

day, must enter largely into the manufactory of her products—for even now, after supplying herself at home with articles to satiate her people; the remaining surplus is so large, in connexion with that of other countries, that our producers are poorly rewarded for their industry. It, then, must happen that on the Columbia and the Pacific there will be established, as at the east and north, upon the Atlantic and the lakes, manufactories; that portion of our Government adapted to agriculture is to be found in the fertile valley of the Mississippi; no part of the habitable globe being its equal. If Oregon is not so well supplied with water power, as some have urged, the objection is lost by the successful operation of steam upon machinery. But, sir, much of Oregon is a fine grazing country. There are, already, flocks of cattle feeding upon her luxuriant and fertile pasture, continuing through all seasons of the year. Her hills beneath the snow-peaks are already bleached with the fleece of the sheep, giving reward and comfort to our settler there. Go with me, in imagination, to the plains of Oregon. Let us take an impartial look at this lovely country. What do you behold? Rich and fertile lands, awaiting only the industry of toiling thousands, soon to be rewarded with an increased and plentiful harvest. With every wave that shall leave the shores of the Pacific, bearing off her surplus products, in exchange for the gold of India and the manufactures of China.

How it is possible, sir, that gentlemen from the South should feel so indifferent to the acquisition of Oregon, I cannot see. I belong, morally and geographically, to the country south of Mason and Dixon's line. I am identified with its destiny, and will labor for its interest, peace, and prosperity, at all times, and under all circumstances. But I look upon this as an American question, and upon the country of Oregon as belonging to every portion of the American people, and worthy of the united efforts of this nation, from Maine to Louisiana—from Boston to the farthest settlement in the West.

Without speaking for the people of other States, I must be permitted to say, for the people of Missouri, that there is but one voice and one heart among them on this question. If the whole people of that gallant State could be collected in a hollow square, and the line of 49° put before them, and the line $54^{\circ} 40'$, they, with entire unanimity of thought and action, would choose the latter. If you put to them the question, notice or no notice, they would all go for the notice, and immediate notice, *and risk the war.*

The more you cry out "war, war, we are in danger of war," the stronger they will go for Oregon and for THE NOTICE. It is not in character