

so his son swallowed it, that he, likewise, might never be killed by a bullet. And he never was.¹

Hootschope (Four Legs)² was one of the big chiefs of our tribe, when it was at Lake Winnebago. I have often heard of him as a great man and a mighty warrior. There are only two descendants of his, now living. One of these is a woman, named Good Cloud, who lives near Tomah; she has a son named Good Bear. The other descendant of Hootschope is a boy, Will Dandy, who goes to school at the Wittenberg mission on the Lake Shore railroad. Will Dandy has two cousins, also living at Wittenberg.

Black Wolf had a village on Lake Winnebago, near Fond du Lac, when I was a boy. He was a large man, much respected, and the war-chief of the tribe. He died at the Portage, many years ago.

Karrymaunee, of whom I have spoken before, has but one descendant now living; and he lives at Stevens Point. Little Elk, the uncle of Karrymaunee, was a big man, a wise man, an orator. Little Elk was a good Indian. I knew him well.

Waukoncauhaga (Snake Skin), whom the whites called Washington Decorah,³ had a village in early times, at the head waters of De Soto Creek, below La Crosse. He died at the Blue Earth agency many years ago,—perhaps 25 years ago, when the white men were fighting each other.⁴

Grizzly Bear was another chief whom I knew. He had a village in the neighborhood of Fox Lake. But that is so long ago, that I scarcely remember him.

¹ The reader will not fail to notice this practical example of the curiosities of myth-making. Tecumseh was killed by a bullet at the Battle of the Thames (Oct. 5, 1813), and did not die of old age; many Winnebagoes from Wisconsin, friends of Spoon, saw him die, and yet here is a Winnebago tale-teller who remembers only a mythical Tecumseh, who resembles a Greek god. This Tecumseh myth is equaled by the Black Hawk myths referred to *post*, p. 465, *note*.—Ed.

² *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, x., p. 114, *note*.—Ed.

³ *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, ii., pp. 260, 262; v., pp. 156, 297, 307. In 1832 he was reported to be 84 years of age.—Ed.

⁴ During the War of Secession.—Ed.