

Wms. Split-Ears Aug 12 (1)

2 Riders came to Fort Benton
Clanking up an Eagle tail & another.
Both Bloods. Been against the
Cross. In winter, Gate was
open and they rode in. One
stayed on horse and other got off.
Pearson went in house got his
rifle and shot man on ground
other ran away. They dragged
dead man to tent and buried
him under the ice.

Sunday all the mixed Bloods race
in saddle horses, all dressed up, women
too. went to next bottom above, have
pic near. Once when playing at
war, women on one side, men on
other. They were charged by Ossinulmie
and 2 youths one girl & killed.

Some mixed band of children
playing blow Dart. One, a blind girl,
was speared through and through. Men in
Dart would not go out to arrange killing.
White & Indians fence against
one another - fire on sight.

Dear child's camp pulled in to
Fort. White began shooting at them and they
went up to the Island. White killed all
but one old woman.

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Pink Old Man and Black Bull.

P. O. Man, led party to war and got some ^{white} men near Flat Head Lake. Saw number men with pack horses. Killed all whites but one. He left wounded. He filled pipe, passed to war party, they killed him too. Stuff on horses was flav. Indians opened it thought it was white clay. Wondered what society they were. ~~and~~ they all had short hair. Guns different, more brass than on these later obtained from traders.

Afternoon, when Ind. came to Fort B. whites would shoot, got one or two of them. Then relations of killed would swear to get revenge on whites. When whites got plentiful, Indians quit killing, but whites didn't stop killing Ind.

Heavy Crop Eared and Buffalo Chips war party, on Tetm, all killed by whites except Remmy Wolf, a Blood, who was wounded. John Healy, Frank Spearson, Geo. Sluick, were in the party of whites from Fort Benton.

2 G. V. came to Fort. had sister married to white. Whites bound their hand + foot. Dropped to river, threw them in and they sank.

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Dawson ordered Frank Spensson
+ John Healy. to go up and take
Not-very-Good - Mrs. Culbertson's mother.
Whites notified Blonds that were not
after them.

Killing of Indians at
Fort Benton in Carroll
+ Steele's time. Why?

Cupping with a buffalo
horn.

was there, and he said to his ⁽²⁾ men: "Don't mention my name
or they will fight us to the end."
P. opened fire anywhere along the G.I. on one side // P. on
other neither could see our narrow wall. Little Dog Morning
P. and Sent for jumped the wall grabbed ^{unwounded}
G.I. by hair and jumped him over to their side. ^{kill + saved} Saw P.
just the same fighters. G.I. shot Eagle Arrow and killed him.
Dark by time was five minutes camp. Put off fight until next
morning. Kept fire around all night. G.I. on fire, cut
wall above and below. G.I. got all ropes together tied end to
big rock, let themselves down. First tried rope to find out
if anyone below. This Sitting Woman's plan. G.I. left
one man on cliff to answer calls, he left just before daylight.
I was running charged, found only robes + C. (Very long rope.)
Turned my cold, but decided to hunt them. Tracked them until
blizzard wiped out trail. Every rock up in side of river
Rope didn't quite reach bottom

Split Ears. Story of 3 Sons, his father, in his 15th Year.
Poor man, leader of a party of 12, Sixth Big Band of names to
go across the mts. Went through Ahks-si-Kai-i-Kim-i-Kwi-
Cadotte Pass. At lower end of Flathead Lake saw camp.
Poor man told him to stay back. Chief bought 2 horses gave
him one. Pick out one of your friends to ride with you.
Chose Buffalo Hide. Poor man mounted his friend. The four
then lit out, came to a round prairie. P. he said "you stay in
this timber till I get half way across, then follow me. P. man's
partner told this: "Anything ^{or extra} will follow him right up.
Before they got to P. he they saw hot riders on right. Wheeled
to left went straight W. Steep bank into river, had to slow
up. ³ ³ behind. got into river among shooting
sitting on coast. As chimney out out, coast slipped and

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fell in row, and he jumped off and chased and got it
By this time many riders shooting at him. Ran up
creek, crawled into thick patch willows, then crawled into
hollow log. Ran on up saw 2 riders, ^{dropped coat} jumped into bush.
Heard riders crawling bush and firing. Saw big rock pile
leaves against it. Covered himself with them. Saw two men
with shields. Thought one looking straight at him. Thought if
men would make for him, he would cry and run to
next him. While looking, heard noise on rock, man
jumped off right in front of him. They saw coat, went to
it, ran on into thick grass timber. My shirt + back wool
were with coat. Some noise chase grass timber. climbed rock.
Saw enemy heading home. Went back, called friends, no
answer. They heard, afraid to answer. Struck an Indian
home. In big patch timber call friends again louder +
louder. No answer. Went on home road. Not afraid of
Enemy, then afraid of bears. After long time necessary gave
out, made wrap of one legging, very hungry. Did not
go into grass timber, went in dead timber, shot grouse
with my boy hand made pink arrows. When tired + sleepy
went up into hard rocks - afraid bear - When came onto
East slope, saw his old trail was far to right. When
saw tracks of marmot died. Became barefooted, cured new
reach home. Said Sun + slept. Dreamed man coming with
band of other arrows his head. Man said: "My son I am
sorry. I am going over there tell my friends to come with
me." Man came back with 2 men, 1 woman. Sat beside
him. Man said: "I want to help some youth who has
never had experience." Told 3 Sun "I give you this other
band." Then he sang about the Sun. Woman then
performed and sang about the Moon. Then gave him a
ball. Another man gave him white beard skin

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The last man gave me feathers of an owl.
Then 1st man said "Don't fear anything.
Your body will be like water. If a hole is
made in it, it will run together."

