The mountain La tete in the Rockies pass is the head of a mythological giant which was killed & cut up — the feet are in the Mq Puce country, the belly in the Wenatchee & so on.

When he first came to the country, the Indians performed certain sacrifices. The Winter of 1848/49 was very rigorous. To bring about rain they had a big dance at the Dalles & then took three children a boy & two girls, tied their hands behind them & threw them on to the ice at night where they perished, the next day the river broke up.

They used to smoke straight pipes of wood as now in California, using a plant resembling tobacco, but with small velvety leaves & a very strong odor. It was the practice only of principal men. For this reason he dont think the name Chelah-mat is derived from Calumet.

Previous to fishing or hunting there was always a grand ceremony, dancing &c. The first salmon was eaten by the chief of the tribe & the chief of the river, each taking a part & the whole was devoured. Afterwards they set their traps & when they got many a grand feast was held, boiling & cooking on sticks. Every one eat as much as they could, & then feed the stomach by putting the finger down the throat & beginning again. The fish must be cut longitudinally, not crosswise.