## Prospect Hill.

I expect it is true there is "nothing new under the sun;" that we only see things from a different stand-point, and for this reason no two persons see the same rainbow. Now I might, were I so inclined, go into a philosophical course of reasoning to prove that such is not the case, but that is not my present object. I only mention this because I am about to write concerning what most every body in Salem is perfectly familiar. everybody in Salem is perfectly familiar with that is, the view of the Willamette valley from "Prospect Hill." I will say to all who have not been, go and see it before the harvest is completed in the valley, for there is no more beautiful sight in Oregon than is presented to the view from this hill.

to Salem, passing Rock Island, whose rough sides and craggy, scrubby bushes and dwarf timber, and the huge cotton woods growing on the banks and along the sloughs of the Willamette, settle and confirm a feeling of the deepest melancholy and gloom. You are now in the heart, of the valley of "Lovely Oregon-at syour journey's end. You feel that you have been sold; and that, like "Armstrong," you could follow the first wagon that leads back to civilization; and that to snuff alkali dust would be a real enjoyment.

Hills. You see here and there what appear fruit is the acorn; and your mind goes back to the majestic oak of the "Western Reserve," and you look in vain for its companion, the thrifty and graceful chestnut. As you proceed, the hills grow browner, the caks more scrubby, and the dead brown fern, with here and there a blade of dried bunch grass contrasts strangely with the green pastures you have left, back in Western New York and Pennsylvania. But now you are near the summit of the hill. You turn off the road to a clear spring of the most sparkling water. You here find a camp of Indans, the first you have seen, short, smoky, flat-headed Diggers, who have left the reservation, to gather small fruit during the berry season: Your companion concludes to finish the journey on horseback-Throws off the harness from the ponies, and takes saddles from the wagon, siche them to the horses, mounts one of them, when the beast buries his short crooked cars in his mane, places his fore feet in a knot of the space of a peck measure, his back raises high in the air with the tail between his knees and with an unearthly bellow and a spasmodic jerk, the rider unceremoniously dismounts. You at once con jecture that Darwin's theory of elevation has inverted, that the beast is undergoing transformation to a dragon of the carboniferous period; that you see your degenerated self, in the Digger Indians around you, and that soon you will essume your primeval self, run on all fours and root for camas in the marshy fen. Your companion says "he is only a bucking pony" as he places the joints of his spinal column back in position, you tell him you sren't much tired. Think a walk would do you good. See the infernal brute anchored to a grub, think of Timoleons, Messengers and Morgans, of American, and wonder what "the duce" is coming next.

From here the ascent is gradual to the top of the hill. You see the top of Mary's Peak; now the Coast Range; now you are a the top, and—what do you see? The three the top, and—what do you see? The three-days past are forgotten. Is this a dream? Beautiful golden fields of grain, green orch ards, meadows, the Willamette river, like a silver beit, glistening in the sunlight; the Santiam vainly trying to hide itself in the tail fir trees along it banks; Peterson's Butte, Saddle Butte, yes, and Spencer's Butte, utnety miles to the south, swell like bubbles from the level prairie, hundreds of feet in hight. You see, now, that the Coast feet in hight. You see, now, that the Coast Range, is but the ragged rim of this beautiful cup, made huge and rough to resist the eternal grinding of the Pacific surf. Southward stand the Three Sisters, clothed in spotless white, coquetting with their more dignified neighbors, Jefferson, Hood and Adams. They are so distinct in every online and feature that you can scarcely realize that they are, some of them, handreds of miles Through a brake in the mountainto the northward, you see through the Cas-cades into the vast grazing fields of East-on Oregon and Washington, while nearer, you see, to the right Howel. Peakirs and the right and productive field. It will will the left, on the west, the harvest fields and orehards of Polk and Yambili counties. Salem and French Prairies in the foreground. The boat on which you arrived vesterday you see steam deser the Willamete, threading its way through the narrow belt of timber the shuts out the view of the valley. You are fortheate is not being on of three disgusted pligrims that have "done Oregon," now auxious to "make the co-au steamer" on which they arrived, before shleaves on her return trip to San Francisco Their experience is the experience of scorewho visit this country and return to the States more ignorant of Oregon than they were when they left New York, from the fact that they have, like the monkey, seen noth

ing of the coca nut but the back.
Now, Mr. Editor, please excuse this long "digression." I intended to write of our present visit, but the land-cape is the same as ent visit, but the land-cape is the same as sixteen years ago. It differs only in more cultivated fields, finer tuildings and greener hills of oak timber. Please excuse this long communication; I will endeavor to be more brief in the future, and endeavor next time to here you in the first person and present tense.

