The salmon here find an



THE WILLAMETTE RIVER FALLS, OREGON CITY.—Photo by I. G. Fav' Mon.