

view of Yamhill County.

Last week we enjoyed a delightful journey through Polk and Yamhill counties, crossing the Willamette at Lincoln, passing through Spring valley, to Bethel, in Polk county, and then following down the road through Amity, McMinnville, and North Yamhill, a region that is often called the garden spot of Oregon, and while the Willamette valley is pretty much all composed of garden spots we do not blame the fortunate possessors of the soil back from the Willamette and along the shadow of the Coast range, for claiming peculiar excellence for that favored region. The range of hills that is to be seen opposite Salem stretches from the Rickreall northward, through Polk and Yamhill counties, leaving an open country between its northern points and the Chehalis region through which the waters of the Yamhill join their forces and seek the Willamette.

The road from Lincoln westward cleaves this hill region and in four miles' distance crosses it, taking you west of the hills to the charming country about Bethel, consisting of an undulating surface that reaches back to the Coast range, sometimes for miles a perfect prairie, then rising in long billowy reaches that are just as fertile and even more beautiful than the level country. Turning northward from the little village of Bethel, we skirted the hills on the west, looking still further west to the Coast range, that looked nearer and more distinct as we went northward. From the east the Polk county hills present a sloping surface, covered with oak groves and wheat fields, which are fast claiming possession. As we rode along to the westward we saw only the jagged points of these same hills, which fall off abruptly towards sunset, having a rugged but not uninteresting appearance. The county is well watered with belts of timber to relieve the eye and satisfy the wants of the owners of the soil.

Wherever we were we found the dusty roads badly cut up by the heavy loads of wheat everywhere passing toward market. It is true that every where gangs of harvesters were still at work heading and threshing the grain that was still standing, but many teams were spared from the press of harvest work, which was rapidly drawing to a conclusion, and were rapidly hauling the surplus to river side or railroad station, to be ready for transportation to market. The early rains of last season teach a lesson they are not likely to forget.

Amity is a thriving village situated in the midst of a rich and extensive agricultural region. The town is growing, judging from the new roofs sprinkled through the suburbs and is said to be the most thriving place in Yamhill just now, its prospects consisting partially of "great expectations" of what good things await it when the west side railroad shall be constructed, for the railroad is to pass through Amity, direct, if built on the projected line, and that is the only one of all the old west-side towns it will thus favor, as its present terminus is St. Joe, a point midway, on an east and west course, between McMinnville and Lafayette. Amity is a nice looking place, has churches and school buildings and several stores and all the other concomitants of civilization. Here we found our old friend and associate John M. Garrison, newly married and putting the finishing touches to a charming cottage home he is building with the expectation of taking charge of the Educational interests of Amity, a work for which he is admirably qualified.

Another delightful drive of about eight miles and we reach McMinnville, the most thriving town, apparently, in all Yamhill county. On our way we cross the South Yamhill, a turbid stream that can never be very turbulent, to judge from the nature of its banks. The ancient ferryman who pushed his boat out the two lengths that spanned the indolent river, proved to be our old friend Enoch Garrison, who seems to enjoy a hearty old age and find easy occupation in helping travelers on their way. The old gentleman was formerly a neighbor for many years in the vicinity of Salem.

It is not easy to picture a more charming and diversified region than that which lies under the lee of the Coast mountains in Yamhill county. If it is not the garden spot of Oregon, then Oregon has no garden spots. McMinnville is a town of size and has an air of thrift. Its homes appear prosperous and its streets show the presence of business. The Alden Fruit Factory, as well as those of Salem and Oregon City, has not commenced work the present year. Our resting place was a mile or so to the other side of the town, where we found an old neighbor and friend from Salem, Mr. E. L. Corner, and his wife, prepared to give us a cordial welcome, and adjoining them on the west we found a correspondent of the FARMER, Mr. Newton Gibbs, busy with the winding-up of his harvesting, enjoying, too, a very good yield for the present year. If all the people in Yamhill resemble the energetic friends above named it is no wonder that the region is rich and prosperous.

The next day we drove over from McMinnville to North Yamhill, a distance of about twelve miles, through a country similar to that we have already described, found the surface more broken, though not less fertile and prosperous on that account. The village of North Yamhill is a railroad station and not much of a town, though its surrounding country must make it the center of a large trade. A large hall occupied by the Patrons, shows that the order is well sustained there. We did not pass directly through the place, but bore around to the south of it to visit the farms and see the stock of our friends the Stewarts, father and sons, well known as the earliest and very successful breeders of fine cattle in our State. Harvesting was not yet over and the absence of the gentlemen, and their busy occupation where we could see the dust of the threshers in the distance

gave convincing proof they had no time to waste so we lost an opportunity that we had in advance counted on as one of the most pleasant features of the trip.

Returning from North Yamhill to McMinnville by a road that took through the hills, to the west of the one that we went, we had a glimpse from a hill-side, of the charming nook (not a very small one either) in the Coast range foot-hills, where Mr. R. K. Thompson of Portland, having purchased 2,700 acres of land, much of it of the most valuable character, is exercising his steam engines at the plow and otherwise. Mr. Thompson has expended money liberally to clear ground and make improvements, as the neighbors explained to us, making wonderful changes since he took possession. From a short distance the valley where his possessions lie, and the amphitheatre of hills that surround it, make a most charming tableau. But if we stopped to notice fine farms it would not be easy to close this article, for Yamhill has them in every direction, many covering a thousand acres, as we discovered when taking dinner at the hospitable mansion of Dr. Sifton, about five miles north of McMinnville.

