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"Remarks...on 'Applegate Creek Indians' [Dakubētēdē] and  
'Nabiltse'". 1886. T. D. 1 p.

Concerns tribal relations and the identification of  
a vocabulary by "Hazen" said to be Applegate, but  
which Dorsey maintains are from an unidentified  
Athapascan tribe. Dorsey reveals that the term Nabiltse  
means merely "man" and is not the name of any particular  
Oregon Athapascan group. (See card 2.)

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remarks by J. Owen Dorsey on "Applegate Creek Indians" and "Nabiltse."

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Gibbs, in letter to Hazen, 1856, calls the Applegate Creek Inds., Spena or Do-dah-ho. Hazen has an Applegate vocabulary, which MR. Gatschet says is a dialect of He-wüt. W.E. Everett, in 1883, says that Nabiltse includes the Applegate Cr. and Coquille R. Inds., on grande Ronde Res. I spent two days in studying this question, and at last learned the following: The term Nabilt-se was obtained by Gibbs from a stray Indian on the Klamath in 1851. He could not find out whether it was the name of a tribe, or that of a band. Gibbs says, "It proves to be somewhat similar to the Applegates." The informant, a boy, spoke only a little Chinook. The words of this short vocabulary are evidently belong to an Athapascan dialect, but the name of the tribe is not given. Nabiltse occurs as the word for man, and nabiltse, as that for Indian, people. Hazen called Nabiltse, Up-pa (Hoopa). But I find that Gibbs' Nabiltse vocab. is distinct from Hazen's Applegate (marked Nabiltse), and from the Dakube tede or Applegate Creek vocab. which I gained. Gibbs' Nabiltse is nearer to the Tutu tunne, Wailakki and Henagga, than to the Hupa. Besides, I do not see how Everett could class the Applegate Creek Inds. and those of the Coquille Upper Coquille, Miçiqwut-me tunne) as Nabiltse.

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