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variety of grain the next is the Hickory which on this soil
grows to an enormous size - the Author had on his Claim
15 Rows of young Hickorys growing with great rapidity - the
Elm grows to a very large size & likewise the Slippery Elm so
so useful for medicinal purposes the Sycamore with its varieg-
gated bark ornamenting the margin of the woods - the Alder
& Elder trees grow abundantly here & the cypress Tree the
timber of which is of a most valuable character being very
hard & having a grain very similar to Mahogany - Hackberry
which is a very valuable wood for many purposes - the Cotton-
tree - & Button wood tree grows to a great extent & there is
likewise here several plantations of Willows of different
specimens I should have observed that there are various
kinds of Oak, viz. the black Oak - the burr Oak - & the Swamp
Oak & the Scrub Oak. Grapes of every kind grow
here in rich luxuriance & yield a great supply of
fruit the Ash & the Aspen - Fruit trees of all kind grow
well here there are many fruits of berry that are natural
to the soil such as gooseberry June berry Raspberry
Blackberry & Strawberry Sumach in great abundance
there are vast fields of Wild Onions or Shallots growing
in different parts of the territory which prove very ac-
ceptable to the settler to give him a zest or relish to other
kind of food the Author had some fine specimens of wild
Onion on his Claim which he found peculiarly palatable when
boiled & fried up - there are many things which grow on
the prairie which will be found to be very excellent
substitutes for cabbage Collyflower &c such as Lambs tongue