The story of the Eel Trail, narrated by Henry Beavert, Yakima, interpreted by Watson Totus.

Since the days of the military establishment of Fort Simcoe, white men have known and in early days used an Indian trail leading from Mool Mool, Jubbling Springs or Jumping Springs at the site of later -built Fort Simcoe, now fort Simcoe State Tark, that led over openish ridge. It was a part of the 65-mile long military road to ort Dalles, at mrx the Dalles, in Oregon, and was constructed as a road by apt. Federick ent, broth r-in-law of Tylesses S. Grant.

This was a steep, tex winding trail over the ridge. The military road entered and left Fort Simcoe slightly toward the east and then directly over the mountain.

Indians called it the Assum Trail when the white men came. Assum is Exel in the Yakima language. To it became, and has remained, the Exel Trail a proper name. For it was the steepest, most winding bit of road in the area, and the nemesis of Military wagons and freighters who used it as the route, part of the military road, to and from the Yakima Valley and he salles for three to four months each year. He rest of the year the road was blocked by snow. He road from he salles to the salley then led up the longer way by Satus Pass, entered the Valley from opperish Ridge about a mile west of the Present Highway 97, the Yakima-oldendale Toad and then followed up Toppenish Creek, or far enough to be on solid ground, to the fort.

Tew geople but the oldest indians knew of another trail, Pusch or water snake, used more extensively for travel to and from the fisheries at elilo and wishram than the well rail. This is the low saddle-like gap in limcoe "id e, tweex about seven miles east of the lel rail. The following is Henry Deavert's story of origin:

In the ancient days Karixand Eel, Assum, and Water nake, Pusch, were friends. They always traveled together.

They lived along the Columbia Tiver, those were the days before the Indians, when the world was being made ready for the coming of the Indians. One day they decided to come to the Yakima Valley.

found in the river by the Indians, when they came, and would be beneficial to them for food.

"ater nake was jealous of eel, and w shed to become eel.

They set out, travelling patus Pass. And eel made the trail, crooked like he sw ms, that became patus Creek that tw sts and turns.k

The came to Top enish "idge and descened into the Yakima Valley, camping here and there as they went, because it was a long way. They found Toppenish Treek and decided to follow it toward the west. Tut winter came upon them.

They established a camp and lived throughout the winter en op enish Cree', and the more they were together, the more they argued about who was to become Hemix Eel.

"Let us race back to the Columbia River, and whoever wins, he will go into the river and become eel, said Beal."

Water nake thought that would be easy to beat el, who wriggled and was made to travel in water and not on the land. Water snake could travel either in water or on land. So he accepted the challenge.

They started out. Waker

water Snale went right up over Toppenish "idge from the place where they had spent the winter. It is the low gap there in the hills. It was an easy tril.

Hel sw m on down Toppenish Creek and finding no place easy to get over, went dp op en sh Hidge, making a very winding trail as he went. But he was faster than water snake thought him to be.

Hel raced toward the columbia River and best water snake. He entered the river there. at the place that was to become **Xishmaxx* Wishram.

That is why where are lots of eels at "ishram where eel came to the river.

And that is why there are many water snakes there, saying on land most of the time, but once in a while going into the water.

Ben Snipes on Reservation (2) (Latters from Yakima Indian agency)

your cattle from Jan. 1 to June 20 30 as per the contract as extended is now due (\$500)... (from Milroy)

(To Snipes & Allen, Yakima City, May 26, 1884)

At a council held on the 17th inst, the Indians agreed to a renewal of your contract for another year on condition that the money derived from said grazing should be paid promptly quarterly or semi-annually in advance and strictly devoted to the erected of mill, &c...(asks for the \$500 now to use in building steam saw Mill) (from Milroy)

(To Ben Snipes, The Dalles, later in 1884)

...You are awares that the condition on which the Indians agreed to permit grazing this year was that the funds should be used to move the grist mill. The department has now authorized that work and I wish to commence it as soon as possible.(asks for the grazing tax)

(from Milroy)

(To Snipes & Allen, Takima City, Feb. 16, 1885)

Several Indians from the Satass have just reported to me that your herders have gathered up every unbranded calf they could find on the reservation and driven them over the Yakima river, separating the calf from the cow whenever the walk cow had the brand of the United States or of any Indian... (he wants to know what the same is)

(from Milroy)

Left here. Went to Spearfish. Camped there. Cot sick and died.

