getting power.

old by John Whiz, a full-blooded Yakima. 1949.

When I was a boy I was sent up to the mountains to get medicine.

An old man went with me. He was my adviser. He told me what I should do to get medicine.

Then he told me: "Put on the se moccasins. He told me, put on this blanket to kee p warm. Then he told me: "Walk to the top of the mountain and stay there all night. Don't be afraid. It will come to you, the power. When you comback, you and they will know whether the power has come or not and whether you will have strong medicine or not.

"When you get the power like that, you can't tell what it is or it will leave you."

I was in training but never got the power.

Another time my uncle killed a grizly bear. He cut the head off and stuck it on a stick and sent me up into the mountains with it. I walke about three-fourths of an hour. It was heavy. I stuck it down in the mountain where the earth was soft. I sat down. Then I looked at it.

"It came to life. I rolled over and knew no more. They took me to camp and next day when I was still that way they called a woman with the power and she told them I was in the ground. She took me out there and worked on me and I got up and got well."

Power and Power songs.

Informant. John Whiz, full bl oded Yakima who lived at celilo.

Story of getting power at Maryhill along river.

here ar fivesteps there. The boys go to top and pull blanket over.

Not afraid. Something comes and hits the boardood brush. Then the boy disappears. He moves down to the next step. Same thing happens when he hides under the blanket. Then he came to the last. There are spiders and snakes there and things like that Only one man went throughall five of them.

ne had five songs. he could wish for anything and get it. he could turn belts into rattlesnakes and shells and beads into lizards.

Jim Moses, uncle of John Moses lives at aryhill.

Then west on Prosperity avenue.

Moses was some relation to Chief Moses of the Colmibias. The Columbias never fought with the whites. We were good to them.

Tommy Thompson is chiefat Celilo.

Stories: Maryhill country. Celilo.

Told by John Whiz, full bl oded Yakima who lived there. 1949.

There was a man who met the mermaids at Maryhill o r near Celilo. He left his wife and children and went into the falls to live. with the mermaids. He was never seen again.

Other people saw him. hey saw him walk into the water.

He would go fishing the e. Then he never caughtany fish because he was so taken up with the woman who lived there in the pool. That was before 1890.

His woman livedfor awhile by herself and then she married.

There is a story told by the Nez Perce or by the Indians down toward Idaho. It is about a man who went away too.

He learned to fly like the white swans. He would go out and come back, his clothes all scratched up. Then he told his wife. I am going to live with the swans. He went away.

He told her before he went away. When you hear them flying over and calling, will be with them.

Tears later a man of his village was out hunting. He heard a swan calling and he looked up and and there he saw the man he used to know, flying over and he was a swan. He saw him and recognized him.

He spoke to him too.

The man had wings like a swan and face and feet like a man. They recognized each other and talked to each other and then the man who was a swan flew away.

Indian Legends.

ource: John Whiz

1949

Origin- Yakima, other tribes. gabout same) source uncertain

Coyote trotting along one day, met another coyote. Stopped to argue.

Oh, you are coyote too, he said to the stranger. No, I'm not coyote. (argue-argue-showing different features.

Bet . Then trot off together where Indians were,

Indians saw 00000 oyote running along riage. "Oh, there goes coyote they said. Strager then trotted along. "Oh, there is another one they said. (Hames of oyote and "There is Another One) spoken in Indian.)

See, said the stranger to Coyote. I'M There is Another One, not coyote...

Indian legends

Yakima and Wife, Nez
Perce. common throuhout
all tries in OGentua

and up and down river . "Not much change, they said:

Beautiful Indian girl, daughter of chief. Everyone wanted to marry but she wouldn't marry. Then she became pregnant, had baby son.

Chief called all men together, sat girl down, set men in circle. Said, I'm going to see who is father. aby cried incessantly since its birth. Sent around placing baby in lap of all men but baby kept on crying. Coyote wanted to marry daughter, when baby placed on his lap he put hand over mouth to try and stop aby but baby kept on crying.

After few days of trying everyone had been tested but very old and dirty man, who had to live off by himself, just succoded in ragged tepes, Made small, macdoded made of onaspinad magpie skins. Surrounded by ring of rocks. Old man ridiculed, finally chiecasaid, must try him, he is the last.

aby placed on old man's lap stopped crying. irl then confessed she had visited old man and rubbed hot rocks on her stomach because she liked to.

there while other Indians migrated to hunting grounds.

or sweat house. See Sweat house it tured out to be on 600 further questioning. Told herto go outside and wait for five days while he sweated and instructed her that when she came in after five days not to look at him. Sweat d. Came back after five days.

"sked her which side of the tent she wanted to sleep on and she picked place, he smoothed out dirt in tent so and so (cupped motions with hands.) When she awoke she found herself in fine deerskin

tent, many deerskin things and other clothing hanging on walls, piles & @@d@d@d@dddd skin bags in corners, food etc. Looked across and saw fine handsomeyoung man there. He told her not tobe afraid, he was her husband, the old man. She loved him dearly. Said she wanted vengeance on her father and people for forsaking them to die. He went out rounded up all game, all deer of each kind and put them

in corral so other Indians couldn't find anything to eat. Months go all mighty hunters (lions, tigers, other animals and birds we don't have now by, other Indians, living distant, starving, winter, no game, etc. (who was snow white)

Then raven remembered girl who was formerly his friend, thought of her and old man back at the old place. He flew high up and away over to place, saw fine teepee there, landed. greeted by Indian and wife, taken in, saw lots of food there, hungry, dined heavily. wanted to take some back to his chiddren. "arned not to tell anyone, packed bag of food, away he flew, crept into camp at night, told children to eat quietly.

Magpie came along and saw, asked wher came from, promised not to tell. he flew away to old place told story of starvation, pleaded for children, given food, flew home. children ate and then went about village telling... othes asked magpie. said ask or or aven. he refused to tell. people tied him up spread eagle and set fire. smoke blackened him and made him baack too which he remains tody. finally he had to tell.

all Cod Cansdoa CHOCO Odpd Addd Owdfild people packed up and went back to old place; chief went first; girl wanted to punish further but story of sad plight told, starving children etc. Chief promised to make girl's husband powerful among tribe. He was made so and became Eagle, the king of the forest...

(Informant said, regarding frequent story of coyote being brought back to life by fox, that on when coyote was killed for jumped back and for the cross coyote five times -- always five times.)