

Map of Oregon by Samuel Parker, 1838.
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The map accompanying the present number is the same as that in the Journal of an Exploring Tour Beyond the Rocky Mountains, by Rev. Samuel Parker. The coast is copied from the chart drawn by Vancouver, after a minute survey which he made. The middle country is put down according to Mr. Parker's own observations. The north is from the surveys of a Mr. Black (Samuel Black, of the Northwest Company, in charge of the post at Walla Walla in 1826) and the south from the sketches of Mr. Smith (Probably Jedediah Smith, American trapper and fur trader). The map is supposed to be the most correct of any that has yet been published, and will be a most valuable acquisition to those who are interested in that country.

From the same periodical, June 1839.
We have several times been requested to give some explanation of Mr. Parker's Map, especially with reference to the location of the Missionary Stations in the country---

Let the reader lay the map before him and fix his eye upon the Willamette river and

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at the point above the falls, about one half the distance to the forks, where the stream is represented as coming close to the mountains, and upon the eastern side, he will find the location of the principal Methodist mission. The second mission of this church is on the Columbia itself, between the Cascades and the Falls, and just below that part of the stream, not particularly marked on the map, but well known as the Dalles. It is somewhat nearer the Falls than the Cascades and is on the south side of the Columbia.

The Mission Stations of the American Board may be found by the following directions. One is on the south side of the Kootenookee river, about ten miles from its mouth. The other is on the river Wallawallah, or rather a branch of that stream, which, on the map is seen to come in from a more southerly point. The first of these missions is among the Neg Perces --- and the latter among the Cayuses and the Wallawallahs. The former of the Methodist missions is among the Callapooas, and the latter among the La Dalles. ---

The reader will perceive a succession of lofty mountains or peaks laid down commencing with Mt. Ranier, near Puget's Sound, and running south, embracing Mt. St. Helens,

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Mount Hood, Mt. Vancouver, and Mount Shasty. Only the snow peaks are marked on the map, but in fact there is a lofty range, nearly as high and much more difficult of passage than the Rocky Mountains. The only place between the Columbia and California where the mountains can be passed, is where the Willamette cuts the ridge. This range should have been represented very heavy.

Some years ago, a party attempted to cross in the region of the Cumpqua. They succeeded but only after undergoing the greatest hardships, and suffering the loss of nearly all their horses.

In the vicinity of the mountains, the head waters of the Colorado are not correctly laid down, the Little Sandy not being marked at all, and several branches of the Green river being omitted.

The map is, however, the best in existence, and reflects much credit upon the gentleman, who by his toils and perseverance has so fully opened the way to Oregon.

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