#### A TRIP TO MOUNT HOREB.

I started from Salem on Monday, Aug. 17th. Crossed the Santism at Smith's Ferry and went 12 miles beyond. Left the wagon at the ranch of E. Henness, swam our horses across the river and staid over night at the ranch of "Dan" Smith, son of the Captain, of whom more hereafter. Next morning packed all our luggage on one horse, mounted the other and started over the mountain, the remainder of the party. including the ladies, trudging along the "pack trail!" on foot. They call the distance from "Dan" Smith's to his father's, about 3% miles, but it seemed much greater to us "Dan" can make it on foot in half an hour, while we were three hours. But then he can go over the mountains like a deer.

I made the acquaintance of Captain Smith five or six years ago, and of course was very glad to meet him. He has been there four years, and yet not until within the last month has he decided to remain permanently Hence, he has only improved a few acres having spent most of his time in hunting. He has supplied the men at the Capital mine with elk and venison at five cents per poned. delivered at the mine. I need offer no other evidence that game is pl ntv.

I went prepared to like the country from what Captain Smith had told me from time to time during the last year and a half, but I was not prepared to find such an

#### EDEN OF PERPECTION,

So far an what Nature has done, as greeted me in all directions. At this sesson, the most of the farming land of Oregon basso completely lost its mojeture and become so "baked" that it could be plowed only with great difficulty, and then dry dost would be found at the bottom of the furrow. But here I could thrust my cane into the soil a foot, while not more than an eighth of an inch from the surface I found the soil moist,

Where Captain Smith is, are several thousand acres of land, lying in a basin of the Cascade Mountains. The piace where we crossed from Smith to Smith, is a low gap, with an elevation of not much more than 1,000 feet, while other portions range to five or six thousand feet above the level of the Santiam. This basin, then, surrounded on all sides by the Cascades, is the prettiest, sunniest spot I have ever seen on our planet, and hence I have called it "The Holy Land," because, "Helios" in the Greek, was the god who drove the charlot of the sun, and became so identified with it that his name often means the sun, the same as "Hades," the god of hell, often means hell sterlf. From "Helios" we have "holy," which means the sun, notwithstanding the word "holy" is also derived from the Greek "Hagios;" so, too, in contrast, the Greek "Alon" is sometimes rendered "world," and sometimes "age" or "dispensation." Having shown that "holy" means the sun, the reader will readily comprehend the finese of the name which I have given to this beautiful and sunny besin,

"THE HOLY LAND."

Seven miles distant Captain Smith pointed to a peak in the Cascades, more than 5,000 feet bigh, w.tich he had named Mt. Horeh. He had made a pack trail to it, for his own convenience, and goes there often to hunt alk, deer and bear. Finding that I could ing in lively at both of the above places, ride the most of the way, I accepted his The Farmers' Warehouse has shipped 6,600 invitation to make a trip to the summit of sacks during the past week, to Portland, to ders, 9c. Horeb. He loaded his mule Nigger, calle "Nig" for short, with blankets, provisions etc., put him on the trail and started behind him, while I mounted "old Dolly" and followed. Now "Nig" is a most wonderful mule, seeming to understand nearly everything the Captain says to him. If the sinche slackens, or the saddle slips out of place, or anything drops from the pack, Nig instantly stops and waits until his master comes up.

The Captain walked the entire distance, while I rode fully six miles out of the seven; yet during my short walks I would become so fatigued that I had to stop and rest. Then the Captain being an old sailor, took a rope, made one end fast to Dolly's saddle, passed the other end to me as I sat on a rock behind her, and said that she could "tow" me up the steep places. I tied a "standing bowling," forming a loop for my hands, and then we started. This enabled me to keep up, and I found it very jolly, although the mare did not seem to see where the laugh came in.

ON THE SUMMIT

I found several acres, level enough for onlyvation, and covered with a luxuriant growth of prairie grave, still green and growing, and which was highly appreciated by Nig and Doll. Also in the midst of a thicket of alders a spring of the purest water, so cold that neither man ner besst can take but a few awallows without pausing. Old Dolly ap peared greatly surprised, and was evidently thankful that she was so far removed from that locality where they do not cover up their fires at night. Still, she was not satis, fied, the ungrateful brute, for after eating her all, she started down the mountain athough she was going for a dector. But George Brooks, a prince of good fellows, was kind enough to tramp back after her and return next morning. So the Captain and I wandered about, picked buckleberries, (the finest lever saw) "spun yares" (for I too, have been a sallor,) until dark, then stretch ed ourselves before the tire, and slept as only those can sleep who are near to heaven.

Next morning, before it was light, the Cap tain started on a hunt. To waile sway the time I whittled out a wooden spoon, which may be seen at the store of Mr. Mertin, the jeweler. This is my first effort to the spoon business, having been undertaken on Mt Horeb, while Ben Butler engaged in the mme line down at New Orleans. George ar rived with Doll before noon, and after dinner accompanied the Captain, who went for buck beberries; and this time instead of making a spoon, I quaffed at the fountain "Hyposne," (apring of los-water,.

