

SITTING BULL ADOPTS AN ASSINIBOINE LAD

by One Bull

The hostile Sioux were roaming round in that territory lying between the Yellowstone River on the South, the Missouri River on the East and North and the Rocky Mountains on the West, about a year or so prior to the coming of Father DeSmet to the Teton Sioux while they were located on the Powder River.

They were still at war with the Crows, Mandans, Gros Ventres, Arickarees, Assiniboine, Piegans and Flatheads, hence they were in danger all the time. They were ever on the alert for sudden attacks from these Tribes. Their horses were also in danger.

About this time, Gray eagle, brother-in-law of Sitting Bull, was coming to front ranks on account of his brave deeds on the war-path.

One night word was passed around in the camp by the standing scouts that a party of Assiniboines had been seen in the vicinity of the camp. Warnings were given to keep a vigilant watch on their horses. The scouts were ordered to guard the camp constantly. They were camping by the Mussellshell River which was thickly wooded.

The day after this warning, a daughter of one of the prominent warriors a very beautiful girl was missing. Upon inquiry, it was learned that the missing girl in company with a younger brother and sister had been to the river to bathe and that upon their walk home, through the woods, a party of strange Indians had captured the girl and taken her away with them after the girl's bitter fight for freedom.

The warriors decided that they were going to get even with the intruding Assiniboines for this act. Gray eagle, who was determined to do something did not wait for anything.

He equipped himself with warrior accoutrements and started off by himself in quest of Assiniboines scalp or horses but above all an Assiniboine