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Forgotten Books, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Acquisition of Oregon, Vol. 2: And the Long Suppressed Evidence About Marcus Whitman Great men never fear the truth, and wish nothing to be concealed from them. - Montesquieu. I have been obliged to mention all these facts because they are true, and because the first duty of a writer who respects himself is not to conceal the truth (Lomenies Beaumarchais and His Times, Vol. III., p. 224). Nothing even in the history of Oregon (which is so romantic even when truthfully written), more strikingly illustrates the aphorism All history tends inevitably to myth, than the true story of the origin of the missions to the Oregon Indians, compared with the legendary accounts that the advocates of the Whitman Saved Oregon Story had evolved, only thirty-nine years after the four Flat Heads appeared in St. Louis in the autumn of 1831. Let us compare the legendary account of the visit of the Flat Heads with the contemporaneous ones. The account, quoted literally from Chapter XIII. of Barrows Oregon (but omitting several pages of sentimental and...



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