

wealth and elevated station—wealth produces a desire for ease, and that desire produces subordinates, who labor for the wealthy, and are considered inferior to the employer.

It is a short summary all over the world, and there is little probability that nature will change her course.

In Park-lane, London, when routes are given by the wealthy and the noble, you see in the street, below the unpretending edifice, for they are plain looking residences, crowds of the populace gazing through the open windows at the festivities, and upon the luxuriously dressed fashionables who are set down from the sumptuous carriages at the steps of the brilliantly lighted hall,—the poor souls never walk in, fancying themselves invited. So it is here—soirees, as they like to term them, from the French, prevail abundantly—the unwashed look on and admire.

When a ball is given at the United States Hotel, or Congress Hall, in Saratoga, the galleries or balconies, or piazzas, for I do not know which to call them, the French and Grecian always prevailing,—are crowded with the most respectable of the mechanics and merchants, and other citizens, but they are not free to go in, more than in London; they could not even procure the ticket for the dollars, without the proper costume,—where then is all the boasting of freedom and equality—it dont amount to much, does it, Frank!—not a hap'orth, Jack.

One great danger to the interests of this country, is the desire of the people for extension—with territory far greater than can be occupied, they desire to seize upon more—they talk of the grasping disposition of England—I fear “our young country” is a chip of the old block. The late Dr. Channing, in a letter to Mr. Clay, says—“The United States have not been just to Mexico—our citizens did not steal singly, silently, into their land. Their purpose of dismembering Mexico and attaching her distant Province to this country, was not wrapt in mystery. Are we willing to take our place among the robber States? As a people, have we no self respect? Have we no reverence for national morality? Have we no feelings of responsibility to other nations, and to Him by whom the fates of nations are disposed?” and further, “Some crimes by their magnitude, have a touch of the sublime, and to this dignity, the seizure of Texas, by our citizens, is entitled.—Modern times furnish no example of individual rapine on so large a scale—it is nothing less than the robbery of a realm!”

So it is with Oregon—there the citizens of “our young country” are quietly possessing themselves of the land to which we have a just claim, and are petitioning to have forts built beyond the rocky mountains. They may, however, be assured, that should so great a calamity as war occur, it will be carried on nearer home—forts along their frontier will be more needed; and instead of wandering into unknown regions,