

to the hunters, they deserted that region to range nearer the Rocky Mountains: the space between which and the then Butes is now the great buffalo country; and frequented by the Nez Percés, Bonacks, Snakes, and Flatheads, where these latter have frequent contests with the Crows and Blackfeet.

Those who have travelled the route from the United States to the Oregon Territory, seem to have but little dread for the war-parties of the Indians, who seldom now venture to attack any party of whites, however small. The great difficulty experienced by them, is in procuring food for their animals and themselves at the point where many other obstacles are to be overcome; but the way for the emigrant is far less toilsome, from the accounts of those who have gone through the hardships, than has been represented. It will not be many years before these difficulties will not be considered, and in all probability the new routes that will be found will render the travel much less fatiguing to both man and beast. One great impediment to the traveller, after this journey is performed, has been already removed; for, on his arrival in the Oregon, he now meets with his friends, and every thing that he can desire, to insure his comfort in a new country; instead of, as formerly, depending upon the precarious supply furnished by the Indians.



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