

Also A Cheerful Lie.

"Yes," remarked the Chehalis farmer to the new arrival from Dakota, as the two sipped a strawberry blond beverage at the Central last evening, "we raise considerably fine crops down our way. Potatoes grow so large we mortise holes in 'em and shovel in coals to bake 'em, and we just scoop the inside out of our pumpkins and use the shells for cow stables. Beets grow so large we pull 'em with a derrick, wall up the holes and use 'em for wells. We put rockers on our pea pods and use 'em for baby cradles, and carrots are frequently used for flag-staffs. Oats often grow so tall that the angels cut 'em with a header, and the head of one sunflower would feed a barnyard of turkeys for a twelvemonth. Squash vines grow so fast they wear the fruit out dragging it along the ground, and I've often seen cherries as big as your hat. Onions crowd each other out of the ground and one head of cabbage is a load for a flat car. Fertile country, Mister? Well, I should flounder. Just come down our way and look at apples as large as a cheese-box and— Here the Dakota man handed the Chehalis farmer his card, the two took another drink, wiped their mouths and parted firm and loving friends. The Dakota man's card contained this intelligence: "I am somewhat of a cheerful liar myself."—[Tacoma (W. T.) News.

Many names have been suggested for the Territory of Washington when it shall come into the Union as a state. The present name is confusing because if anyone in the east says he came from Washington or is going to Washington on people take it for granted that he means Washington City, District of Columbia. It is a great bother for a Washingtonian to constantly explain that he does not live in the Capital of the country but in the far-off, beautiful country on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. The latest suggestion I have seen is that of the Goldenstate Sentinel, which proposes Rainier, the old name of the highest mountain in the Territory. Seattle people and most of the old settlers throughout the Territory still call the mountain Rainier, but its Indian name of Tacoma is more and more coming into use. There would be no propriety in calling the new state Rainier. Captain Vancouver, the discoverer of Puget Sound named the mountain for one of the Lords of Admiralty. Being somewhat of a courtier and desiring promotion from the powers at home he controlled the Navy he gave their names to the loftiest mountain peaks in the new region he was exploring. Hood, St. Helens, Rainier and Baker, were all named in this way. It would be absurd to alienate the name of the Father of our country from Washington Territory and bestow upon it that of an English Lord who never saw any part of America. Tacoma is a beautiful name. It means in the Indian tongue "the nourishing breast" and refers to the great glaciers upon the mountain, which feed the milky rivers that flow from its slopes. There could be no finer name for the new state.—[North-west Magazine.

The following from the Sunday Welcome is the unkindest cut of all: "Men who call at newspaper offices, whether they be country editors or non-paying subscribers, to hand over unfolded exchanges and to get notices are bigger bores than Ladd's East Portland affair." Thank goodness, we were never guilty of calling at the Welcome office. There are few country editors, by the way, generally the peers of any in Portland, who fish for Portland personals. The statement deserves being made, though, that Oregon editors need to fraternize more than they do, need to call more frequently. When going to Portland, let us remark, they will do well to only call on their equals. There are true gentlemen on the press of Portland; but the one who made the remark referred to is not one of them. Of all the papers in Portland the Welcome has about the least reason to sneer at its country brothers.—[Albany Democrat.

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