

help to locate the guilty party who had committed this outrageous evil. The boulders that were heated outside the booth were sent in by some one qualified to do so and these were placed in the centre of the booth which was well prepared beforehand. Then one of the medicine men recited some words of honor to the sacred stone and poured some cold water upon the boulders. The booth was now filled with the vapor -- rather unbearable. The second application of water upon the boulders was administered by another medicine man in the same manner. After this they wiped themselves with sage and the ceremony concludes by Sitting Bull's report of the findings of the sacred stone . He made the following announcement.

"The party who had committed this great wrong shall meet a very serious accident in front of Black Bird's tipi by being thrown off a horse which would come to pass within a short space of time."

Two days after, young men were breaking horses for riding purposes, in the center of the camp circle more as a sort of showing off their skill in rough handling of horses.

A young man rode a very vicious outlaw. The animal, instead of bucking at the start, ran away with rider through the camp and just as it got in front of Black Bird's tipi, through some mishap, the horse's front foot was caught into a gopher hole, turned-turtle and landed on the top of the rider crushing him instantly.

It was a hard thing to say whether or not this was the guilty party.