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--in that lodge--this Buffalo Woman's Lodge. There's two that come from respectable families. They're selected by the tribe to represent the calves of the buffalo. They sit on the west side--they sit different places(?)--and they must be about the age--in the Arapaho way--before they wear the belt outside, (wearing of a concho belt about the waist may have been a symbol of a woman's status) because they strip from the shoulders down to the waist, and they sit there. And while these other women takes out--goes to several directions--go down, say about a mile towards the river, and then they go this way, and maybe come back from the south or west--and they wear buffalo helmets like they was horns. And they carry bundle. I don't know what it is. Shawl or bundle or something. Then when they dance, they have whistles in their mouth. And I don't know those songs. The last one I saw was in 1888 over here by Greenfield. I was just a kid then. And when they dance, they turn their heads this way, you know, and they whistle--sssss, sssss--but their songs are sung, them drums. And those girls sit there as calves. Those girls just died here in the last two years. Mildred Crow died three years ago. She was about eighty-eight when she died. She was one of the calves. And the other one I think died before that--she was about the same age. They were the calves of the last lodge over here northeast of Greenfield.

DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CEREMONIAL LODGES

(What happened to these lodges--why did they disappear?)

Well, there has to be trained men to conduct these--like this Mystery Lodge man has got to handle this Water Drippers, because