

The Sioux Indian legend of the Migration of Birds of the Black Hills Country. Story by Chief Sitting Bull - Retold by his nephew, One Bull - Translated by Robert P. Highagle.

The Chief by a golden winged woodpecker  
The Sitting Bull was once saved from the devouring  
of the bear in a dream, took special interest in birds  
of all ~~birds~~<sup>and their</sup> and often dreamed of them, singly  
and in groups and has many interesting stories to  
tell about the bird kingdom.

A council of all species of birds was called  
by Wanblee, the eagle - the bird that enjoys the highest  
supremacy over all the rest of the fowls of the air.

The object of the council was, to determine which birds  
are to remain in the Black Hills Country during the colder  
seasons. The spot, now known as Rapid City Municipal  
Park was designated as the place to hold the council.

The time to hold this meeting was during summer  
season just as soon as all nestlings were full grown  
- about the forepart of the month of June. This being  
definitely decided, Wanblee appointed Hinhan - the owl,  
manager and chief of the council.

Hinhan, at once, assigned all Cetan hotanka - the  
noisy Jays Birds to act as heralds. They got busy  
and made the announcements every where to all the birds.

Some of the birds cared very little about the proposed  
meeting. They did not think that such a move was  
necessary as they feel that the Great Spirit had created  
them to enjoy all freedom and always led a free,