



ENTERING THE PALISADES OF THE HUMBOLDT.

sure the "prospector" that they were rich in various minerals. Strong evidences also exist of the great volcanic upheaval which once lit up this country with its lurid fires, most effectually demolishing many philosophical theories, leaving their originators to study nature more and books less.

Near the city, in the first range of hills, is the crater of an extinct volcano, which covers several acres. The masses of lava laying around, its bleak, barren, and desolate appearance would seem to indicate that, comparatively speaking, not many years had elapsed since it was in active operation.

Leaving Willard, our course is more to the left, with broad fields and some fine dwellings; then a strip of sage and alkali; and eight miles north we reach

BRIGHAM—This is the county seat of Box Elder county, situated near the mouth of Box Elder and Wellsville Canyon. Like Willard, it nestles close under the shadow of the Wasatch, and is embowered

in fruit trees. Population, 1,800. The buildings are mostly of adobe. A thriving trade and rapidly increasing population attest the importance of the place. The public buildings include a court-house and tabernacle, two hotels, and no saloons.

From Brigham our course is more to the left, following around the great arc of the mountains, as well as the old Montana stage road.

CALL'S FORK—is eight miles from Brigham, and is a little collection of houses, close in beside the mountain on the right. All around this mountain base are, at intervals, springs—some are cold and some are very hot-water—well-cultivated fields and alkali beds, little lakes, and sage-brush knolls, rich soil and large crops; then occur barren waste and *nary* shrub.

Two and a half miles further is

HONEYVILLE—Ah! here we have it! a dozen stone and adobe houses on a *sage-brush honey*. Bear River and valley is now on the left, as is also the city of