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Yuba, Wash, July 18th, 1910.

John Muir,
Martinez, Cal.

My dear friend:

Your kind,
friendly and esteemed
letter of 12th came duly
to hand, and I thank
you for it. Your accep-
tance and commendation
of Tahoma Well, I am
sure, be very helpful in
this matter. It is prin-
cipally the Rotary club and
their friends, so far, that
have publicly agreed to
the compromise name, but
they are large and influential
organizations in both cities.
The editors of the papers
of the rival cities do not
wangle as much as they

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used to over the mountain
name. The newcomers to the
state - and their number
is on the increase - will
naturally prefer the expres-
sive and poetic native name.
Altogether, the existing
conditions seem to favor
the movement for a change.

Excuse my use of a pen-
cil. In my old age I find
writing with a few difficult
and tiresome.

Most faithfully yours,
P. B. Van Trump.

P.S. Since writing the above
yours of 14th has come.

Yes, the mountain bank
sent is beautiful, and the
mountain is thoroughly pic-
tured nowadays. The views
taken by Warner when

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we visited and ascended
the mountain with the In-
graham party. We were for some
time the standards on Puget
Sound, but since then fine
photographers galore have
taken the mountain from
many viewpoints, and a
perfect army of amateurs and
of Kodak fiends have taken
shots at the old giant.

That Warner turned out
a "bad lot". He promised me
duplicates of the views but never
sent me one. Old man Longmire
gave him money in advance
for pictures, but never got
one.

D. B. V. T.