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-:VISION OF SITTING ROCK:-

I was Shaker eight snows. When I join Shakers' religion, I give away two gunny-sacks Injun goods. Ornaments and many other things. Then after eight snows I quit Shakers. It was this way:

I give one big dinner. I feed all the people for several suns. We hold meetings at my house. After the people left, lots of people; I find that I have been fooled. I find I been badly treated. We drink ditch water. My ditch is spoiled; water made bad. We have seventy or eighty table plates. Nearly all are stolen. Our grub all gone; eaten up. People worshipping! stealing! No good! that religion.

I was a doctor. Some body want me go doctor them. I wont go! I was mad. I swore! I went to Ahtanum. Work two weeks at seventy five cents a sun. We must have grub and dishes! so I work. Then I quit. I said to my wife:

"We go to mountains and get wood."

We bought grub; we went. I was mad all the time. I swore! Then I thought to change my mind! I would sweat! I build sweat-house and sweat. I want to hunt; must sweat. I sweat good! That night I wake up. My ears just like you pour hot water in them. I was crazy! Lots pain! All night I suffer. Many suns I hear nothing! Only see and talk by signs. I do not know what is wrong. Deaf! Nothing to hear. Then ~~11/11/11~~ one night I see something! I hear some body talking to me! It was this I saw; this that I heard.

I saw a boy! a light skinned boy. Fine looking! Plenty hair falling below shoulders; cut square off around breast and shoulders. That hair was yellow-red color; fine looking all the time. That boy spoke to me. He said:

"You are deaf! You have done wrong. Go home! Go to worship as you used to do. Go to Tom Simpson's. Go there! You will find a door

to a room up stairs locked. Girl is sick in that room. You can do nothing for her. Two suns from time you see her, that girl will die. Keep her body four suns. Care for her body, then bury.

"Go to -----. There a woman is sick. Doctors can not help her. A baby is inside her; dead! Baby already melted! You cure that woman. She will not die.

"Joe Little's son will die! Keep his body two suns, then bury.

"John Lumni's brother, a big man! will die. Keep his body four suns then bury. Do these things and your deafness will leave you."

That boy told me these things in night. Then he ~~was~~ is gone! Melted away like wind. When morning comes I said to my wife:

"I see in the night what I must do. We now go home."

We went home; started that sun. In evening we reach home. I do as instructed by Spirit-boy. I go to Simpson's. People there! sitting around. Soon I speak:

"That door going up stairs ~~is~~ is locked!"

They say:

"No! It is not locked."

I tell them again:

"Yes! that door is locked. Why locked? Unlock it! There is something up ~~there~~ stairs I want to see."

They unlock the door. We go up stairs; the room door is closed. I tell them:

"Something in there I want to see. It is sick girl! Open the door!"

They unlock the door. There lay the girl, very sick. All poor! not much flesh on bones. I look at her!

(Here the Medicine Man extended a hand over an imaginary object for a moment, and then gazed in the palm as if reading. This he repeated and then continued.)

"That girl going to die in two ~~days~~ suns!"

I said that to the people. In two suns that girl died. We keep her body four suns; four nights. I care for that body! I do not sleep. Then we bury.

I went to ----- . A woman there sick. Doctor [medicine] men all give her up to die. That woman is groaning! very sick. Ready to die! I go up to her!

(Here the Medicine Man again went through the pantomime of absorbing and reading from the palm a diagnosis of the case.)

"This woman is not going to die. She has baby inside all melted. I will cure her! She will not die."

Those the words I told the people. I cured that woman; made her well. Joe Little's boy was sick. I go there! I tell them:

"The boy will die!"

He died. / We keep his body two suns, then bury.

John Lumni's brother sick. They send for me. I go. I tell them:

"He will die!"

He died. I take care of body four suns; four nights as instructed by Spirit-boy. Then we bury. He was big man! I walked to the mammaloose ground. Walked before the body on wagon; all the people following. Lots of people! I can not hear any thing, but I walk all the way. We bury the body. When grave is filled, I am standing there. All at once:

"Ph-oh-o-o!"

Loud that noise goes through my head. I hear every thing good! I jump high when that sound is in my ears. I was well! Those four things I did. My job! for my deafness to be cured.

I see that Spirit-boy one more time in my sleep. I was plowing / over there in field one spring. / ~~plow / there~~ Ground all wet; horses go deep in mud. I plow there where it is easy. I do not know it spoil the ground. That night I am sleeping. I see the Spirit-boy coming towards me from willows; out in that field. He comes ~~to me~~ and tells me:

"Do not plow where you now plowing. Too wet! Your feet will get wet. Plow over there where ground is higher; where it is dry."

Next morning I plow where Spirit-boy tell me. There I find one fine big arrow point; maybe spear point. It is nice yellow flint, this long [five inches]. All made nice! fine! that flint.

I keep that arrow point many snows. Then my wife and I go to Hood River, pick strawberries. We go broke! very hungry. No berries to pick. I take my arrow point to drug store; show it to the man. He look at it and ask:

"You want to sell?"

I am hungry! I tell him:

"Yes! I will sell."

He said:

"How much you want?"

I am thinking of the grub and I tell him:

"You give one dollar and half."

The man said:

"All right!"

He gave me the money, then we ate; my wife and I. My arrow I sold for food. It seemed to talk to me same as a person. But my wife, myself; we were hungry. That arrow-knife brought us food. The Spirit-boy did that for me.