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[[Margin]]Columbia River[[margin]]

Along Columbia river. Big stumps standing everywhere, cleared woods alternating with primeval forests. Forest fires. Smoke so dense as to cause a fog everywhere. Mount Tacoma not visible. Rivalry between Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. In Seattle they call it Mt Rainier. Very hot and dirty travelling. What a difference with Santa Fe road where oil is used on tracts and oil is used as fuel.

[[margin]]Seattle. [[margin]]

[[strikeout]]Arrived in[[/strikeout]] Passed thru Tacoma and Arrived at Seattle before dark. Hilly terraced streets. Drove with motor bus to hotel. Seems a very busy city for only 200,000 inhabitants. Fine stores and

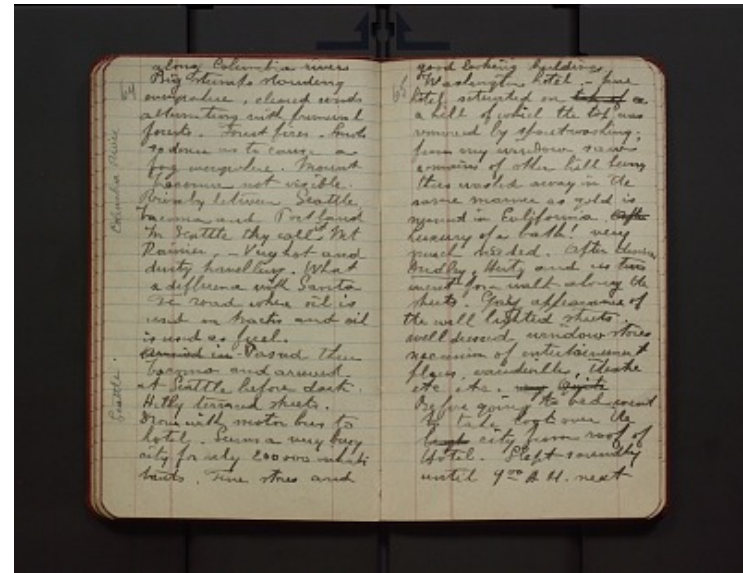
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good looking buildings. Washington hotel is fine hotel situated on [[strikeout]]top of a[[/strikeout]] a hill of which the top was removed by spoutwashing; from my window saw remains of other hill being thus washed away in the same manner as gold is mined in California. [[strikeout]]After[[/strikeout]] Luxury of a bath! Very much needed. cc [in blue above the two "e"s in needed.] After dinner [[underline]]Dudley, Herty [[underline]] and us two went for a walk along the streets. Gay appearance of the well lighted streets. Well dressed window stores succession of entertainment places, vaudeville, theatre etc etc. [[strikeout]]very Quite[[/strikeout]] Before going to bed went to take look over the [[strikeout]]?[[/strikeout]] city from roof of Hotel. Slept soundly until 900 AM. next

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