

"No danger of that," said his wife, "it will set off the rest, and make them all look handsome."

"It may be so," said George, doubtfully. "I suppose you know better about such things than I do. If you are desirous of having it, I suppose you can buy it."

"Oh, George, if you only will, it will be such a comfort!"

"Then," said her husband, turning to the clerk, "you may send it to my house."

"It shall be done this forenoon."

"The young husband took five ten-dollar bills from his pocket and paid them over for the sofa."

"This is the money," said he, as he was walking home, "that I was going to put into the savings-bank. You know that this is quarter-day, and for the last four I have put in this amount. Now, in consequence of our new purchase, I shall not be able to."

"It is only for once," said his wife, "and then only consider how much better our parlor will look."

"Was it only once? How time would show. When that sofa came home, and was installed in the place of honor, the old-fashioned sofa was removed to a chamber. Somehow it did not seem to set off the room as much as it was expected to. It looked out of place, as Mrs. Hall could not help confessing to herself, though she was not disposed to speak of it. The plain but neat Kidderminster carpet, looked not so well in comparison with it. However, Mrs. Hall resolutely shut her eyes to this unpleasant fact, and continued enthusiastically to expatiate in praises of the new sofa. She could not be contented until Mrs. Savary had called and expressed her opinion of it. This happened before long."

"My dear," said that lady, taking a critical survey of the apartment, "your sofa is a handsome one. I acknowledge, but will you pardon my suggesting one thing?"

"Certainly, Mrs. Savary."

THE ROMANCE OF IDAHO.

How the State Was Named for a Little Indian Girl.

In the autumn of 1835 I resided in Twenty-second street, New York. A genial fellow boarder was a gentleman of about 45 years, who was putting some mining stock on the market. His name was Cole, and he claimed the distinction of having for initials three C's—C. C. Cole—of being one of the first members of congress from the new state, and of receiving the largest mileage ever paid to a member of congress, over \$10,000, his mileage being computed from Idaho to San Francisco, thence (around the Horn) by way of New York to Washington. He was a pioneer on the new state, and for a time kept a trading store at Fort Walla Walla.

One evening the strange name of the new state became a subject of comment, and Mr. Cole gave me the following account how the name came to be adopted, and also the selected meaning which he and others concluded to give as the Indian word's translation. One bright morning about 10 o'clock, in company with another gentleman interested in the government of the territory, while riding over some barren mountain tops, or rather hills, the road became so rough as to compel the slowest traveling. As they plodded on, the new name for the state became a topic of conversation. While talking over the various names that had been suggested they came to the top of a small plateau, on the farther edge of which stood an Indian hovel or cabin.

The utter loneliness of the spot suggested to the travelers that of some outlaw, of whom the country boasted a great number, just before they reached, but while in plain view from the cabin, an Indian came out and called out several times to a high-spirited far-reaching, voice the word Idaho. The tone was a combination of the Swiss yodeler, the Spanish Indian and Louisiana negro, and, as was supposed, a call to the squaw's husband. The sound of the voice as given by Mr. Cole, and he had been familiar with the Indians for some years, was E-dah-hoo-oo-oo—a drop from the first E to the second, a long a, almost as if a-hah, and a musical, long-drawn-out dwelling upon the who, using the full force of the lungs in expiration and in crescendo.

This squaw's call was answered by the sudden appearance of an Indian girl about nine years of age. She was clean and better looking than most of her race. The inference of both Mr. Cole and his companion was that Idaho was the girl's name, and the idea of adopting it as the name of the new state occurred to both men at the same time, Mr. Cole claiming to be the first to speak.

All efforts to find the English of the word resulted in failure, and finally, in consideration of the sex and surroundings of the Indian whose name had helped solve the difficulty in finding one for the new state that of "Gem of the Mountains" was decided upon. The real meaning of the word Mr. Cole never knew.

As the Indians name their children from physical peculiarities or circumstances occurring at their birth, and is the child was born about daylight, the translation of "light of the mountains" was at first deemed a god one, but its fitness as a name for the state had to give way to the more appropriate one of "gem of the mountains," which was given to congress as the translation of the Indian word.

I narrate the tale as I got it from Mr. Cole, and add what, at the time, I suggested to him—that the state erect a monument on the spot where the name was selected—and as an amendment, that Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, write the inscription—Edward M. Roche, in the Boon Journal.

An exchange says: Did you ever stop to think what a tireless letter writer good local paper is? Week after week, reaching into year after year, it goes on, telling of the marriages, births, deaths, and the coming and going of the people of our town, business success and failure, accident crops, improvements, meetings in fact, events of all kinds. It is a list that comes to write a letter every week to your absent friend and tell half the news that your local paper gives, you would give up in despair. The supposed pleasure would become tiresome, and the letters grow shorter, farther apart, and finally quit. Why the inference? Because with a newspaper it is business. People in a live town recognize this and take pleasure in giving the editor news that would never learn.

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