Avery—A Town in Klickitat county. It was named in honor of
A.G. Avery, right of way attorney for the Spokane, Portland &
Seattle Railway Company (L.C. Gilman in Names MSS Letter 590) Meany.

Bacon-In Grant county. The place was named by the railroad builders in 1900. The name was given as a joke but still remains (Arch Gill Bacon in Names MSS Letter 650 523) Meany.

Badger--In Badger Flats, four miles north of Badger Ca yon in Benton county. Badgers were numerous in that vicinity and as the water of Badger Springs was first found flowing from a badger hole the name so plentifully used was suggested. W.L. Bass in Names MSS Letter 224) Meany.

Bailey—A Town in Grant County. It was named b Mrs. R.J. Bailey on March 21, 1911(Robert A. Bailey in Names MSS Letter 100) Meany.

Belma-A former postoffice in Yakima county. The postmaster at Grandview writes (Names MSS Letter 498) No town; there used to be a postoffice and a little store. Office was discontinued about five years ago; store also. Schoolhouse goes by the name of Belma school.(1923) Meany.

Benton City- In Benton county. It was named in 1909 by F.L. Pitman chief engineer and C.E. Woods, general right of way man of the North Coast Railroad (Names MSS Letter 583) Meany.

Benton County-Organized under the law of March 8, 1905 and named in honor of Thomas H. Benton, a former great friend of the West while United States Senator from Missouri.

Berlin-A Projected town in Garfield county . The History of Southeastern Washington Page 549 says: "Berlin was platted January 9, 1883 by Charles Ward and Sarah E. Ward, his wife. Ward's addition was platted June 23, 1884 by the same parties. But this projected town existed only on paper. At one period it was rumored that Berlin would become a candidate for the county-seat as a compromise betw en Pomeroy and Pataha City but nothing eventuated."

Berrian-A postoffice in Benton County. Named for the oldest settler here.(A.F. Berrian in names MSS Letter 374) Meany.

Big Creek-An upper branch of the Yakima River in Kittitas County.
J.K. Duncan, topographer with Captain George B. McClellan, 1853
mentions the creek as Wahnoowisha River. (Pacific Railroad Reports,
Vol 1, Page 210) Meany

Big Sheep Creek—In Stevens county near the Canadian boundary. It is often called Sheep Creek and under the date of April 19, 1827 David Douglas, the botanist writes: "Last night I forgot to say a small stream four miles below our last camp falls into the river--called White Sheep River from the antelopes found on its banks--a few miles back from the Columbia" (Journal Kept by David Douglas, 1823-1827, P.248.

Bingen#In Klickitat county. T eodore Suksdorf (Names MSS Letter 101)-"The town was n amed by P.J. Suksdorf, owner of the premises aafter the beautiful town on the Rhine in Germany. The location of Bingen on the Columbia is much like Bingen on the Rhine. The town of Bingen was laid out in 1892. The postoffice was established two or three years later.(Meany)

Bishop-A town on Snake river in Whitman county. It was named by
the railroad officials after Bishop Brothers who settled on the bar
there in 1877.(Namrs MSS Letter 61) Meany.

Bissell—A Town on the Columbia River in Stevens County. The postmaster,
Names MSS letter 105 says: Named by postmaster General Bissell in 1898
William S. Bissell was postmaster General in President Cleveland's
second cabinet from 1893 to 1895 which requires adjustment of the above
statem nt at least in regard to the year.(Meany)

Blaine-A city in Whatcom county at the Canadian boundary. It was named by Cain Brothers on April 23, 1885 in honor of James G. Blaine, Republican nominee for president the year before. (J.W. Sheets Names MSS Letter 349) Meany

Blalock Island-In the Columbia River, Benton county. The name
is in honor of Dr. Nelson G. Blalock a Civil War surgeon who became
one of the best known pioneers of the Walla Walla country, his
greatest ambition being to extend and improve fruit culture. One of
his largest undertakings was on the island that now bears his name.
He was a member of the Washington Constitutional Convention. For thirty
years he was a member of the board of trustees of Whitman college and
for 12 years he was president of the board. He died at Walla Walla on
March 14, 1913, aged 77 years. John Work of the Hudson's Bay
company mentioned in his journal for June 27, 1925, te island as Big
Island. T.C. Elliott, editor of the Work journal says the fur traders
called it Long Island. Washington Historical Quarterly, April 1914,

Blockhouse—A town in Klickitat County. It was established in 1856 and was a fort for Government troops during the Indian war of that time (Names MSS Letter 524) Meany.

Blue Mountains-IN Columbia and Garfield counties. One of the first
references to these mountains is by Gabriel Franchere, one of the Astorians
On arriving at the Walla Walla river he wrote: A range of mountains was
visinle to the S.W. about fifty or sixty miles off." he does not give
the mountains a name. Or July 9, 1811, David Thompson of the
North West Company of Montreal refers to them as Shawpatin Mountains
but in his entry for August 8, 1811, he says"Beginning of course
are the Blue Mountains between the Shawpatin and the Snake Indians.
In a footnote T.C. Elliott editor of the Thompson Journal says:" Apparantly
the first record of this name Blue as applied to these mountains.(Oregn
Historical 4080 Society Quarterly Vol XV Pages 57 and 121) Ale ander
Ross, J.K. Townsend, David Douglas, Peter Skene Ogden, John Work and

other early travellers continued the use of the name.Blue Mountains.
Rev. Gustavus Hines, Exploring Expedition to Oregon, 1851, page 323,
give a description (Meany)

Blueslide-A town in Pend Oreille County. "Blueside took its name
from a point of thehill having slid into the river leaging a gap behind.
The blue comes from the color of the face of the slide towards the
river. The face is principally clay and when wet is blue but when dry
is more of a gray.(C.L. Peters in Names MSS Letter 132) Meany.