Leaving McMinnville the third day, we journeyed eastward two miles and a half to St. Jo, which is a railroad terminus and not much else. We saw little life in the place and no business, the charming face of a young lady friend (after whom, by the way, the place might be named, though our young friend does not pretend to be quite a saint) relieved the dullness of St. Jo, and sent us off with a pleasant memory. About the same distance took us across the Yamhill at Lafayette, which is a town that shows age and has pleasant features generally, very graphically perched on the bluff shores of the Yamhill and appearing to us as interesting a place as we had met in three days' travel. From thence we came back to Salem, along the river, leaving the range of hills to the west until we entered and crossed Spring Valley, thence passing through the hills, or along their bases to Salem.

DRAIN'S STATION, Sept. 16, 1876. ED. FARMER: Seeing an article from Scottsburg, dated Aug. 26, 1876, stating that my stage did not run regularly. No one at a distance can tell anything about it. This is a mistake, as I leave on Mondays, and return here on Tuesdays, and leave again on Thursdays and return Fridays, have always done the same. Hoping you will correct this statement. I remain yours, JOHN BARKER.

THE MARKETS.

The Wheat Market.

The situation remains without change since last week but the dispatches from England, which we publish elsewhere, show that indications favor an improvement in that market, and we may look for some advance here over present prices, in a few weeks.

European Grain Prospects.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—The Mark Lane Express says the weather throughout the week has been dull and autumnal. In the north a large portion of the cereal crop remains unsecured. Sprouted grains and deteriorated condition have therefore characterized the supplies at many of the northern country markets, and threshing has been in a great measure stopped by frequent rains. Seed crops have also sustained injury from the same cause. Mustard and rape seed especially have appeared in considerably less quantity than is usual at this time of year, the condition of both having much deteriorated. It is estimated that in Scotland barely half of the cereal crop is cut and no more than a quarter is stacked. The same delay prevails in Ireland, and outstanding grain is suffering in color and sprouting. Farmers, who were fortunate enough to secure their wheat in good order, are in no hurry to sell now, as the prospect has been of better prices and the bulk of the supply is more or less affected by damp. Imports of wheat are still fair, but show a slight decrease—while exports have somewhat increased. The imports of last month are very little more than half those of the corresponding period of last year, when the rapid advance in values caused such a heavy stream of supplies. India still contributes largely to our foreign supply, and shipments from that quarter are regarded with undiminished interest as exercising considerable influence on the course of prices. The continual steadiness of the local trade seems to strengthen the opinion that prices touched their lowest point. If foreign supplies do not increase, there is no reason why prices should not improve two or three shillings per quarter.

LONDON, Sep. 19.—James Baird, the well known practical agriculturist, author and statistician, writes to the Times in regard to the wheat crop as follows: The condition and quality are all that can be desired; but as threshing proceeds the local trade continues more disappointing. The land under wheat in the United Kingdom this year is three millions one hundred and thirty six acres, which is six hundred and seventy eight thousand below the average of 1874, and the seven preceding years, a decline of over 20 per cent on the average growth. The decline from last year is three hundred and seventy eight thousand acres; but that will be more than compensated for by the increased yield per acre and the higher quality. I put the gross product of the present crop at 10,000,000 quarters; deducting 800,000 quarters for seed, this will leave 9,200,000 quarters for consumption. At the present rate of consumption with us we require for the coming year about 15,000,000 quarters from stocks on hand and freight importation. This is the fourth year in succession in which America has been our main dependence. If that should fail in any material degree, it will be impossible to fill the gap elsewhere. In none of the European wheat exporting countries has there been an average crop. British India has largely increased her export, which in the last eighth months reached nearly 5 per cent. of our whole foreign supply. With no quarter from which we can expect an increased supply, it is satisfactory to know that we begin with a large stock from the surplus of last year's import. The very fine quality of wheat of all countries warrants an increase of price. In consequence of the decreased area under cultivation, we may before long expect such a moderate increase on the low price of the last two years as to leave some profit to both home and foreign growers.

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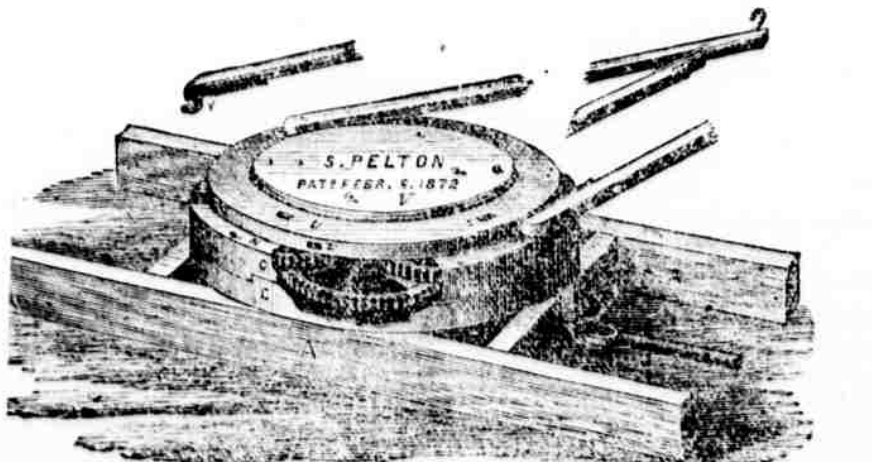
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