

Columbia river, and "found the mildness of the seasons infinitely greater than in the corresponding latitudes and elevations in the valley of the Mississippi, or in the Atlantic States. The winters are less cold and the summers less hot. As a proof of this, may be mentioned, the state of the *grass*, which is green and juicy nearly all winter, affording excellent pasture for horses, on which those animals not only sustain themselves, but the poor and lean get in good order." The section of the country called by him, the middle regions or plains, he says "is remarkable for a mild climate, a clear sky, a serene atmosphere, and a soft and brilliant sunshine. The nights, when the moon is near full, and the hemisphere studded over with stars, are indescribably beautiful. The tide water region has a climate of its own. Ice or snow is seldom seen; the heats are never great: and winter is hardly a distinct season."

For a particular account of the natural geography of the country;—of its soil, climate, productions, aborigines, &c. the narrow limits of this work oblige a reference to a pamphlet,\* published by Hall J. Kelley, A. M.

The project of opening the Oregon country to the overflowing inhabitants of the United States, is not *visionary*. Its votaries "are not mad, most noble Misanthrope, but speak forth the words of truth and soberness." It is full of *realities* and *interest* to every man; and humanity requires the truth to be fearlessly told. It gives the philanthropist full scope for the exercise of the best feelings of his heart. It furnishes him the work of patriotism, and active benevolence; and in the success of his labors, he may witness the melioration of the hard condition of thousands of his fellow citizens, and the prosperity and glory of his country.

\* This pamphlet contains 80 pages, is furnished with a Map of Oregon country, and may be had of R. P. & C. Williams, Boston, and Dorr & Howland, Worcester, Mass.; or of G. C. & H. Carvill, city of New York.