Woman said: "If you are shot down, man,
you will recover."

When through talking, told him look down
the river. He looked, and the timber, rocks &
were all faces looking up at him.

"1st dream man said: "Do you know what
that means?"

"No."

"It means you will have good luck, be
a chief of your tribe."

Awoke, running. Thought dream true, but
still had fear of bear. Sought the way
to go, saw have to sleep once before reaching
tree where food was cached if went around.
Straight down through timber but a little
way. Tried to get courage to run
straight down through timber.
Went to edge of green timber, stood,
took courage, ran into it a way, ran
back. Ran again - little farther, stopped,
saw park, ran on into it. Saw man grise
shot 2. cleaned and tied to belt. Went on, saw
smoke by food tree. N. side of it creek, which
he followed down until opposite tree. Got out,
crawled half way, lay down hidden. If couldn't
understand talk, would retreat. Went closer,
wring how far came. They running for me
reason were not talking. I sneaked to the

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tree, put my hand on it. Poor man heard
me. Looked down, saw poor man's moccasins.
I tried to say something, could not.
Took down my gun and went out. They
had elk + deer meat - roasting. 1st meal.
Gave me the deer hide. Made moccasins
of legs of elk. Poor man + party had
meat there 4 days. Was going to leave
that night. Saw 3 Snags were killed.
Around home safe

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My Grandfather Bear Chief.

It was at Chautau. he camped with his band getting ready to break camp to start for Sun River. his band only 4 lodges of them. 3 lodges started before Bear Chief's lodge was ready. Many Deer and other animals ahead saw enemy. Bear Chief came on said all turn back put up camp again. Enemy close, no shots fired. A Sarcee Indian with the Crows came talk B. Chief. Spoke up said "That Chief there is invited by the Chief of Crows to come over and make friends" He ~~went~~ ^{saw} ~~now~~ they cleared snow away, put weapons down, and went away from weapons and sat down in place to meet. When B. C. saw that he started to go down the hill to meet them. Same Med. Man stopped him, said "They get you down there + you die. We all know what the Crows are!" B. Chief said "No, my people will hear of this I must go!" He started again, was stopped again, said, "I want to know why you feel you must go to them?" B. C. answered: "My friend The reason I shall go is that Sun gave me power to do this and make peace with them!" He went down got there, the two chiefs jumped up and greeted him. One was painted wing, the other spotted mouth. Satter said "The Sarrees are going to make peace with B. Chief I will make you present of 6 horses and

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one mule." Painted Wing then made present of 6 h and 1 mule. B. Chief then said "all P. gone to Sun River. My 4 lodges set up again I invite you."

B. Chief had his six shooter under his belt when he sat down it dropped out. He made excuse that in his hurry he had forgotten to lean it with gun + hat.

Crows said: "You saw us put our arms down, that don't look my goods. But they believed him. (It was still cooked I was so excited it is a wonder I hadn't shot myself long ago.)

Crow Chief didn't believe when he said all P. at Sun River. Told B. Chief "Will go home, have plenty breakfast cooking with the meat. We want to dress, and will then be there."

B. Chief went back told many about: "Hurry to Sun River with news of Crows." Crows saw this, and chased him. He got to P. in night told people. Heard sun cracking looked out, saw the Crows. This was just the Skunk's clan. Crows were looking around at tied horses. Spotted Lip told his men "we will not open fire until toward morning." Young Bull called out to them to come in. said "That man you made peace with our then is our head chief (B.C.) P. had already sent down news of Crows to Big Lake"

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Spotted Lip didn't believe there were so many camps of Pitkin, but soon heard many P. coming. Young Bull said to Spotted Lip, "You thought B. Chief + I led to you. You hear the people coming and that isn't all: many more P. than that farther below."

When Big Snake's outfit came, invited the Crows out, then told them - invitation to B. Snake's camp. Now about daylight. After they left, one of Skunk's went on back trail of Crows, saw his robe almost covered with snow. Lifted and saw it was porcupine quill robe with bullet hole in middle. Knew it was Big Snake Person's robe, he brother of Bear Chief.

All Crows in B. Snake's lodge. Some Crows left their socks in another lodge woman looked into one of them and found scalp. all recognized it as that of Big Snake Person. (Gray hair and decorations) One went to B. S. called him out (excuse) came out. Was told found of robe + scalp. B. Snake said four pieces in pairs of guns, brown ~~and~~ arrow points, make trade

B. Snake then invited C. to go to lower camp. Said we will not wait for B. Chief he will be glad to see work done. All went down after trading guns

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Went down to Lage bottom said "old, lets
get down and walk" just then saw
Bear Chief coming. He came asked "What
you doing with my friends?" B. Jake told
mother killed. B. answered. I take
my two friends + Source I went to my camp
Spotted Mouth said no, I not go with you
my people think bad of me, I go
in home (B. H. left

B. Jake told the Source, "You come here
to us."

Spotted Lip took bow + arrow - told him to
come back. Opened fire on the 50
then. They went into camp. They found
only one of 2 shots. All wounded were
to death. 1 Pegan stabbed in foot

One P. still had arrow behind him when
trouble broke out. Had time to to grab
So cold trees popping
Pat all arrows in row and by B. Nose
struck any one of them

This took place Mouth Mouth of
by bottom just across

B. Jake call it Place of the Painted Wing
and Spotted Lip massacre