11 families there, living along bluff. buried dead on bluff. July hot.

Rest crossed river. Just a few. No one ever heard from them after that.

Colwash -- was Whak "Wishkum) Great grandfather of Jim Looney s

olwash and Jak Allen's grandfather, Skone-a-wah (Sknoawa) or Shikes. Signed treaty as Skanow. He was Winhhum.

Joe Charley, 1/2 Wishhum (pronounced Wishcum or Wishkum)

Ben Olney, Celilo. Dec. 28,1955

Tomoolutsha is boiling, chees, choosh, chowash is three ways of staying water....When you see Saluskin ask him if there is, or ever was a band of Indians here named Wyumpum and if this place, called Celilo, is Wyum, also ask if elilo is an Indian name, if of the land or of the water falls. I am confused b the name Celilo as I never heard of a band or to tribe of Celilos My Old Indian folks were river people of both sides of the river. My grandma Olney was of Wascopum and Wyumpum bands.

Wasco is the lower Dolles where the Dalles town is and aro d
Tenino up the river, on the Oregon side was the Wascop m fishing
grounds, they joined the Wyumpums between Celilo and The Dalles, they
talked 000 different languages. The Dalles town was once called Wascopum,
a band of Indians on the Washington side and across from Tenino was
Wishum (now is spelled Wishram tribe, white man changed the name to
pearfish. The Indian name was Wishum me, the place where the Wishums lived
and fished, the language is the same as the Wascopum, an other
fishing village on Washington side and across from Wyum (or now Celilo was
Skeen, the band was Skeenpum where the town of Wishram now stants and they
talk the Wyum which is similar to the Mumahchuts, now the Yakimas,
Yakima country use to be Mumachutto...

Ben Olney ..

Louis Mann many years agow en I was a boy ere was not many white in this country I seen whites com ng on wagon loads children are footed than and now this day lots of them like flie and tere very many red people in them daysnow this day red man is decr asing on account o eating strange food which is not right to his body and beside he drinks fire water which causes im consumption an everla inng destruction decea which my doctor nn era - earth can cure I see my people have died with whisky up in Ellensburg there were many Indians now this day very ew left and in our re ervation on this Yakima very few trying to folls the way of white man of whiteoiving and white man trying very hard to rob our land and our water whie man work in UlSl very hard to steal our rights now the poor red have discovered the thievery of a white man he is a speculator and a grfafter lower people working very hard to protect or rights by a pealing our care to congress and further ore poor poople are we I dians in his America white man is like a hungry wolf want to eat my

people down from time to time we want to follow the
white man ways and livin but we are hindered back by
the gover ment officiably y because our lands bring fortune a
and this white man is hungry after us and everytime ain
all the adm inistrations men are hired to look after our
rights they soon fall into speculat on and grafters p licy and
s oon turn to look after where the hidden treasure
to be made forhis side pockets and nonec mpetents I Indians ????
are tied up like lttlee pups and are fed away the speculators
see fit and are man add tip all farmers

who drive around the rese vation to see the Indians how they live and when the Indians own big monies in the hands of this government when I dians went to buy teams these farme s go and see and make the reports to agt or suptends abruptly..

Long time ago

amson Tullee... 1954

Around "little over 70 years of age.

Lives at Harrah. Used to live at atus (prx he pronounced it the Indian way, Setus)

Born and raised in Takima county. Fished in Columbia River at Spearfish and in Yakima River at Tieton, Naches, Cle Elum.

Fishes Ce ilo falls in 1908 and at Spear fish in 1890.

Then efore on wille dam was built used to catch fish up to

am was built and fish were damaged by hitting cement. "Pretty badly damaged."

No big salmon now. Hardly ever. N verany over 100 pounds.

Referred to old custom to share catch of fish with visitors or guests.

Did Umatilles fish there?--Nak Ans. Not until 30 or 40 years back... referring to Celilo and Speno Spearfish.

