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--:THE STAR ROCK OF THE TUM-WATER:-
---Wasco/Legend. IC-keep-swah. (July 1918.)

Schoc-e-les tom [supreme power--deity] sent Coyote to the sun-down to see about the fish; to see why fish did not come up the ⁿChe-wana. He sent his son, Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon, to see about the buffalo at the sun-rise. All buffalo are ~~///~~ in one tepee at the sun-rise; can not get out. No people there; but buffalo are there. When the big time comes; when the people get life; they will fill that tepee. They will eat there. They will keep the buffalo there for ~~themselves~~ themselves. No body else can get in that tepee. Every snow it would be that way. Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon, tore down that tepee. Let the buffalo go free/ for all people.

Where the sun goes down, fish were all fenced up. None could come here. They ate all at the sun-down. Coyote tore that business away; let fish come up the ⁿChe-wana. Chinook salmon; all kinds of fish. That was the work of Coyote, that all people could plenty of fish to eat; all free. None could be sold. Fish were created for all.

Coyote came this way towards the sun-rise. He found the Wascoos and the Wishoms having trouble. Wascoos had rock; all diamonds and silver. Big! a great rock lying there on the shore-rocks of the ⁿChe-wana. Wishom Injun go in night and tear that rock away. They bring it to Wishom side of wana [river]. When they tear that rock away, silver and diamonds are all over their hands. They rub hands on a dog. That is how the silver fox came. That dog is the silver fox.

The Wasco Injuns talk every night about that rock; about the trouble. They talk what had become of that rock? The Wasco said:
has done

"Who ~~do~~ this? We do not know! That rock was ours! Has the Wish-
om tore it away? Have they taken ^{it} ^{us} from ^{us} in the night?"

The Wascoos talk; make laws every night. Every night they make

laws about that rock; how to get it back. One Wasco man married a Wishom girl. He stayed with the Wishoms a long time. He found they got that rock. The Wishoms tell him about it. The Wasco went back to his father; to his mother. He said:

"The Wishoms have that nice thing. I saw it myself! that stone of light and fire." It is there! The Wishoms are hiding it from us."

The Wascos talk and talk! Finally they said:

"We are going to fight for that stone! for that light!"

But other Wascos said:

"No! Make the Wishoms pay! Make them ~~pay~~ give us slaves or something for that stone of light. If they do not pay, then we will fight afterwards."

~~pay~~ The Chi-nach [married] man (1) said:

"I saw the Wishoms have a nice thing too. It is a star in the water! ~~It makes light the night they have a star.~~ In the night they have a star. It shines all over; every where. It makes light ~~the~~ over head and in the water. That star makes light the night; breaks the darkness. We will go tear it away as the Wishoms tore away our stone."

The 6 chiefs said:

"All right! We will go!"

In the middle of the night the Wascos go. A thousand men go to the Wishom side of the Chi-wana. They find the star-rock; a big rock in the water. All nice and shining, it is there. They take it! that rock across the wana [river] to the Wasco side. They took it to Wasco place. Then the Wishoms and Wascos fight about it. Many suns they fight. It is bad fighting on both sides. Then came Coyote. He made them to stop fighting. That was silver and gold for which they were fighting. The Wascos had silver; the Wishoms had gold. That was why they fight. They did not know that it was money; did not know that it was same as money.

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Coyote stopped that fight/. He stopped the fight/ing of the Wascos and the Wishoms.

Then after this time, Schoc-e-les tom, made his son, Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon, to come to the Wasco-Wishom place. He said to Coyote:

"Where you from?"

Coyote answered:

"Schoc-e-les tom sent me where the fish were held at the sun-down. All shut up! they could not get away. I found it; the trouble. I tore out the dam. ~~away~~ Fish will now be for all Indians; for all people. It will be free food/ for every one."

Coyote then said:

"Where you from?"

Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon made answer:

Schoc-e-les tom sent me to the sun-rise where the buffalos were shut up in a great tepee. They could not get out. I found it! I tore that tepee away. Buffalo is now every where, for every body; food and skins. That was my work."

Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon then said to Coyote:

"Who is the first man? You or me!"

He said that. Coyote answered:

"I am the first man!"

Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon again spoke:

"What your name?"

Coyote told him:

"I have no name!"

Coyote made mistake when he said "I have no name!" Coyote said;

"What your name?"

The man answered:

"Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon! What you think! Who is first man? You or me?"

Coyote ~~answered~~ again answered:

"I am first man!"

They talk long time about who was first man. Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon finally said:

"Well my friend! We are pretty close tied about first man. You like to be first man; I like to be first man. You see two mountains! She-ko-un [Mt. Hood] and Pot-to [Mt. Adams]. You see these mountains standing ~~they are at the sunrise~~ where the sun rises. I will give you my shovel. If you move those mountains to the sun-down, then I am satisfied. You will be first man, if you move them to the sun-down. If you can not do this, then I am first man."

Coyote heard these words of his friend. He said:

"If I can not move the two mountains to the sun-down, then you are the first man. All right! Where is your shovel?"

Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon, took one eagle feather; one feather from the wing and said:

"Here is shovel!"

Coyote took the feather. He stood up; commenced talking about spirits; about spirit-power. He talked! sang spirit song. Then Coyote shot that feather off towards the mountain. She-ko-un shook! trembled but did not move. Five times Coyote shot the feather! Five times the mountain shook; but did not move. She-ko-un still stood there where the sun comes up.

Then Coyote shot the feather at Pot-to. Pot-to shook! trembled as did She-ko-un, but did not move. Five times Coyote shot the eagle feather! Five times the mountain shook; but did not move. Pot-to still stood where the sun comes up. Coyote now said:

"I give up! You try! If you move the mountains, then you are first man."

