Speaking of the river, Chief Sealth said to the Duwamish this:

"The Duwamish enters Elliott Bay above the town of Seattle. It has two principal forks, the main or southern, called by the Indians St'kamish & Smath-ko at different points in its course, and by the settlers White River from the color of its waters; and the northern called Green river. The first rises on the eastern side of Mount Rainier and turns around it northward, receiving the waters of the latter ~~a little above La Tete~~ ~~the latter descend~~ which heads ~~immediately~~ with the Natchess & flows nearly west. Mt Rainier it should be observed, stands far to the westward of the main range of the Cascades. ~~I mean in this way~~ The emigrant road crosses this year after ascending

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