Gambling.

ames-Pahl-e-yout

Stick and Bone Game

2-Wah luk shaw

wo Card Monte

3- Was in passe

Five-card poker (women only)

The three gambling games of the Yakima are the three games remaining from the period of contact with non-Indians. Of the three of course, only the stick and bone game is Indian.

Horse racing was a major gambling event and there were other games involving athletic skill, participated in by men. Horse racing was participated in by both men and women, always two horses, kwoxmx man against man or a woman's race.

restling was a gambling game and in this the man's body had only to touch the ground when it was considered a "fall." The game was for two out of three falls.

Weight throwing, with a large rock; weight lifting, starting with a flat rock and adding others to it; stopping a rolling hoop by shooting an arrow through it, shinney, apparently an importation like cards and foot racing, again with only two individuals were among the notable gambling games.

These were held at social gatherings, during the food migration season, at the fisheries, the huckleberry grounds and camas digging beds, wherever peoples of various Northwest tribes gathered in numbers.

wagering and competition were always more intense when a team of stick and bone gamble rs were from different tribes, race horses were owned by men from different tribes or foot races, wrestlers or weight" lifters represented other tribes.



2--gambling

Horse racing until later years wasthe predominant gata gambling game of the Yakimas and their neighboring tribes, even before the 'reaty Council of "alla Walla.

As narratedby Puck-Tyah-Toot, Johnny Tomanawash, Jim Looney and others (Tomanawash, is the only one of the three mentioned who is still living) horse racing was always with two horses only and was predominantly between horses of various tribes at the gatherings during food root and other quests.

So established was horse racing that there are certain grounds yet known to the people, which were race tracks.

One in the Kittitas Valley, where the first account of a non-Indian visitor wax to the interior was written more than 150 years ago, was known and easly recognized by signs still left, at the time of pioneer homesteading.

North of Moses Lake was another noted track, and another was in the hills several miles east of Ephrata. Others were located abong the flats at Friest Rapids, near the lower end of the 11 -mile rapids; one was just north of the present town of Union Gap and South of Yakima. The race course near the White Swan long house and park, north of Coppenish Creek, was about three-fourths of a mile northwest of the present White Swan Long House and there were race courses at every food gathering encampment on the dry land flats or edge of meadows in the Simcoe Mountains on the Yakima Indian Reservation.

One of the most extensive was on the Camas Prairie on the southeastern abutment of Mt. Adams. Others were at the various huckleberrying grounds, of which there were over a dozen major ones, all on the Yakima Indian Reservation or not far from it.

Betting was done in this manner:

A man owning a horse would wager blankets or other horses, and money

when it became known to the people, mak no the wager against the owner of another horse. He could "cover" additional bets made by friends or fellow tribesmen of the "opponent". Ex And individual side bets were numerous.

Women wagered bags and other things, peculiar to women, making these wagers against women and sometimes against men.

There were two types of races, one a straight-away, with the start made distant, a mile or two or three miles from the finish. A starter and "judge" accompanied the racers to the distant point, and the rider was usually someone named by the horse owner, although not always.

Two judges were selected to watch the finish line.

In the other type of race, the start was made from the crowd of onlookers, continued to a rock pile pylon, where two judges or inspectors were stationed to see theturn was properly made around the rocks; and then the racers finished at the starting line.

Rammax. Horse races were also run between women, but men owned most of the horses.

Horse races were run between Indians and non-Indians in the days of earliest contact, and the people were quick to appreciated hot blooded lines and to develop racing stock.

And it should be remembered that drinking, adding complications in later years, was unknown to the original inhabitants until contact with non-Indians.

In the days of the earliest fairs, Indian races horse races, together with wagering by Indians and non-Indians, were a feature of entertainment. But with the advent of the automobile and the passing of the horse as a pleasure animal horse racing and wagering became a thing of the past for Indians, except for some who bred and ran race horses on later-day parimutuel tracks, competing against non-indians, or raising race horses which they "leased" our or "farmed" out to trainers and race horse owners; or sold outright, but these were few.

Gambling among the Yakima was not an isolated instance, because in earliest days gambling among Indians of all the Americans was known.

