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THE VIGILANTES OF MONTANA.

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A FULL AND COMPLETE HISTORY OF

THE CHASE, CAPTURE, TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF ALL THE OUTLAWS WHO FIGURED IN THE BLOODY DRAMA.

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CHAPTER XX.

THE CAPTURE AND EXECUTION OF BOONE HELM, JACK GALLAGHER, FRANK PARISH, HAZE LYONS AND CLUB-FOOT GEORGE (LANE).

"'Tis joy to see the engineer hoist
With his own petard."—SHAKSPEARE.

The effect of the executions noticed in the foregoing Chapters, was both marked and beneficial. There was much to be done, however, to insure anything like lasting peace to the community. Ives, Yager, Brown, Plummer, Stinson, Ray, Pizanthia and Wagner, were dead; but the five villains whose names head this Chapter, together with Bunton, Zachary, Marshland, Shears, Cooper, Carter, Graves, Hunter and others, were still at large, and were supported by many others equally guilty, though less daring and formidable as individuals.

Threats of vengeance had been made, constantly, against the Vigilantes, and a plot to rob several stores in Virginia had nearly matured, when it was discovered and prevented. Every man who had taken part in the pursuit of the criminals whose fate has been recorded, was marked for slaughter by the desperadoes, and nothing remained but to carry out the good work so auspiciously begun, by a vigorous and unhesitating severity, which should know no relaxation until the last blood-stained miscreant that could be captured had met a felon's doom.

On the evening of the 13th of January, 1864, the Executive Committee, in solemn conclave assembled, determined on hanging six of them forthwith. One of the doomed men—Bill Hunter—suspecting danger managed to crawl away, along a drain-ditch, through the line of the pickets that surrounded the town, and made his escape. He was badly frozen by exposure to the cold, and before his capture, was discovered by J. A. Slade, while lying concealed under a bed, at a ranche, and told that the Vigilantes were after him, which information caused him to move his quarters to Gallatin valley, where he was caught and executed soon after, as will appear in the course of this narrative.

While the Committee were deliberating in secret, a small party of the men who were at that moment receiving sentence of death, were gathered in an upper room at a gambling house, and engaged in betting at faro. Jack Gallagher suddenly remarked, "While we are here betting, those Vigilante sons of —— are passing sentence on us." This is considered to be the most remarkable and most truthful saying of his whole life; but he might be excused telling the truth, once, as it was entirely accidental.

Express messengers were sent to warn the men of the neighboring towns, in the gulch, and the summons was instantly obeyed.

Morning came—the last on Earth that the five desperadoes should ever behold. The first rays of light showed the pickets of the Vigilantes stationed on every eminence and point of vantage round the city. The news flew like lightning through the town. Many a guilty heart quaked with just fear, and many an assassin's lip turned pale and quivered with irrepressible terror. The detachments of Vigilantes, with compressed lips and echoing footfall, marched in from Nevada, Junction, Summit, Pine Grove, Highland and Fairweather, and halted in a body in the main street. Parties were immediately detailed for the capture of the Road Agents, and all succeeded in their mission, except the one which went after Bill Hunter, who had escaped.

Frank Parish was brought in first. He was arrested without trouble, in a store, and seemed not to expect death. He took the executive officer on one side, and asked, "What am I arrested for." He was told, "For being a Road Agent and thief, and accessory to the murders and robberies on the road." At first he pleaded innocent; but at last he confessed his complicity with the gang, and admitted being one of the party that robbed the coach between Bannack and Virginia, and that he was guilty of stealing horses and stock for them. He used to butcher stolen cattle, and attend to the commissariat business. He gave some directions about articles of clothing belonging to him, and the settlement of some debts. Until his confession, it was not known that he had any share in the robbery of the coach.

Club-Foot George (George Lane) was arrested at Dance & Stuart's. He was living there, and working at odd times. He was perfectly cool and collected, and inquired the reason of his arrest, as Parish had done previously. On receiving the same answer, he appeared surprised, and said, "If you hang me, you will hang an innocent man." He was told that the proof was positive, and that if he had any preparation to make he must do it at once, as his sentence was death. He appeared penitent and sat down for some time, covering his face with his hands. He then asked for a minister, and one being immediately sent for, he talked and prayed with him till the procession to the gallows was formed. In his pocket-book was found an extract from a western newspaper, stating that George Lane, the notorious horse-thief, was Sheriff of Montana. Lane was a man of iron nerve: he seemed to think no more of the hanging than a man would of eating his breakfast.

