

hats were carefully covered with oiled skins. They thus appeared more prepared for hard work. The current became every mile more rapid, and the difficulty of surmounting it greater. The management of the boats in the rapids is dexterous and full of excitement, as well to the passengers as to the voyageurs themselves. The bowman is the most important man, giving all the directions, and is held responsible for the safety of the boat; and his keen eye and quick hand in the use of his paddle, delights and inspires a confidence in him in moments of danger that is given without stint. We did not make more than ten miles during the day, and were forced to encamp three miles below the farm.

On the 19th we reached our destination. On our approach, although there were no spectators, except a few Indians, to be expected, the voyageurs again mounted their finery, and gaily chaunted their boat-song.

Mr. Ogden had been one of the first who travelled over this part of country, and he informed me that he has seen the whole country inundated by the rise of the river. This, however, can but rarely occur, and could only be the result of a sudden melting of the snows when accompanied with violent rain-storms.

Plumondon had gone before, to request Mr. Forrest to send the wagon for our baggage; and we found it duly waiting at the landing.

In the afternoon, I made a visit, with Mr. Ogden, to the Catholic Mission, and several of the settlers' houses. That of Plumondon we found quite comfortable. The neighbourhood, though consisting of few families, appears very happy and united. They prefer the Cowlitz to the Willamette, although the land here is not so good as in the valley of the latter; but they say that many vegetables succeed here, that will not grow on the Willamette.

It was with much regret that I parted from Mr. Ogden and Captain Varney. We had enjoyed ourselves much, and I shall long remember their kindness and jovial company. The day they left us proved very rainy; it was impossible for any one to stir out, and the mud was ankle-deep. I felt disappointed at this, as I wished to make some observations, to test those I had already taken in passing before. Mr. Forrest was very attentive, and did all in his power to amuse me; but feeling disposed to sleep, I lay down, and after a short time awoke, with the feeling of having overslept myself. I jumped up to look at my pocket-chronometer, which, to be careful of, I had placed on the table. Lying near by it was a small silver watch, which I had not before observed, and my surprise was great to find that they both showed the same hour. I uttered my surprise aloud just as Mr