

of the cabin. While I was sitting in this cabin one day, two squirrels came in through the open window and made themselves free with the remains of Horton's breakfast. They did not seem to mind me in the least, for one of them allowed me to touch his back with my pencil. Horton encourages them, and would not have them driven out or injured upon any consideration. Rainbow falls, situated about five miles above the cabin and on the right of the trail ascending the river, are about three hundred feet in height and are well worthy of a visit.

Our trip down the lake was pleasant, but we missed the grand scenery on account of the density of the

to "worship nature in her wild retreat," there is no grander spot in the west than Lake Chelan. Nestled between snow-capped spurs of the Cascade range, it presents to the eye of the seeker after the beautiful in nature all that can be seen in Switzerland, except the Swiss. Even the wild goats are there, and we saw many of them climbing rocky precipices fully 3,000 feet above the level of the lake.

The head of an Indian family, known as "Wapato John," has an extensive ranch on the shore of the lake, eight miles from the saw mill. He is a progressive Indian, and has improved machinery in the way of farm implements, and a peach orchard with bear-

ing trees. He was one of the few wise ones who took up land in severalty when the old Moses reservation was thrown open to settlement in 1885. Thus does the red man endeavor to follow in the wake of his rustling pale-faced neighbors.

The Stehekin river is sometimes called Pierce river, after the late Lieut. Pierce, of the Twenty-first Infantry, who explored that part of the country in 1882; but the U. S. engineer department, after investigating the subject in 1883, came to the conclusion that no new river had been explored, but

that it was in fact the Stehekin river, so called long before Lieut. Pierce traveled along its banks, and so the old name has since been retained upon the government maps. The name of Pierce's pass might well be substituted for that of Skagit pass, as that officer certainly made the passage there of the Cascade range in 1882 in the face of great obstacles and under the most trying circumstances, as the writer can bear testimony, having accompanied him on that occasion. It is fitting that the energetic explorer, whose poetic pen has contributed such gems to the northwest, should have his name perpetuated by association with some of the grand features of the mountains he loved.



HORTON'S CABIN, LAKE CHELAN.

smoke, which appeared to cover the face of the whole country, for certainly the whole eastern slope of the Cascade range was burning more or less from the international boundary to the Stampede pass. If the legislature of the state of Washington will frame and enforce a measure to punish those who through carelessness or malice leave their camp fires to the mercy of the summer winds, it will indeed be deserving of the thanks of the people.

A railroad is now in course of construction between Ellensburg and the Columbia river. With this railroad in operation, the travel to the Chelan and Okanogan region will increase tenfold. For those who love