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Mount Ranier *by* Belmore Browne

THE Far Northwest was once a region of terrific volcanic activity. Where once flamed the fervent fires of earth's boiling caldrons, to-day snow and ice reign supreme.

Mount Ranier seems to keep perpetual guard over Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia. It has a glacier system exceeding in size that of any other single mountain within continental United States. From its summit many named and unnamed rivers of ice pour slowly down and have carved fourteen valleys through the solid rock. Where once floods of molten lava swept, to-day beautiful forests and gorgeous flowers make it a veritable scenic wonderland.

Mount Ranier in its majesty was poetically called by the Indians "Tahoma, the Mountain that was God," but Seattle people, jealous of the prominence the name gave to the neighboring town of Tacoma, succeeded in having it changed to Ranier, after a French admiral, who was not in any way interested.