The Captain usually ascends Mt. Horeb in rates of freight to prevail, and the resulting horse hours, but owing to my agreeable will be to bring a vast amount of Wheat and Figure to this city that would, under other circumstances, be shipped direct to Great and bean for Dall. I think my company of the circumstances, be shipped direct to Great circumstances. three hours, but owing to my agreeable company it took us over four hours, and had it not been for Doll, I think my company Britain, would have proved so very agreeable that it would have required about four weeks. Alone, he would make the descent in a little more than an hour, but was so fasqinated with me that it took over two hours.

THE CAPIT L MINE.

Is seven miles beyond the Captain's house, and I was very anxious to visit it, but could not spare the time. However, the nearer I went to it the bester I found its reputation. and this gave me great confidence in its true worth. I might adduce many facts in proof of this, but must be contented with a single one, namely: One of the men working in he mine invests all his wages in the stock of the mine, save a small portion which is required for current expenses. In conclusion I will resk the prediction that there will be palf a dozen quartz mills running in that region in five years, white the "Holy Land" will contain thousands of inhabitants W. H. C.

#### GARDNER BROTHERS.

We are glad to learn that Gardner Brothers, proprietors of the new music store in Griswold's block, Commercial street, are meeting with success that exceeds their most sanguine expectations; their sales amounting frequently to three or four and occasionally to eight or ten instruments per day. They have been compelled to order Griswold's block, Commercial street, are their weekly shipments from the East nearly doubled, in order to meet this unexpected demand, and their intention is to keep on 817 sks. The market continues quiet at the band the large t stock of Pianoes and Organs in Oregon. As it is a well known fact that he who buys most from manufacturers buys cheapsat and he who sells most sells cheap-We feel confident that Gardner Bros, can give better bargains than can be proposed elsewhere and we take pleasure in recommending them to our friends.

NOTED STALLI N DEAT - The noted trot-NOTED STALLIA & DEA .—The noted trotting six libin, B ifounder, once owned by Wm. Bigham of Waseo county, died in Walla Walla valley on the let inst., aged 23 vears. His best time was 2:28. He seld for \$16 000 once. At the time of bis death he belonged to Dr. C. H. Mack, who has had him on his stock ranch for the past eight.

Vear, as yet only a few sample bales have been received, and the market price not yet established.

Potatoes—The receipts for the week bave been very light with a good demand at ad wanced prices. We quote the present range \$1 15@\$1 95, as to variety and quality.

Onions—The receipts are equal to the demand at the demand of the past eight.

RETURNED. -Hon. John Minto returned last Saturday from Eastern Oregon, whither he went two or three weeks since, with a drove of sheep. He crossed the mountains, going and coming, by the Lebanon route, and promises us an article descriptive of his travels.

DIED—B E Stewart, Esq., who, it will be rem-inbered, was injured a f-w days since in Yambill county, died this week from the fiects thereof. The limb was ampu ated just above the knee, and his condition was such that he was unable to bear the opera-

Charles E. Philbrook, Oakland, writes us that Wm. J. Patterson, recently from Pennsylvania, died in Douglas county, Oregon, August 12th, 1877.

#### MARRIED:

At the residence of the Widow Davis, Silverien, Oregon, by Rev. T. H. Small, Mr. B. P. McClure and Miss Mary Lucinda Da-

## The Wheat Market.

Wheat is quoted at \$1 00 at the Farmers Warehouse and Salem Mills. Wheat is comfor England.

quoted at 40 to 45 cents.

sette ways it is plain that 1877 will prove no exception to the succession of unfortunate harvests which have lately been experienced The wheat crop is certainly very generally and very largely below the average. On the other hand, it has been and is a great year for graziers and dairy farming.

## Cali ornia Markets.

The San Francisco Commercial Herald of August 16th has the following:

We are surfeited with a first of disengaged tonnage with no business to offer. No wheat charters offering upon the market even at the low and nominal rates of 40 to 45 shillings to the United Kingdom. From details annexed it will be seen that two British ships are ordered to Columbia River to losd wheat for Cork U. K. It is difficult to account fully for the present aparhetic freight market—one would suppose that farmers holding large quantities of wheat and vet nuwilling to accept current high prices would at least charter ships at current low rates, giving them dispatch and at the same lime be in a condition to take advantage of low loss would at least charter ships at current low loss giving them dispatch and at the same lord white \$\mathbb{P}\$ bushel. ime be in a condition to take advantage of my rise in the English grain market during the current year, but no, the Grangers seem o have lost their grip, and prefer to wait for future developments of the home and forien markets. At present a sharp competisteamship companies running between this city and Oregon. The result is to reduce freight from \$5 average down to \$1.50 per ton. This brisk compaction will have the the to bring a vast amount of Oregon pro-tuce to this market to be shipped hence to foreign maris rather than from Asioria di-

