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lifeless expression and was without the slightest indication of physical pain. The rope had hardly left a mark. The people stood around the coffin and gazed for a moment at his face. It had not ceased snowing and the great soft flakes dropped silently down on his dead body as though to form a white mantle for the wicked past. The other Indians were cut down, but not a trace of suffering was seen on their faces. They will be buried to-day at St. Ignace's mission with the services of the Catholic church. The physicians did not make post-mortem examinations, but all unite in the belief that the necks of the four men were dislocated at the first shock. Those present who had seen the execution were sure that this must have been the case. They say that it was the most remarkable execution known in the western country, from the fact that the men died without a struggle under the drop system. One gentleman who has assisted at many similar occasions says that a neck is broken on an average but twice out of ten times when the man falls.

After the bodies had been laid away the spectators left the enclosure and the place resumed its former appearance save for the four white pine boxes in the corner. The crowd turned up the streets and in a few minutes boys were yelling "Extra, all about the hanging party!" This was because Messrs. Mollinelli and Collins had furnished a special twelve o'clock edition of the Missoula Gazette, containing a graphic illustrated report of everything in connection with the tragedy. It was a rare piece of journalistic enterprise and met with prompt appreciation. After dinner the crowd hastened to the music of a military band and then moved down to the depot.

On the platform were the four pine boxes each tagged for Livalla. They contained forms that once belonged to very bad Indians. They are very good Indians now if we are to believe the traditional axiom.

THE CRIMES

Why Four Cowardly Murderers Were Sent to the Gallows

The four Indians who died this morning richly deserved death. More cowardly or wholly uncalculated for murders were never committed in Montana. These were the results of the Indian's inherited love of killing a white man and the methods were quite in keeping with the Indian style of warfare.

During the past two years several mysterious murders have occurred near and in the Indian reservations in western Montana. Prosecutors would start out for that section of the country and never return. When found a few bleaching bones alone remained to tell the story of a cowardly and cruel murder. While there was little doubt that these men were killed by murderous red skins, it was exceedingly difficult to detect the actual authors of the crimes. Finally Sheriff Houston determined to hunt the murderers down and bring them to justice if possible. The successful results of this work was finished to-day are largely due to his indomitable and fearless courage. He organized a posse and started after the Indian devils and his efforts never ceased until the four murderers were dangling at the ends of the hangman's cords. As the sheriff fully acknowledges, much credit for the successful issue is due to Reens or Big Knife, chief of the Kootenai tribe. His friendship for the whites and his sense of justice united in urging him to assist the sheriff in every way. He was a prominent figure at the trials and will be remembered with much gratitude by the white people and officers of the law in Missoula county.

The crime for which Pascale was executed dates back to the spring of 1889, when a traveler named J. M. Dunn arrived at Post Falls, Idaho, from Iowa. As subsequently appeared he came to the west in search of health and fortune. At Post Falls he purchased an outfit and started away into the country about the Flathead lake, after first leaving word that he would go to Horse Plains. He was never again seen alive nor was anything heard of him until last spring when the bones and clothing of an unknown man were found at Angel Hill, a point between Dayton Creek and Demersville. Mr. Scott, the landlady at Post Falls, afterward recognized the garments as those worn by Dunn when he had started for the lake. He had evidently been murdered, but how or when the affair occurred was not known. But for the assistance of Antoine Finney, a friendly Indian, it is probable that the history of the crime would never have been made known. It was while a hunting near Angel Hill that Antoine discovered the bones. He was a member of the Fond d'Oreille tribe. A few days afterward he visited a band of Kootenais and there incidentally referred to the discovery. Pascale, a Kootenai, who was present, promptly replied that he knew all about the matter for he had killed the white man and had hid the body near Angel Hill. He stole \$2,000 from Dunn, but he was never arrested. Antoine told the confession to the officers and Sheriff Houston organized a posse and arrested Pascale. At the trial he claimed that he was innocent and in self-defense. It was, however, shown by witnesses that the murder was deliberate and cold blooded. Antley, who is the youngest member of the jury, and is a young boy, also met his death for killing a prospector. Three years ago last fall six Kootenai Indians started out from Pleasant valley for Tobacco plains where a snow dance was in progress. Among the party were John Anna, Koosta, Antoine, Domie, Jerome and Antley. All were boys and apparently had no money. They were hunting when they started out. The first day's journey carried them to Wolf creek, where they encamped for the night. A party of white men had also encamped in the neighborhood. Jerome without any good reason proposed to the Indians to go out and kill the white men. The proposition was made simply as a joke, but it had some fun. It met with instant favor and all started out for the camp of the white men. They crawled along until within a few rods of the camp. John Anna raised his gun and fired. Two of the white men fell and the third tried to escape. He was followed and was shot down. When the murderer was heard of the miners started after the Indians. They caught Jerome and John Anna and lynched them but the others, including Antley, were released from custody. Young Antley swore that he did not fire any of the shots but Antoine swore that the last and fatal shot was fired by the boy. The jury needed but a few minutes to decide that he was a murderer.

Pierre Paul and La-La-See were quite as cowardly and bloodthirsty as the others. In September, 1889, they and Antoine, Pierre Paul, Larry Finley and La-La-See, and a Kootenai Indian named John, formed a party which stopped over night at La-La-See's place in the valley on the Flathead reservation. The next morning La-La-See went out to water his horse and upon returning reported to his friends that two white men were near one of the white men where they were going. The man answered, "so Missoula," and then with his companion he started down the railroad track. After they had turned, La-La-See fired, killing one of the men, while Pierre Paul killed the other. These facts were clearly developed at the trial, and the jury found little difficulty in convicting them.

The capture and trials of these murderers form an interesting feature in the criminal history of Montana. Pierre Paul and La-La-See were chased nearly to the British line. They had sworn never to be taken alive, but the sheriff and his posse surrounded them and forced a surrender. Pascale and Antley were afterwards captured. The trials were conducted through an interpreter, Judge Marshall presiding. Little difficulty was found in securing overwhelming evidence for conviction. As will be noticed in the dates the crimes run back for some years. The officers of the law were aroused to their full duty when the crimes became so serious as to nearly stop the popular uprising in Missoula county. The capture and conviction involved a large expenditure of money, but the officers of Missoula county say that it is a very good investment. The execution will have a most salutary effect on the murderous members of

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