Cashmere, Washington
April 21st 1920

Miss. Ida M. Tarbell

My dear Madam:

It has taken me some little time to locate you but I hope I have it correctly.

If you remember I tried to see you at the Washington in Seattle in connection with changing the name of our Mountain from Rainier to Lincoln, but failed in this and wrote a short letter which you very kindly answered from Kalispell Mont. I was and am much pleased with your reply for you wished me "Good Luck in your Movement."

I enclose a brief statement of the history of how the Mountain got its present name. It being local you may not remember it.

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Perhaps a hundred white men had seen the Mt. and called it by various names before Capt. Vancouver saw it, but he had a motive in naming it and made it stick by his reports home in England. I think the old soldiers who fought under Lincoln and voted for him in all campaigns and helped him save the nation ought to be considered when asking his name for that great Mount. The statement I send is trustworthy, and will explain itself. While my effort is confined to the old soldiers I may say that public disapproval of the present name is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully
Your Obed. Servt.
James H. Chase

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