Boone Helm was brought in next. He had been arrested in front of the Virginia Hotel. Two or three were detailed for his capture, of whom he would entertain no suspicion, and they played their part, apparently, so carelessly and well, that he was seized without being able to make any effort at resistance. A man at each arm, and one behind, with a cocked revolver, brought him to the rendezvous. He lamented greatly that he "had no show," when taken, as he said. "They would have had a gay old time taking me, if I had known what they were after." His right hand was in a sling. He quietly sat down on a bench, and oh being made acquainted with his doom, he declared his entire innocence. He said, "I am as innocent as the babe unborn; I never killed any one, or robbed or defrauded any man; I am willing to swear it on the Bible." Anxious to see if he really was so abandoned a villain as to swear this, the book was handed to him, and he, with the utmost solemnity, repeated an oath to that effect, invoking most terrific penalties on his soul, in case he was swearing falsely. He kissed the book most impressively. He then addressed a gentleman, and asked him to go into a private room. Thinking that Boone wanted him to pray with him, he proposed to send for a clergyman; but Boon said, "You'll do." On reaching the inner room, the prisoner said, "Is there no way of getting out of this?" Being told that there was not, and that he must die, he said, "Well, then, I'll tell you, I did kill a man named Shoot, in Missouri, and I got away to the West; and I killed another chap in California. When I was in Oregon, I got into jail, and dug my way out with tools that my squaw gave me." Being asked if he would not tell what he knew about the gang, he said, "Ask Jack Gallagher; he knows more than I do." Jack, who was behind a partition, heard him, and burst out into a volley of execrations, saying that it was just such cowardly sons of —— and traitors that had brought him into that scrape.

Helm was the most hardened, cool and deliberate scoundrel of the whole band, and murder was a mere pastime to him. He killed Mr. Shoot, in Missouri, (as will be afterwards narrated,) and testimony of the most conclusive character, showed that his hands were steeped in blood, both in Idaho and since his coming to the Territory. Finding that all his asseverations and pleas availed him nothing, he said, "I have dared death in all its forms, and I do not fear to die." He called repeatedly for whiskey, and had to be reprimanded several times for his unseemly conduct.

The capture of Lyons, though unattended with danger, was effected only by great shrewdness. He had been boarding at the Arbor Restaurant, near the "Shades." The party went in. The owner said he was not there, but that they might search, if they liked. The search was made, and was ineffectual. He had left in the morning. During the search for Lyons, Jack Gallagher was found, in a gambling room, rolled up in bedding, with his shot-gun and revolver beside him. He was secured too quickly to use his weapons, if, indeed, he had had the courage; but his heart failed him, for he knew that his time was come. He was then taken to the place of rendezvous.

In the meantime, the other party went after Haze Lyons, and found that he had crossed the hill, beyond the point overhanging Virginia, and, after making a circuit of three miles through the mountains, he had come back to within a quarter of a mile of the point, from which he started to a miner's cabin, on the west side of the gulch, above town. At the double-quick, the pursuers started, the moment they received the information. The leader threw open the door, and, bringing down his revolver to a present, said, "Throw up your hands." Lyons had a piece of hot slap-jack on his fork; but dropped it instantly, and obeyed the order. He was told to step out. This he did at once. He was in his shirt-sleeves, and asked for his coat, which was given to him. He was so nervous that he could hardly get his arms into it. A rigid search for weapons was made; but he had just before taken off his belt and revolver, laying them on the bed. He said that that was the first meal he had sat down to with any appetite, for six weeks. Being told to finish his dinner, he thanked the captain, but said he could eat no more. He then inquired what was going to be done with him, and whether they would hang him. The captain said, "I am not here to promise you anything; prepare for the worst." He said, "My friends advised me to leave here, two or three days ago." The captain asked why he did not go. He replied that he had "done nothing, and did not want to go." (He was one of the murderers of Dillingham, in June, '63, and was sentenced to death, but spared, as before related.) The real reason for his stay, was his attachment for a woman in town, whose gold watch he wore when he died on the scaffold. He was asked if he had heard of the execution of Plummer, Buck Stinson and Ned Ray. He replied that he had; but that he did not believe it. He was informed that it was true in the following words, "You may bet your sweet life on it." He then inquired, "Did they fight?" and was informed that they did not; for that they had not any opportunity. By this time they had arrived at the rendezvous, and Lyons found himself confronted by some familiar faces.

Jack Gallagher came in swearing, and appeared to be inclined to pretend that the affair was a joke, asking, "What the h—l is it all about?" and saying, "This is a pretty break, ain't it?" Being informed of his sentence, he appeared much affected, and sat down, crying; after which he jumped up, cursing in the most ferocious manner, and demanded who had informed of him. He was told that it was "Red, who was hung at Stinkingwater." He cursed him with every oath he could think of. He said to himself, "My God! must I die in this way?" His general conduct and profanity were awful; and he was frequently rebuked by the chief of the Executive.

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