The 24th annual report of the Bureau of American Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1902-100x 1903, and printed in 1907 was the basis for a 25 846 pp publication, well illustrated, deroted entirely to games of the North American Indians. And in 1891 Steward Fulin was invited by Prof F.W. Putnam to prepare and take charge of an exhibit illustrative of the games at the Folumbian Exposition at Thicago. Eventually this led to a systematic collection of specimens of gaming implements of all existing tribes.

Trained ethnologists classified games of the American Indians into two general classes: 1, games of chance; II, games of dexterity. Games of pure skill and calculation, such as chess, were found to be entirely absent. Of these, the games of chance fall into two categories: 1(p.31) games in which implements of the nature of dice are thrown at dandom to

determine a number or numbers and the sum of the counts is kept by means of sticks, peobles etc...2"-"games in which one or more of the players guess in which of two or more places an odd or particularly marked lot is concealed, success or failure resting in the gain or loss of counters...."

"... here is a well-marked affinity and relationship existing
between the manifestations of the same game, even among the most widely
separated tribes. he variations are more in the materials employed
due to environment than in the object or method of play. Precisely the
same games are played by tribes belonging to unrelatedlinguistic stocks,
and in general the var ations do not follow differences in language
"...(p 32)...there is no evidence that any of the games described
were imported into America at any time either before or after the Conquestl

"...reference to games are of common occurrence in the origin myths... (here, life was at stake as the wager..."

On the other hand, they appear to be the direct and natural outgrowth

P. 73.. "William Wood, in his New England's Prospect (London, 1634) relates the following:

""...They have two sorts of games, one called puim and theother hubbub, not much unlike cards and dice......"

Details of the stick and bone games, recovered by explorers and others in early-day contact with the Indians, involude—the Okinagan, of Salashian stock; the Thompson of British Columbia and other northwestern tribes. On p 304 of the prolication appears accounts covering the Shahaptian stock, the Nez Perces of Idaho, Umatilla.

On p 307 of the report:

of aboriginal institutions in America.

"Yakima-Washington. Jack Long informed the writer that the Yakima call the hand game paliote, and that the Klikitat use the same name, while the Dalles Indians call ixxP it pesoguma. The Yakima call the marked

bone walakaki and the white one plush, while the Klickitat call them gouikiha and tgope, respectively.

Pandosy (Father M. Charles Pandosy in Grammer and Dictionary of the Yakima Language, "ew York, 1862,) gives the following definition, "to play with the hand, pal-li-o-sha." (Pandosy was an Oblate missionary of the Catholic faith and with others established the Mission of the Chtanum in 1847).

P. 158

"Shahaptian Stock. Klickitat, "ashington (catalogue No. 20955, Free Museum of Science and Art, University of Pennsylvania)

"three beaver teeth, two marked with five circles with central dot and one with chevrons on flat side. All have ends wrapped with sinew to prevent splitting and one with circles and one with chevrons are wrapped about the middle with sinew. Ollect d by A.B. A verill.

"yakima reservation, Washington. (Cat No. 37512, Free Museum of Science and Art, University of Pennsylvania). Four sticks 5 3/4 inches in length, triangular in section, one side flat and plain and the other two sides marked with dots and cross lines as shown in figure 185. Collected by the writer in 19001 The dice and game are called pomtaliwit. The two sticks marked with cross lines are called walou, man and the two with dots, woman. It is a woman's game played by two persons and counted with twenty counting sticks, il quas. The counts are as follows: All heads up count 2; all tails up, 1; two heads and two tails, 1.

"My informant, a Dalles (Wasco) Indian named Jack Long, stated that the game was also played by the Klickitat and Dalles Indians. he former call the game tskaiwit. The games is played on a blanket and the sticks are tossed p with the hands...."

erald R. Desmond, O.S.B., made "Gamgli g Among the Yakima" the subject of a dessertation in 1952, in partial fulfillment of the

requirements for thedegree of octor of Philosophy, the etholic University of America.

He outlined the study to "describe the gamgling complex as it existed among the Yakima, in the period from 1860 -1880, to see its integration into Y_{akima} culture, and to discover, so far as possible, its functions in that culture..."

and pointed out that no ethnography of this people is available...

He spells the gam stick and bone game palyowit...

