

the whole extent of country, from Sauk rapids down to Rock island, below which, passing immediately into a more southern slope, the seasons are about the same throughout the whole extent of country for hundreds of miles south of Rock island. The difference of climate between Galena and Muscatine, would be very marked, while the difference of climate between Muscatine and Burlington would not be perceptible.

The whole world can not produce a climate more salubrious than that of Minnesota. We have never yet known a case of fever and ague in it, nor any unwholesome water, either in wells, springs, lakes, or streams. *It is for our cool, healthful climate that braces up the human frame for vigorous exertion, physical and mental,* that we regard Minnesota incomparably superior to any other new state or territory in North America. They may raise more corn in Illinois, more wool in Ohio, more pork in Iowa, more cotton in Mississippi; but Minnesota can beat them all at raising *men*. In our coldest weather, when the mercury congeals, men perform as much labor out of doors as at any time in the year. The air is then still as death—the smoke from the chimneys falls to the ground—every human body creates around itself an atmosphere of warmth. The stillness and dryness of the atmosphere, and the vigorous health we enjoy, account for the comfortable enjoyment here, of a degree of cold that would be intolerable in St. Louis. In summer, we have a few days intensely hot; but frequent showers, from spring until harvest, and most of them in the short nights. At midsummer, the sun seems scarcely to go down in the west to lave his golden axle in the Pacific, before we again behold his blazing chariot in the east. At nine o'clock in the evening, it is then scarcely too dark for your wives and daughters to be sewing. Our frequent showers multiply mosquitoes. These insects, which at first were a terrible annoyance, have about ceased to be troublesome in St. Paul; we made no use of mosquito bars last season. Autumn, indeed often until the middle of December, is a season of delightful sunny days, rising by degrees into the rigor of winter; and winter in Minnesota is the most social, comfortable season of the year. We experience no chilling winds, and shivering.