

A TRIP TO MOUNT HOREB.

I started from Salem on Monday, Aug. 17th. Crossed the Santiam at Smith's Ferry and went 12 miles beyond. Left the wagon at the ranch of E. Henness...

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...

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 perfection.

So far as what Nature has done, as greeted me in all directions. At this season, the most of the farming land of Oregon has so completely lost its moisture and become so "baked" that it could be plowed only with great difficulty...

Where Captain Smith is, are several thousand acres of land, lying in a basin of the Cascade Mountains. The place where we crossed from Smith to Smith, is a low gap, with an elevation of not much more than 1,000 feet...

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THE HOLY LAND.

Seven miles distant Captain Smith pointed to a peak in the Cascades, more than 5,000 feet high, which he had named Mt. Horeb. He had made a pack trail to it, for his own convenience, and goes there often to hunt elk, deer and bear. Finding that I could ride the most of the way, I accepted his invitation to make a trip to the summit of Horeb.

ON THE SUMMIT.

I found several acres, level enough for cultivation, and covered with a luxuriant growth of prairie grass, 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 nor beast can take but a few swallows without pausing.

Next morning, before it was light, the Captain started on a hunt. To waste away the time I whittled out a wooden spoon, which may be seen at the store of Mr. Martin, the jeweler. This is my first effort in the spoon business, having been undertaken on Mt. Horeb, while Ben Butler engaged in the same line down at New Orleans.

The Captain usually ascends Mt. Horeb in 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 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 fascinated with me that it took over two hours.

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 better I found its reputation, and this gave me great confidence in its truth.

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.

NOTED STALLION DEAD. - The noted trotting stallion, B. Irons, once owned by Wm. Bigman of Wasco county, died in Walla Walla valley on the 1st inst., aged 23 years. His best time was 2:28. He sold for \$16,000 once. At the time of his death he belonged to Dr. C. H. Mack, who has had him on his stock ranch for the past eight years.

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DIED. - B. E. Stewart, Esq., who it will be remembered, was injured a few days since in Yamhill county, died this week from the effects thereof. His tomb was situated just above the knee, and his condition was such that he was unable to bear the operation.

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THE WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat is quoted at \$1.00 at the Farmers' Warehouse and Salem Mills. Wheat is coming in lively at both of the above places. The Farmers' Warehouse has shipped 6,800 sacks during the past week, to Portland, to load for England.

Oats are in small demand and are only quoted at 40 to 45 cents.

London, Aug. 20 - The Agricultural Gazette says 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 grain and dairy farming.

California Markets.

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

We are surfeited with a fleet 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 load wheat for Cork U. K. It is difficult to account fully for the present apathetic freight market - one would suppose that farmers holding large quantities of wheat and yet unwilling to accept current high prices would at least charter ships at current low rates, giving them dispatch and at the same time be in a condition to take advantage of any rise in the Eastern grain market during the current year, but no, the Grangers seem to have lost their grip, and prefer to wait for future developments of the home and foreign markets. At present a sharp competition has been inaugurated between rival steamship companies running between this city and Oregon. The result is to reduce freight from \$5 average down to \$1.50 per ton. This trick competition will have the effect of bringing a vast amount of Oregon produce to this market to be shipped hence to foreign ports rather than from Astoria direct.

We are disappointed at the continued inactivity in the market of Wheat and Flour exports. Six weeks of the present harvest year have passed and only five ships have cleared hence with Wheat and one with Flour to the United Kingdom against some thirty ships fully laden with wheat in a corresponding period of last year. This is a very great falling off in shipments in this brief period, yet it must not be misconstrued to represent that per cent. of crop deficiency - no, by no means - but it is owing to the great abundance of idle money and the ease with which farmers can borrow money upon wheat in store, and the prevailing opinion among grain producers that prices must again rally to the extreme rates attained upon the breaking out of the Russo Turkish 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 elsewhere than from the Pacific Slopes. At this writing there seems to be great anxiety manifested in all branches of the export trade, although grain freights are down in the lowest notch with a superabundant tonnage supply. Within a few weeks an active steamship competition has sprung up between this city and Oregon, causing extremely low

rates of freight to prevail, and the result will be to bring a vast amount of Wheat and Flour to this city that would, under other circumstances, be shipped direct to Great Britain.

WHEAT - The market is in full sympathy with Eastern and Foreign markets and our quotations accord therewith, being somewhat lower. Oregon is likely to send us free supplies this season, owing to the very low rate of freight inaugurated by rival steamship lines. The Ajax from Portland brought 2,801 - kcs Oregon. A cargo of "average" has been purchased for September delivery at \$2.22 1/2, and since then a lot of 1,000 tons offered for sale at \$2.20, and for October delivery at less rates without buyers. Exporters are generally showing no disposition to enter extensively into the shipping business the present season, seeing 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 themselves with making current expenses rather than take large risks in these perilous times of depression, doubt and uncertainty as to the future. Thus far in August only two ships have been cleared for England with cargoes, against ten for a corresponding period of last year.

