

MUD BAY SAM GIVEN

GLOWING EULOGY

George Waters, an Indian, has written to the Pacific Christian Advocate an account of the recent potlatch given near Olympia by Mud Bay Sam, new Shaker chief, and Mrs. Mud Bay Sam, nee Mrs. Mud Bay Louie, as follows:

Gato City, Washington.

"Dear Editor—There was a great Indian memorial days' meeting at Mud Bay, six miles west of Olympia, Wn. All different tribes of Indians met together and worshipped God at Quaker church. Both Indian Catholics and Presbyterians and Methodists and Quakers made speeches every day, and prayers to God, lifting up our prayers unto the hills from whence cometh our help; our help cometh from the Lord—which made heaven and earth; hundreds of voices cry out for help by prayers; who will hear and answer those poor prayers of ours? Oh, we, wishing these anxious, poor prayers to reach heaven and answer us, and spare our life a little longer on earth—and build up our Indian churches as the civilized people do, let the good Christian whites help us by prayer, and let the other whites quit disturbing our people, giving them whiskey, let us alone, and wishing the good government help us and lay off the good laws for us. We don't want our Indian people die off by bad habits.

"This wishing all different tribes of Indians on this Pacific Coast, and December 24 was the Indian election day. We elected the as chief of head man, on this Puget Sound, in Washington, his name is Mud Bay Sam, hoorah! for Mud Bay Sam, he is going to stand on the Lord side and work for his people for good as long as the Lord will spare his life. Praise the Lord; and in December 3, I had preach to them in Chinook wa-wa, and half in English many whites was there too in our Indian meeting.

"After through preaching in two o'clock afternoon, Chief Mud Bay Sam and his wife and two daughters taken out two sacks full of silver money and give to the people who come to elect him as head man on this Pacific Coast in Washington. It was \$615 (six hundred and fifteen dollars) and so many things besides money worth over hundred dollars, and nine beef cattle killed already and two sheep to feed them people who comes so far. It was so happy days meetings. This means Cultas potlatch day, and I enjoy with this people and meeting. We was 34 of us from Yakima reservation, and 40 Indians from Vancouver, B. C. It was fifteen different tribes of Indians at this meetings. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; I am very truly,

"GEORGE WATERS."