He, and other writers, have chronicled that the gamgling games were held in conjunction with religious ceremonies. Other writers have written in the Dureau of American Ethnology American that certain gambling games were religious in nature.

A long bibliography could be cited in which gambling is recognized as aculture of the people, preserved by their scientists and preserved in museums to show that culture

It is important to note that horse racing and other gambling games were participated in by the several tribes gathered at the reaty Council Grounds at "alla Walla in 1855, and these are mentioned, as is betting, by Col. Lawrence Kip, U.S.A. in his personal observations which he wrote "The Indian ouncil at Walla Willa, May and June, 1855, and published in 1897 by the Eugene, Oregon Star Job Office.

Photographs of pione r-day period gambling are available in repository archives, including the collection, "The Papers of Luculus Virgil Mc"horter, edited by welson A. Ault, à 144 pp catalogue containing listinms of written and photographic material.

Fragmentary notes

Feather Game of the Gros V

Click Relander; 3701 Commonwealth, Yakima, Wash.

Source: Percy Bull Child, Piegan living in the Yakima Valley, Wash., with wife and family. Some are married to Yakima 4/4/ degree bloods.

On hand: Specimen, craftsmanship of Bullchild. (purchased from Percy)

He said this was a Gros V game, played in older days bythe group residing near the Star School. Its use long given up.

Beautiful made specimen: Case, like bow case, decorated; handle, forked stick, earth paint colored. Attached Hide case containing oblong counting bones, made of horn, four; small bag of earth paint; twist of sweet grass.

This was a "religious" game, for "life." It was dreamed by a GV woman whose husband was very ill. Freamed how to play it and if she won, her husband would live, if not, he would die.

Men matched against women.

Starts as ceremonial with sweet grass. Hollow out depression in earth, start fire, lift coals into depression with forked stick, put wax on sweet grass.

Counting sticks have bells (foot dance bells) attached to ends.

Sticks for players (2) sticks, tied with bells each end, also Ame icanFlicker feathers, short ties with sinew.

"Leader" holds feathers over smoke of sweetgrass while game "bones" are "hid" much like Sahaptian, Salish stick and bone game. Then at proper time of feeling, leader flicks stick once, twice, and third time. Third time feathers stick out pointing and leader uses feather point to have bone hider declare his hand.

Percy knows better than to try and put off "crafts" on me unless it is something pretty good, and then not too often. But I suspected it was case of wanting a little money and rather than chancehim going to some collector or carrar curio store I took them, hence didn 't go into details of game etc. because I was pretty busy.

Like I mentioned, you're probably well familiar with this, but in case you are not, I'll take photos of the items and also, as I should do this before too long, get detailed explanation from Percy as to this game.

He said in older days people brought sandwiches and such to the meetings, and made a kind of social out of the game.

I asked him if there was a specimen in the Browning Museum, and he said there must be, but he didn 't remember it.

Oscar Billy Harrison, first cousin once removed (or second cousin) of the deceased Billy Peters (Hapu* Should be distr buted

George Schappy, ret c usin, ne-half

John Bassett, first cousin, one-half.

the reci al that the ev dence of records shows that George chappy and John Bassett are related to the decedent as first cousins, whereas appellant scar filly Harrison is shown to be more remotely related to the descedent as a second clusin. That since the hearing appellant discoveredness evi ence which contridicts the evidence of the record as shown to be green before the first cousins of the deceased.

tha said affidavits show that the father of the decea ed Pa-Sha Quot-Tal nath was of the brother of George Schappy's father (Schappy) and was not the broth r of John Bassett's father (Wah Bassett)

all concerned w th pa ernal ancestry of Billie Peters

Oscar B Harrison

My father's name was Billy Harrison

my parents had two children, myself and a dau hter we died severalyears a to leaving no issue. My father was the cone and only child of an-pe-io-uki. San Pe fo Uki, my paternal grandmother was the second of four full blooded daughters of "ah-"e-so-quah-ke (father) and Kum-shup-kum, mother. the other threeOdoo daughters were Klah-at, the eldest; ee-kah-sah, the third and Nah-imp-ka, the young st. The elxest married a indian not a member of the Yak imatribe and her issue swre never

Yakimas, and the claim ng inheritance rights through her have already had their claims rejeted.

The young st died without issue.