Barley - The unprecedented low rates of freight now temporarily ruling between this city and Oregon have been bringing us two or more consignments from the North, but we do not look for any extensive supplies from that quarter. The Ajax brought 2,988 cks and the Geo. W. Elder previously 1,386 - kcs. The spot market is not active as the purchases made are confined chiefly to feed parcels for local use. At the close sales of 250 - kcs Bay Chevalier at \$1.70; 300 - kcs Coast Food, \$1.62 1/2; 200 cks do., \$1.57 1/2. The arrivals yesterday from the lower coast were heavy.

Oats - The Ajax from Portland brought 817 cks. The market continues quiet at the late decline, \$2 being now the no bid price per c. l. for choice Milling. Coast Food at \$1.60; 75 gold 100 cks do. @.185; silver; 200 cks do., \$1.75 silver, &c.

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 @ 12 1/2 ¢ per lb. The crop in California will be about the same as last year, as yet only a few sample bales have been received, and the market price not yet established.

Potatoes - The receipts for the week have been very light with a good demand at advanced prices. We quote the present range \$1.15 @ \$1.95, as to variety and quality.

Onions - The receipts are equal to the demand. Prices are steady and now quotable at 80 @ 70¢ 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 1/2 @ 42 1/2¢ for the best. The receipts of new California Cheese have been quite light for the season, and in good demand at 14 @ 16¢ Eastern is coming in quite freely, quotable at 13 @ 15¢ the latter a jobbing price. We quote choice fresh California Eggs scarce and in good demand at 37 1/2 @ 42 1/2¢. Oregon late arrivals dull at 32 1/2¢.

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 yet have considerable Oregon Spring which is held at high prices and therefore above the views of those who might purchase at such rates as Eastern quotations would justify.

Portland Produce Market.

We copy the following from the Oregonian of the 23d:

Wheat - Quotable at \$1.90 @ 1.92 1/2 per cental. Flour - Best brands \$7.00 per bbl.; outside and country brands, \$6.50; fine and superfine, \$7.50 @ 8.00. Hay - Choice timothy, baled, \$12 @ 13; loose \$10 @ 12. Oats - Best 50c, common, 52c. Bacon - Sides 11 @ 11 1/2; hams 12 @ 14; shoulders, 9c. Lard - Oregon-made, fresh, in 100 lb tins, 14c; in kegs, 13 @ 14. Chickens - \$3.00 @ 4.25 per dozen. Butter - 15 @ 20c; Cheese, 12 @ 16c. Eggs - 25¢ per doz. Barley - Choice brewing \$1.67 1/2; food, \$1.50 per cwt. Hops - 16 @ 17c.

San Francisco Market.

(BY TELEGRAPH.) San Francisco, Aug. 23

Wheat - Shipping, \$2.50 @ 2.75; millage, \$2.75 @ 3.25. Barley - \$1.57 @ 1.65. Oats - \$1.75. Potatoes - \$1.10 @ 1.20. Gold - 106 1/2; Greenbacks, 91 1/2 @ 95; Silver, 62 1/2 @ discount. Legal Tenders in Portland - buying 91 1/2; selling, 93 1/2. Silver Coin - 4 1/2 @ 5 per cent discount.

SALEM MARKET.

MONETARY. LEGAL TENDERS, buying, 89 1/2; selling, 90 1/2.

FLOUR, GRAIN &c. Wheat, best white \$9 bushel..... \$1.00 Corn Meal..... \$5.00 Flour, best, 5 sack (4 barrel)..... \$21.00 Buckwheat Flour, 5..... \$5.00 Shorts, 5 ton..... 15.00 Oats, 5 ton..... 35.00 Hay, 5 ton..... 10.00 Hay, baled, 5 ton..... 12.00

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FRUITS, VEGETABLES, &c.

Apples..... 50 Pears, dried, 5 lb..... 1.00 Beans, c. pr. hb..... 50 Potatoes, 5 bushel..... 50 Cabbage, 5 ds..... 7.50

BUTTER, EGGS, &c.

Butter, fresh rolls, 5 lb..... 25.00 Eggs, 5 dozen..... 25.00 Cheese Oregon prime, 5 lb..... 1.50 Lard, 5 lb..... 1.50 OILS, &c. Linseed Oil, bottled, 5 gallons..... 1.50 Lead Oil, 5 gallons..... 1.50 Coal Oil, 5 gal..... 1.50 Tallow, 5 lb..... 1.50

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