We are disappointed at the continued inwe are disappointed at the continued in-activity to the matter of Wheat and Flour-exports. Six works of the present harvest year have passed and only five ships have cleared hence with Whest and one with Flour to the United Kingdom against some thirty ship-fully laded with bresdauff to a corresponding period of last year. This is a very great falling off in ship-neats in this brief period, yet it must not be misconstru-ed to represent that per cent. of crop defiche great abundance of idle money and the appen with which farmers can berrow money opinion among grain producers that prices most again rally to the extreme rates attained upon the breaking out of the Russo Turksh war at the close of April. But of this we see no likelihood, as supplies of Grain and Flour can be more cheaply and quickly obtained from the Atlantic States and else where than from the Pacific States and else where the all branches of the export trade, although grain freights are down to the lowest notes with a superabundant tonnage supply. Within a 1sw weeks an active steam ship competition has sprung up between this city and Oregon, causing extremely low

WHEAT-The market is in full symputhy Wheat—The market is in full symputhy with Eastern and Foreign markets and our quotations accord therewith, being some what lower. Oregon is likely to send us free supplies this season owing to the very low rate of freight mangurated by rival steamont lines. The Ajax from Fortland brought in 2,891 \*ks Oregon. A cargo of "average" has been purchased for Sepember delivery a \$2.22½, and since then a lot of 1,000 tons off red for sale at \$2.20, and for October de it ery at less rates without buyers. Export ii ery at less rates without buyers. Exporters goverally show no disposition to enter extensively into the shipping business the present season, steing no chance of profit in the venture and feeling as though this was an "off year, for them, they preferring to lay on their oars and be lookers on, quite content them. content themselves with insking current excontent themselves with making current expenses in her than take large risks in these
perilous times of depression, doubt and un
certen ves o the future. Thus far in Angust
only two ships have been cleared for Engtand with cargoes, against ten for a corresponding period of last year.

Barley—The unprecedented low rates of
freigh now temporarily ruling between this
city and Oregon have been bringing us two
or more consignments from the North, but

or more consignments from the North, but we do not lock for any extensive supplies The arrivals yesterday from the lower coss

Oats-The Ajax from Portland brought

817 sks. The market continues quiet at the late decline, \$2 being now the on side price per ct. for choice Milling. Coast Feed at \$1 60@1 75 gold 100 sks do. @1 85, silver; 200 sks do. \$1 75 silver, \$\psi\$ ct. Hops—The latest reports from Germany, England and the east are that the crops are large and of good quality, which will bring prices to about 10@12½ \$\psi\$ b. The crop in California will be ab at the same as last year, as yet only a few sample bales have year, as yet only a few sample bales have

\$1 15@\$1 95, as to variety and quality.

Onions—The receipts are equal to the demand. Prices are steady and now quo'able at 60@70n per 100 lbs for choice Silverskins. Dairy Products—We note a material advance in all descriptions during the week. Choice Fresh Roll Butter is very scarce and prices advanced to 37% 42% for the best. The receipts of new California Cheese have been quite light for the season, and in good demand at 14:16c. Eastern is coming in quite freely, quotable at 13:15c the latter a jobbing price. We quote choice fresh California Eggs searce and in good demand at 37% 42% c. Oregon late arrivalsdull at 32% c.

3714-42140. Oregon late arrivaledull at 32140. Wool-Since the "atrike" troubles E-sat the wool—Since the "strike" troubles East the market here and there has been dull with a tendency East to lower rates on Spring clip, and sales nominal at the lower quotations. The stock of California Spring remaining here is small and mostly inferior with the exception of a few packages of Humboldt. We vet have considerable Oregon Spring which is held at old prices and therefore above the views of those who might purchase at such rates as Eastern quotations would at such rates as Eastern quotations would justify.

Portland Produce Market. We copy the following from the Oregonian

Wheat-Quotable at \$1 90@1 92% per cen-

Flour—Best brands \$7.00 per bb!.; outside and country brands, \$6.50; fine and superfine, \$4.75a5.50. Hav—Choice timothy, baled, \$12a13; loose \$10.12 Ovs-Best 56c, common, 52.

Lard-Oregon-made, fresh, in 100 tins, Oats are in small demand and are only quoted at 40 to 45 cents.

London, Aug. 20 — The Agricultural Gasette says it is plain that 1877 will prove no

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san Prancisco Market. [BY TRINGRAPH.]

Han Prancisco, Aug. 23 Wheat—Shipping, \$2 2002 27%; milling, \$2 27%@ Harley-\$1 57%@1 65. Oats-\$1 75. Petatoes-\$1 30@1 80. Gold-106%; G.ecabacks, 94%, 196; Silver, 6(26%

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