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NOTES.

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As soon as one leaves the Dalles, he begins to get a good idea of the country that spreads to the south. The country might pass for Iowa or any of the central states, except that instead of the fields being spread out in a level stretch, they are rolled into hills and canons. I expected to see rocky sage-brush covered hills, but it is just the opposite. A large part of the land is in cultivation. Wheat is the main crop. In places the fields of winter wheat were high and thick, while the spring wheat was just sprouting. Both had reached a stage where moisture was a necessity. Then followed two or three days of rain, which were just suited to the needs of the wheat grower, but not at all pleasant to the automobilist.

One of the farmers told us this was the first rain they had had for two months! The country needed it badly.. Such a rain was worth millions of dollars, he said. After we had traveled south over the rolling hills for two days, and seen hills piled upon hills