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several respects
Edwin*

INCIDENTS IN TRIBAL INDIAN WARFARE.

CAPTAIN DRY-CREEK-BILLIE.

" Dry Creek Billie fought in three wars, ^{twice} for the Government.

" 1--Yakima War, 1855-56, for the Government.

" 2--Paiute Tribal Wars.

" 3--~~Umatilla~~ ^{Cannock} War, for the Government.

" In the last named war, Qyif-pum, Chief of the Warm Springs selected tribe, ~~took~~ Dry Creek Billie, Laul-lus, and Wy-pauis with their followers to ^{go} fight the Umatillas. The Paiutes had joined the Umatillas, Nez Perce Pokatellas and others against the Government. All the sheep herders and others had been killed, the soldiers whipped and the commander was in hiding. The Warm Springs found this officer, dressed him as an Indian and got him ~~off~~ away. Soon as the Umatillas found that the Warm Springs were there, they came and surrounded their camp in the night, watched them all night. The Warm Springs before going to sleep, tied their horses inside the circle of tepees, so as to be safe. They heard the enemy and ~~next morning they~~ got up and saddled their horses. The chiefs of the Umatillas, Paiutes and Nez Perces came to them and said: 'If you are going with the whites, we will kill you all right here.' They asked my father, Dry Creek Billie and they asked all of them if they were going with the whites, and they all answered 'Yes'. The chiefs then went back to their camp ~~and~~ to let their chief man know what the Warm Springs had said. The Umatilla ~~head~~ chief then came and asked my father and the other two chiefs: 'Will you go against the whites?' They answered 'No!' They counceled all that ~~at~~ night, pointing guns at the three Warm Springs chiefs to scare them, but they did not kill them. The Umatilla chief said to his warriors: 'Go ahead and kill these three Warm Springs chiefs.' His men threatened and pointed their guns, but did not shoot. All the tribe, all the fighting warriors pointed their guns at the three men. They asked again: 'Will you go against the whites?'

They asked this three times before they took them to their chief man. They took the horses of the Warm Springs and placed them in the circle of their own camp and watched them. They counceled again and said to my father and the other two chiefs: 'Will you go against the white man with us?' My father answered.

"The white man is coming and will fill all the land and you can not stop him. He will make ~~us~~ for us good laws and will have schools for our children. It will be better for all Indians to take the white man by the hand and let him lead us to a better way of living. If you will quit fighting him, and when he comes and the white woman comes, we will all be as brothers and sisters."

"They counceled again and let my father and the two chiefs stay in their camp. They made peace, had a big dance and quit the war."

"The Paiutes and Warm Springs Indians were bad people and mean in war. They were always fighting each other. One time the Paiutes came when only old men, women and children were in camp. They killed the old people, and took the young women captives. They took sharpened sticks and ran them through the living children where they sit, clear up through their stomachs and out at their mouths, then stuck the stakes in the ground around a fire and cooked the children like salmon--did not eat them but left them sticking there.

"The Warm Springs then went against the Paiutes and did them the same way--did the children the same way. Once they surrounded a camp on a river bank at night and when morning came they went for the Paiutes and killed nearly all of them. The Paiutes went into the water and tried to swim across, but they were shot. Then the Warm Springs did the Paiute children as the Paiutes had done the Warm Springs children. They also

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took the young women captives. Four warriors claimed one fine Paiute girl. She was a good looking girl, long hair and light skin. The men fought over her. Finally they agreed to divide her, and then they threw her on the ground and cut her legs off in the hips and her arms off in the shoulders--cut deep--and she was soon dead. No! ~~they~~ none would sell interest nor by interest from the others. They were on war and could not do that. It was against their custom to do that.//

The Paiutes used to own the fishing place at Spear Bridge, Oregon, but the Warm Springs took it away from them. It was a great fishing place, and the Warm Springs called it Thlu-nee