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Biographical Sketches Yakima Indians

(Wasco Jim. July 7-1918.)

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PAIUTE--WASCO INDIAN TRIBAL WARFARE.

I went on the path to fight the Paiutes often when a young man. The Paiutes were bad people, but they were great fighters. Chiefs' *Yow-we-wap, Pile-nee, Ceits, Chac-tat,* were good fighters among the Paiutes. It was danger on the trail when fighting the Paiutes. Maybe you starve one week, two weeks. Maybe you eat leaves, grass or any thing you find. *Quest #1.* Any thing to eat helps a little bit. Fight all over, night and day. Track Paiute in snow. See only one track, track of one man, but maybe three hundred Paiutes have gone on that trail. All step in same track, looks like only one passed. ~~Webb~~ We scout and track Paiutes to bad place, rocks or canyon. They have no fire, ~~no~~ in evening time. Before daylight they build fire out of sage brush, maybe eat some grasshoppers, then they dance. After dancing, they go away again and hide before it is daylight. Paiutes sly like Coyote, but he fights like wolf. *Quest #2* Those chiefs I give you name of, Paiute chiefs, you could not hit them with bullet or arrow. They come up little ways when fighting and shot go like rain--bullets and arrows go like wind. None can hit them. I do not know. I was that way myself. None could hit me. When a boy Indian go out in the mountains or wild place and do not eat for one week, maybe. He does not get lazy. He gets strong and brave. Maybe he becomes a doctor (medicine man), a hunter or a warrior. Paiutes had bows and arrows, no guns. We fight them and get boys and girls for slaves. We treat them good, feed them, clothe them, but they must work and do things for us. Bye and bye they like us, maybe marry and become one of us, same as Wasco Injun. Some times we sell them to the Yakimas for slaves. Good one worth six or seven horses, or a nice canoe. We like canoe better than horses. Yakimas not much fighters. Nez Perce not much fighters. All like old woman. *Quest #3,* We do not scalp women and girls, only scalp men and boys. We

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put scalps on string and hang on rocks for people to see in our village.

One Wasco fellow went to get Injun cherries. He was a good strong man, nothing scare him. One Paiute man sat on rocks. I see him. He has long hair, no clothes on. That Paiute sees the Wasco eating cherries. ~~He~~ ^{Wasco} thought: "Maybe my friend eat cherries".

Wasco aim at Paiute. Paiute jump over rocks and get away. Then lots Paiutes come. They shoot Wasco all over with arrows. They scalp him and take him to Supert(?) Creek and put him in creek. Wasco had spirit of Steelhead ~~fish~~ salmon. Steelhead has white head when old. The Wasco now had white head, no hair, all scalped. Steelhead said to the Wasco man lying in the water:

"You see me? Look at my head! Your head is same way! You will not die! You will live".

The man got out of water and went home.

with wood

That night the Wascos fiddled all night, fixing to go to war.

The wood is two sticks about three feet long and fixed good for song.

We ~~went~~ to Hot Springs, sixty or seventy people, all for war. We travel all night to the mountains. We hide in day time. That night we see big light, big fire. We hear yelling and song. We get closer. Yes! there are the Paiutes. They have the ~~long~~ hair of the Wasco on a long stick, waving it and dancing. All are yelling, big time. But the Wasco was not dead. He was living that very time.

The Paiutes stop dancing at daylight. No body is following them. They are safe. Then we go all around them on belly--go easy and still like snake. We are all around their camp. One Snake Injun stands up with bow and arrows. He sings. He knows we are there, but he is not afraid. That is way of Paiute Injun. He is brave. I shot that Paiute, shot him myself. He fell and the others jump up. Then shooting all around, every where bullets and arrows. We have guns, Paiutes only bows and arrows. We fight hard, Wasco and Paiutes. The sun comes up. We fight

on, hiding behind rocks and trees--any where we hide. About ten oclock we stop. Some of the Paiutes get away--went to Shetike, their own place, where the grass houses were. We killed six of the Snake Injuns. We scalped them--took all the hair--and then came back home. I scalped the Snake I killed. We got bows and arrows and many things they left on ground. that fight-~~fight~~ We got lots of slaves.

We got home to Wasco, and ~~we~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ and hung up the Paiute hair. Next day all the people came, Women and all. Big drum and dance with hair on sticks. It was a big time. We had whipped the Paiutes, the Snake Injuns. Three of our men got shot with arrows but all got well. Cox-stocks, [head] was the man who was scalped. He lived. He painted his head red. He had a good strong spirit, he did not die.

The Paiute I shot stood up and sang. He was good looking. He knew we were there. When I shot, he sprang high and fell dead. Payute and Wasco do not holler when going to be shot.

When I joined the Shakers I gave away two gunny sacks of Indian clothing and trinkets. I gave Kolwash a seven plaits of Paiute hair, fast to a string to ~~XXXXXX~~ the breast, from shoulder to waist. It was buried with Kolwash when he died. I had a necklace of grizzly bear-claws which I gave away. It was buried with the man I gave it to. I got the

necklace from the Klamath Injuns. I never found any grizzly when hunting.

It is probable they were the warriors killed by Hughes. We find no mention of them in the border strife after this time.

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