See-Kah-Sah the thord had one and on y one child, Billy Peters the dece sed.

Thus my paternal grandmother and the deceased 's mother were sisters, maing my father and the deceased first cousins and hence I am a first c sin onxe removed or second cousin as some figure of Bill e Teters.

Tee-Kah-Sah married Pa-Sha-Suot-ta-nath. Pa sha quot-ta-nath p edeceased See-kah-sah. I do not know that Pa-Sha-quot-ta-nath had any brothers or sisters.

"I am ad ised by persons who knew Pa-sha quot tanath that he had no b others or sisters.

on nov. 25, 1949 eorge Schappy stated twat in his enrollment app ic ton No 21111 t that his paternal grandfather was Quil-Quil-Chin on June 2,1953 and he testified that the deceased paternal grandfather was his w-we-a-nuk. ... He testified that his fahther and the deceased is faither were brothers, which is another way of sayin that his paternal grandfather and thedeceased paternal grandfather were one and the same person which is inconsistent with

s testimony of June 2,1953 and with his enrollment application.

Saide xa..John Bassett stated in h s enrollment ap lication that he did not know who his paternal grandparents w re; hat on ct. 13 h testified herein that h s father's brother was Pa-sah-qu t-ta-nath. On Apr 1 23,1956 to Sohappy gav evidence to the effect that John Bassett's father, Tah Bassett was the brother of the deceased is father but on J90 June 2,1953, the same corge Sohappy had testified that John Bassett's mother was the sister of the deceased's paternal grandfather.

Indian Words ... Innerx process, x Tonk Yakinx, x Xinx Sahappy, Iinx Alba Shawaway.

uffalo, Tchlum

Elk-Yakima cells him Ya Pa Nit. "arm prings Same.

Cle Elum, means wana Wak, next to the hill, next to it.

Enumclah (Enumalaw.

Means Thunder.

Jones Spencer a lietnapum, means small meadow like lawn.

People lived at Packwood, same as Ahtanum people

(Cowlitz says Spencer)

Monastash

monet -- going digging. Tash, place. Monastach.

Moses -- Mom-shus, that was his name. It was an Indian word, Okanogan. It means four in that language I think. Old timers alw ays called him Mo-"hus. White people thought it was Moses.

Johnny Tomalawash

Place Names -- Klickitat xxxx Bridge, Cougar Creek. (Sother earth protectorate)

Klickitat Bridge--place name near Cougar Creek Wach Wikes che--

Cedar bark basket -- Loop Poy or Loup &x Poy.

Superstition about keep people lost. "They were swallowed up by the lake or mountains, because "they" did not them. Had not been there a long time. The earth and wa er know people when they are young but if they forget to go back and forget the earth, they will disappear when they go there.

(This was cited in case of two half breed fishermen lost in 1954 on lake on akima Reservation)

Lots of cases. Baby girl, left sitting on rocks four or five days. Just staied there. Take sleep. Not hungry or thirsty because earth knew her and took care of her.

"I have been to the Klickitat River. I was there when I was small and it remembered me."

Chief Klatoosh, was chief of the Kock Creeks, or rather band called Ematillums. Ematillums were a people separate from the Umatilla.

Old Indian called Yoke was with soldiers at Union Gap. hey were in war party, behind small trenches at Union Gap, where buildings are now located.

He was old when I was you g. "e told of seeing an Indian, on a white horse, who came out and rode back and front of soldiers. They shot at him but their bullets couldn't hurt him. "e had power, the old power. Yoke wore a uniform when he was with the soldiers.

Informant. Eagle Seelatsee.

Moses was a brother of my wife's grandmother. He was over in the simcoe Valley. He tried to get the people there to come over to the Moses reservation and live with him.

Moses was accused of many wrong things by the early settlers who wanted him out of the way so they could have his land, so they could "break" up the Indians.

Moses was a good man and was good to his people.

At the time of the Haller expedition into the Simcoe country, those people fought to protect their country. hen after it was over with Kamiakin's people came along and said give us the mules you have captured. They argued about it. They said the Moses people) you didn't help fight and now you want the whings we have taken from the so diers, So to keep them from taking them, they killed them. That is why the people didn't get along good later."