Sarah Winnemucca

* Indian name: Thocmetony or Shell flower

* Born in 1844, near the Sink of the Humbolt River in Nevada

* Died on October 14, 1891, in Monida, Montanta

* Interpreter for the United States Army
* Chief of the Paiute tribe
* Author of *Life Among the Paiutes: Their wrongs and claims, (1883)*
* Chief Interpreter for General Oliver Otis Howard
* Spokeswoman for not only the Paiute tribe, but for many Native Americans
* Founder of one of the first schools for Native American children
* Lecturer about Indian injustices
* Wife of L.H. Hopkins, an Army officer
* Active citizen on the United States
* Teacher of English and many other subjects
* Friend to many Native Americans and Americans

“I Sarah Winnemucca, am a shell-flower, such as I wear on my dress. My name is Thocmetony. I am so beautiful! Who will come and dance with me while I am so beautiful? Oh come and be happy with me! I shall be happy while the earth lasts. Somebody will always admire me; and who will come and be happy with me in Spirit-land? I shall be beautiful forever there. Yes, I shall be more beautiful than my shell-flower, my Thocmetony!”

“I have been sincere with my own people... as well as with my white brothers... Alas, how truly our women prophesied when they told my dear old grandfather that his white brothers, whom he loved so much, would bring sorrow to his people...”