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them to me. With them I armed my  
bravest warriors, and with <sup>the</sup> soldiers  
we drove back our enemies, making in  
numbers on all sides. They were the  
Great Father's enemies too, and now we  
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to fight and kill my people now  
come to see ~~at~~ me, all of them. I  
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~~like arrows~~ on the hills -  
~~when the Great Father~~ the -  
~~Shoshones~~

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 Shoshones to settle down on a  
 Reservation of their own. Washburn  
 chose the Wind River ~~Valley~~  
~~Canyon~~ Basin as the home  
 of his tribe. His choice was a  
 wise one - for at the time  
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 productiveness - beauty &c.  
 - At the request of the  
 Government - he received his  
 traditional enemies - the Arapahos,  
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 a portion of his land as  
 their home.

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Washchi had the day —  
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selling of his land in several  
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— Also Washchi Pueblo.

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nearly 40 years ago -

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- 5 children survive out of  
a family of 10 - Grand-  
children are numerous -

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- or Old Father as he called  
him - with reverence. Loving  
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called the 90 Epox Church  
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- Story of the pompous young  
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paper -

His ~~letter~~ - gift of 160  
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