### European Grain Market.

London, July 24.—The Mark Lane Express says the weather has been broken and show-ery, with nights decidedly cold. Agricul-tural reports are consequently less favorable. Wheat appears to be a fair crop, but nothing more, and even with speedy returns of sumvest's crop has been secured in good order. In Scotland some severe storm of rain and call have, to some extent, damaged tre standing crops. Still, as a rule, the cereals promise fairly and with increased warmth sill probably produce the average yield. The return of rain at this critical period has been productive of considerable animation there is no more benutiful signt in Oregan than is presented to the view from this hill.

I will digress somewhat from our present visit, to give my first impression received of Oregon on my arrival in the valley sixteen years ago, for I know the same feelings were experienced by every new comer who visits Oregon by the same route of travel. The Coast Range of mountains, from the extreme end of Lower California to the mouth of the Columbia, presents the same forlors and dreary aspect—dry and barren in the South, and lofty and precipituous, covered with huge fir timber in the North, presenting a cold, damp, gloomy and inhospitable country. This impression continues as you go back inland, up the Columbia, and up the Willamette to Portland. No fine farms or improvements of that nature break the monoteny of mountains and dreary timber. You continue up the Willamette by steamer to Salem, passing Rock Island, whose rough

## The Wheat Market.

The full quotations, by the dispatches, of the English markets, taken from the Mark Lane Express will give our readers information of the foreign demand and supply, and account for the strengthening of the wheat market during the past month. The aspect of European matters has caused wheat buyers, all through the Willamette Valley, to offer to contract in advance for crops at one dollar per bushel, delivered on the line of the railroad. Here at Salem W. J. Herren In the morning after your arrival, a friend at the Farmers' warehouse and Salem Flourtakes you south from Salem into the Red ing Mills company are offering to contract at a dollar, and we heard when at Harris to be a very ancient apple orchard, but the burg that same was offered there. A dollar a bushel means good times in Oregon, and when coupled with such good crops as we have the present year it means abundant prosperity. So far so good. But many say: "prices may go bigher and we will hold for a dollar and a quarter." Very true, that is cossible, and every man must judge of these things for himself and he must consider that prices may also go lower than a dollar. Two years ago they opened at \$1.05 in August and failed afterwards to be Appearances are most favorable and we con-fess that we have no advice to give, but cer-tainly if wheat is worth \$1.00 at Harrisburg it is worth more than that at Salem.

We congratulate the farmers of Oregon on favorable prospect and wish them abundant success. They cannot well go amiss, and while few seem willing to sell at the offered dollar we hope they won't be too sanguine and lose by over confidence.

Since writing the above, we learn from Mr. Herren that he is prepared to contract for a cargo of wheat, terms one dollar per bushel, half down at time of contract and half when wheat is delivered, and delivery

to be prior to September 1st if needed.

We suggest to our friends, that, as prices must in a great measure depend on continuance of war in Europe, and the present war may end inside of two months, they must judge prudently as to what is the best course

There is much to be done with wool as the Oregon clip is mostly marketed by this time. The advantage of good-wooled sheep is manifest, as owners of combing wool realized as high as 30c to 32c. Mr. Joseph Hamilton, of Linn Co., realized an average of \$1.75 per head for his fleeces, they being graded Cotswold, averaging nearly six pounds per fleece. Sheep husbandry is growing popular in view of the advance in wool, and we see no reason why the superior advantages of climate should not be made available to secure for our wools the highest price and encourage our farmers to improve their breeds so as to make Oregon wo stand as high as any in the known world. Wool buyers from abroad have expended all the means at their disposal and prices have dropped in consequence. Twenty five cents is offered here in Salem, and 27cts in Portland. There is no decline in Eastern markets and no reason why prices should not adyance here, again, as soon as money comes to make purchases. The market here is flat, because there is no money to purchase

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