Coyote's friend made answer:

"All right!"

Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon, now took the one eagle feather. He

prayed to Schoc-e-les tom to help him move the mountains. Then he pointed the feather at She-ko-un. Pointing the feather, he turned slowly round to the sun-set. That mountain moved with the feather. She-ko-un moved to where he now stands in the sun-set. Then he did the same to Pot-to. Pot-to moved to where he stands today, far from the sun-rise. Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon then said:

"I am first man!"

Coyote made answer:

"Yes! you are first man!"

Schoc-e-les tom-e-yah-kon said to Coyote:

"My friend! this we have done with the buffalo; with the fish. These are now free. None are to sell; none are to pay. You go eat fish without pay. Same way with buffalo. Any man can kill buffalo; all eat without pay. Make tepees, raw-hide, robes, clothing from the skins; all free! Eat fish all kinds; salmon, eels; all free. Sleep there on buffalo robes. None are to pay."

Coyote said:

"All right! We have done this work for the people who are to come. The laws are good."

This was the law made long ago; made for all Indians. All Indians; Wasco, Wishom, Klikitat, Yakima. All tribes obey that law. But other people came to where the sun comes up. They have made different laws. Every thing now is to pay. ~~Indian law~~ White mans law, ~~is different~~ Indian law, is different. One is pay! pay! pay! Pay all the time; pay for every thing. The other law, nothing to pay for what Sochoc-e-les tom created for all.

I have told you how the Wascos and Wishoms fought. It was silver and gold, but they did not know. () They did not know that it was money, but they fought for it. This is Indian ~~history~~ history. Old

folks tell about this; told from long ago. I did not see myself
those nice things. I did not see the ^{stone} ~~black~~ rubbed on the dog-fox;
the star-rock in the water. If it is there today, I could show
it to you. I do not know if it is there somewhere.

Coyote brought the fish and stop the Wasco-Wishom fight. (2)
They jump! chinook salmon. They jump! dog salmon. They jump! they
jump! they jump! I can show you there, their tracks.

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THE STAR ROCK OF THE DALLS.

Schoe-e-les tom-e-yah-kon said to Coyote:

"You have no name! I will give you a good job; to suit you.

Coyote said:

"All right!"

Schoe-e-les tom-e-yah-kon said:

"I give you good boots; heels all diamonds. I give you good
suit; blue suit; buttons all diamonds. (Continued p.5. orig'nl mas.)

laws.

You

Going to put up clean, nice houses? You pay workman \$5.00 a day."

That was what the law said; what the book said. You want to eat something
mid day? \$5.00 to eat. You want eat again at night? \$5.00 to eat. You
want sleep-room? \$5.00 pay for room; for sleep. You want to spit? \$5.00
to spit it cup. You want ~~wash-room~~ You unlock door; \$5.00. That is what
book say. You get nothing for nothing. Everything is pay;pay;pay. Pay
all time. Everybody want money; must have money. All day, all night Coyote
put up law for everything. Pay for everything. As far as sun go; far as
earth lay; Coyote put up law. Nothing stop it. This was for white people;
laws for white people.

Today it is same way with Injun; same laws made long ago for Injun.

~~Suit, buttons, cane, diamonds.~~ I give you nice cane; all diamonds. I give you good hat; band all diamonds. Wasco Injuns have laws; laws for all demands. The new people where the sun comes up are different. ~~I give you~~ good blue suit, diamond buttons, Nice cane, all diamonds. They want different laws from Injun laws. I will put you in Washington D.C. You will be chief over there. I give you book; it will tell you what to do. Read the book. You put up laws that way; the way it tells you. Miss nothing. I am first man, I say that."

Coyote said, "All right!"

Suit came for his body. Nice suit; buttons all diamonds. Cane came; nice cane. All diamonds. Boots came; heels all diamonds. Hat came; good hat. Band all diamonds. Schoc-e-les-tom-e-yah-kon now said:

"You say you have no name. I will give you name. You will be named Washington."

Coyote said, "All right!"

Schoc-e-les-tom-e-yah-kon took eagle feather, Shoveled it under feet of Coyote; threw him to Washington, D.C. There he saw thousands; thousands of people. People everywhere. But they had no chief; just like crazy.

Coyote read the book. That book was same as ^{missionaries brought.} He read it; then made laws.

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Opened up fishery; eat, no pay. Kill buffalo; eat, no pay. All! all! All
Injuns know that law. That law stands today for Injuns same as old time;
first time. White man's law, Injun law, different. One pay! pay! Pay. Pay
all time; Other^{one,} nothing to pay for what Schoc-e-leh-tom made for all.

This was the way they fight about silver money; gold money. The Wasco
the Wishom had silver; had gold. They did not know; but they fought for it.
They did not know it was money. This is Injun history. Old folks tell this;
told it long ago. I did not see; I did not see these nice things. The rock
rubbed on the dog-fox; the star-stone in the water. If it is there today,
I can show it to you in rocks. Coyote brought the fish and stop Wasco,
Wishom from fight. They jump! chinook salmon. They jump! dog salmon. They
jump! they jump! they jump. I can show you there, their tracks.

included in the true legends

-:NOTES TO:-

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(1)---This was the ^{Wasco} ~~Aspy~~ who married the Wishom girl.

(2)---This is, perhaps, the most pronounced declaration to be found in any of the legends peculiar to the N^oche-wana, where a particular tribe, or tribes of Indians are designated as coeval with the age of Animal People. In other legends where "Indians" are mentioned, it is in allusion to the Animal People rather than the actual Indian race. If interrogated on this point, the legend narrator usually explains: "They were real people; real Indians; yet they were animals and birds with a language. Could talk same as actual people talk."
