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ESCAPE OF SIX FRENCHMEN FROM THE HOSTILES.

The following named men to wit: John Dumeck, M. Glotiny, G. Dizet, Le Bachebri, Victor Critien and C. Jaiet, Frenchmen living on the opposite side of Salmon river opposite and below the mouth of White Bird, made their escape from the hostiles a little after 12 M. on Friday 29th, under the following circumstances. They had taken the alarm at the first outbreak on the eve of the 15th and fled and secreted themselves in the hills and ravines back of them and below, and had repeatedly changed their position to elude discovery by the Indians. When Gen. Howard's command marched down to Salmon river they saw the troops from their hiding places and thought they were safe and started to come towards them. They met three Chinamen going over towards Snake river, who informed them that the route to the soldiers was occupied by the Indians all along their side of Salmon. They then turned their course down Salmon and proceeded about 20 mi'es and came to a cabin in the bank only observable from the river side, here they remained concealed till Friday noon, when as they were about to take some refreshments, all at once five Indians were in front of the cabin with their guns pointed at them. The Indians demanded of them to deliver up their arms, which they did, consisting of three shot guns. A demand was made for their money which in all amounted to about $100. This they also gave up. The Indians then told them to get away as quick as possible. They were permitted to cross to the north side of the river unmolested and they made over the mountain towards Lewiston via Lake Waha. They camped that night on the mountain and arrived at French Louis' above this place on Saturday night and came into town Sunday. They have had no opportunity to know the number of the Indians as they could never see th:m all from their hiding places. Some of these men are owners of a large band of cattle, about 1,000 head, and 28 head of horses, which were grazing on the table lands between Salmon and Snake rivers, all of which have fallen into the hands of the Indians. Mr. Huzzy was secreted with these men for several days after the outbreak, but left them and ventured across Salmon river near the mouth of Rocky canyon and succeeded in reaching Mt. Idaho in safety. Several of these men witnessed the attack on Benedict on the 15th from a distance and many particulars they give of the attack which we have not space to publish now.

DECEIVED DUPED AND MURDERED.

Recent events must have developed the fact that the managers at the Agency at Lapwai, and through them the commander of the Lapwai Garrison and their superior Gen. Howard, have all mistaken the animus of Joseph, the chief of the Salmons and the followers of both in regard to their purpose and preparations to go upon the war path. Nor have they understood the defection that existed among the Indians upon the reservation. Had they comprehended the true situation or had they taken the ordinary indices of the Indian outbreak, such as men of long experience among hostiles would have taken as evidences of bad faith, they most certainly would have had in readiness and employed the precautionary measures of a show of force and power in the government, such as would have averted the blow which has fallen upon our settlers by the murder of the defenseless and the destruction of property. But not only have the representatives of the Indian and War Departments who have been among us been grossly deceived in this respect and duped by the profession of good faith on the part of these outlaws, but even our own citizens who have been long among them, been lulled into a feeling of security, such as they would not have had, were they not implicitly relying upon the representatives of the Indian and War Departments to maintain all things secure against any outbreak when the time culminated that these outlaws should under the orders of the Government remove upon the reservation. For years since the treaty of '67 these outlaws have virtually roamed at their will without molestation in spite of their treaty obligations to go upon the reservation and the Indian Department has merely winked at their unbridled license so long as they committed no open acts of hostility to settlers among whom they roamed. Thus the Indians have been indulged on the basis that they would never go to war. In this they thought the government was indifferent to their coming upon the reserve and that it was powerless to place them there and not liking the administration there, resorted to hostilities when the imperative order came for them to go. Hence the murders and the war.

REPORTED INDIAN COUNCIL

A few days since a gentleman from British Columbia arrived in this city en route to San Francisco. On his way down to Portland he passed through the Spokane country. When some distance beyond the Columbia river, he fell in with an old Indian chief who was called "Priest." This Indian had only about 100 people in his tribe, including men, women and children. From "Priest," the gentleman learned for the first time of the massacre of the whites on Salmon river which, as may well be supposed was startling news. The old chief informed him that all the Indians in that region knew of the massacre; that they had held a council but a few days before at which all the tribes of Indians in that region were represented. These Indians had met and discussed the matter among themselves as to whether or not they should join the hostile party. "Priest" said that after a long consultation they came to this conclusion: If the government persisted in its course of compelling by armed force, if necessary, Chief Joseph and his band to go on to the reservation, then they all proposed to join against the whites. This information comes in a roundabout way and should be taken with some degree of allowance, but there may be some truth in what the old chief said after all.—*Oregonian*, June 24.

Father Cataldo who is well acquainted with the Indians of the section of country spoken of in the above and he tells us that he knows of no Indian called "Priest" in that section, nor has he been knowing to any council of tribes at which any such conclusion had been arrived at as spoken of by this "Priest." If there be foundation for this story it must have originated among Indians along the Columbia above Priest Rapids.

IN TOWN.—Colonel Perry upon request of General Sully came from Lapwai to Lewiston on Tuesday morning for consultation.