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THE VIEW OF HUGHES.

Pearce, chairman of the Re-county central committee, at the Hughes meeting at Portland in discussing the Republican for the Presidency Mr. aid upon his return home: one can be disappointed when view of Mr. Hughes is taken, impression that has become ent that he is an able man but austere man, is at once dis- when one sees the real Judge s by the feeling that he is an an and a man of warm, genial nance; a man with a big heart; raised in a good American that has left its impress upon in fact, a man highly suitable ne office to which he has been ated.

was deeply impressed with the that attended the Hughes meet- Men and women from every of life were there, and in their was that apparent desire to see dent Wilson step down and Judge nes step up. They drank in every that the speaker uttered. They on some of his statements and ned inclined to hold to them while loud applause followed. It was erious crowd—a crowd of people had assembled to assist in nam- the next President of the United tes. They were not there through osity, they were there because y are taking an interest in this apaign. Judge Hughes captured egon in that Portland speech. There not the least doubt about it."

LETTER BE A LIVE PATRIOT.

"Patriotism is something more an brandishing a gun or waving a ag. It is standing up for the prin- ciples of democracy wherever and henever those principles are at- tacked," says the Christian Herald. It is defending the principle of quality against the inroads of a new et of enemies far more dangerous han any which have preceded hem. It is working, in season and ut of season, for the establishment of the principle of brotherhood in ll the kingdoms of our national life. The poet Horace once wrote that it a beautiful to die for one's country.

The time has come when it is far more beautiful to live for one's country. To live is often harder than to die. To face the laughter and jeers of influential people often demands a higher grade of courage than to face the guns on the battle-field. 'Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war,' as Milton long ago declared, and the patriotism which our nation is most in need of is not the thought of foreign invasion, but the patriotism which is willing to make sacrifices in order that our civic and industrial and social life may be put on sounder foundations. If a man loves his country he should show it by ministering to its most urgent needs."

TAKING A DAY OFF.

Undoubtedly it is best for everyone to take a day off occasionally. This was shown by the annual picnic of O-W. employes Thursday at Gibbon. Neighbors and friends joined in the delightful fete of an all-day picnic, and the fun was fast and furious.

When the clock pointed to evening and tired day was about to sink in the arms of restful night, men, women and children journeyed back to La Grande refreshed, relaxed and delighted. This old world was not made for an exclusive workshop. All of us need a lot of it to keep us in shape, but we also need some recreation and the picnic attended by hundreds of people surely has demonstrated its worth to the employes of the railroad system who for three years have made it an annual event. It is destined to be one of the biggest gala days the state of Oregon has, and La Grande will be the pioneer in starting the movement.

SHORTEN THE BALLOT.

"The simplest way to cure the present bad results from primaries is to shorten the ballot," says the Wichita Beacon. "Quit asking the electors to vote upon all the clerks who are to serve the public. Ask the people to elect merely the responsible heads of government and by giving dignity and responsibility to those the people are to choose we will add to the effectiveness of the primary. People vote intelligently for candidates for positions of large public responsibility, but they will not seriously undertake the selection of minor candidates for positions of mere clerical responsibility. The result is that every primary brings to the surface a certain percentage of trashy candidates, who would not be selected for any important position if selection for any important position heads."

DOWN THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN

BY CHE-CHE-PE-TOE-I-GI

Two days after entering the Sepi-nock channel we made the Porage to Cumberland House. Here I took one afternoon off and went duck shoot- ing. I took a pot-shot at a swarm of teal ducks and fired my right bar- rel into them, and as they rose, gave them my left choke bore and saw eleven drop, picked up out of the pond

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thirty-four. But you can imagine my surprise when at the reports of my gun the swarms upon swarms of every kind of ducks and flying things that rose into the air. Teal ducks, black ducks, butter balls, mallards, canvas backs, geese, waders, coots, swans, red, white and blue herons, et., etc. They flew around for about five minutes, and then all came back to the slough again. I had all the ducks I wanted so left them in peace. For the next few days we had roast duck, fried duck and boiled duck. We stayed only a couple of days here, but I went up and had a look at Cumber- land River, which about three years previously had been a little brook about five feet wide, but which was now a boiling rapids about three hundred yards wide, due to the fact of the Saskatchewan River changing its course and emptying into Cumber- land Lake, thence down Cumberland Creek back to its old bed, and the roar of the river rolling the rocks down the bed of the river was terrif- ic. A little further down I ran across a bunch of Indians who told me about some silver water run- ning out of the rocks on the banks of the river, so I went and had a look at it. It was pure quicksilver. A drop would be squeezed up then would roll down the smooth rock into the swiftly flowing river. It would be next to impossible to get it out to civilization, so it was not much use to anyone. After leaving the Cumber- land it took up three days to make the La Pas Hudson Bay Post and Mission. Here I met — of the Northwestern Mounted Police, a son of an old friend of mine of early police days, and was by him intro- duced to the Hudson Bay factor. I had supper at his house and slept at the Northwestern Mounted Police bar- racks and put all my supplies, canoe, etc., in his warehouse, as the In- dians here both male and female were very light fingered. The day follow- ing my arrival the factor called me into his house and made me the fol- lowing proposition: Would I take charge of a York boat, and he would give me a couple of Indians or breeds, and take it down to Chimeyhawin. I could put my Peterborough canoe on board and my supplies and a load of hay for the company and he would grub us. I jumped at the offer. It would save me paying for a guide, and the whole country below the Pas is one great lake, for hundreds of miles north, south, east and west. Water lanes threading in and out, weeds and grass growing up six, eight and 10 feet out of the water. Many a time in the next few suc- ceeding days I was glad I had a guide who knew the water lanes, as I would have been lost for ever and ever if I had tried it by myself. He just let the boat drift, or if the wind was favorable hoisted a sail. It took us ten days to go from the Pas to Chimeyhawin. The Hudson Bay Factor at this post was a Bachelor of Arts and a graduate of Cambridge University, England, a through

gentleman, and cracking good com- pany. There I enjoyed the luxury of a bath, shave, etc., a comfortable bed, 'tween sheets and fine meals, and we found we knew many people in the west and back in England mutually. He put a full crew into the York boat—the full crew consisted of six- teen men rowing the big sweeps, eight to each side, two men attended the sails and the helmsman stood up on a kind of a poop-deck at the stern and stered with a long sweep. The boat at a distance looked like some of the old pictures of the ancient Norsemen's war galleys. (To be Continued)

Sommer Hotel Guests.

Jas. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Emigh, Walla Walla; M. H. Reeves, Spokane; H. R. Spears, Chicago; Emma A. Weaver, Vincent; N. P. Peterson, Portland; Leo Adler, Baker; D. H. Sherman, Spokane; C. R. Shep- herd, W. G. Louis, L. H. Rockefeller, Seattle; A. M. Sanborn, E. E. Cohen, Portland; F. E. Brown, wife and niece, F. E. Bushnell, wife and daughter, Baker; H. E. Waddell, Imbler; F. P. Rhoades, Pendleton; F. C. Owens, San Francisco; E. Cohn, Minneapolis; J. Rosenthal, San Francisco; Gene Whiteside, Spokane; H. S. Crispin, Pendleton; A. V. Miller, Portland.

Oregon Pioneer Passes.

Judson W. Himes, a pioneer of 1853 and brother of George W. Himes, sec- retary of the Oregon Historical soci- ety, died at his home near Elma, Wash., Monday. He was born in Il- linois in 1850.

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