

This is what I know. This is all that I can tell at this time. Maybe more something else some other time. I'm going to turn in English a few words which I talk about the children's medicine--little tiny babies something like that. I'm going to term in Cherokee--what I mean. (speaks Cherokee for about two minutes.)

A STORY WHICH SAM WROTE - PROPHECY

This is a story that I wrote. It is "The Wise Men." It is told that in the early days of the Old Nation, seven wives and a Holy man went together to a pretty valley in the mountains to seek knowledge of the future. Of all of the seven tribes of the Nation, these seven men were the most truthful, the most faithful, the most heedful and the most and well-born of all the tribes. They carried the medicine deerskin and medicine tobacco and did all the Holy things along the way. And when they came to pretty valley they spread out the deerskin in the center and prayed saying they came with humbleness, to seek truth and share it with the people. Then they blew smoke over the deerskin, each in turn and there was the smoke raise for a sign from God. And when this was finished they went and prophesized to the people the marvels that had been seen. And one was that man would someday fly in the air and another was that the tracks of the Cherokee would someday lead west to the valley of the Mississippi, never to return. And another was that there would be a school to teach knowledge to all the people. But a fourth prophesy said that in after times young people would return from the school and point really to the old men of the tribe and say they were of no account because they knew nothing. The people considered this a long time, and wondered what the great wisdom might be taught in these schools that the children should point to the old people and talk in this way. And now I'm going to try and tell it in Cherokee. (speaks in Cherokee language for several minutes.)