

They had stolen some horses belonging to the Crees. The Canadian Officers came and asked if it would be satisfactory with Sitting Bull if the Canadian law would be resorted to punish the offenders or shall Sitting Bull inflict the punishment according to his views.

After some deliberation between S. B. and the Canadian Officers, S. B. decided to handle the situation himself.

I went amongst our people and selected a hundred scouts and brought them to the S. B. lodge. By this time they had arrested Gray Eagle and were holding him there. It was decided that this being a horse affair that a body of select scouts take Gray Eagle to the top of the highest butte on horse back. When they all reached the summit of the butte, these scouts would start Gray Eagle on a full run down hill keep that speed till he gets to the foot of the butte. The scouts were to follow him down. If he succeeds getting down without any mishap then he was to be freed. But if he falls on the way he is to die the penalty of death.

So Gray Eagle was taken and made to go through the stunt. He did succeed riding down hill without any trouble. He was set free.

The horses were later identified as belonging to one Mr. Poitra a French-Chippewa. He was well known to the Sioux by the name of Tarca (Deer). Among the horses stolen was a valuable running-horse.

From that time on Gray eagle was always against S. B. - his brother in law, and it was Gray eagle who had made such a false report to McLaughlin to the effect that S. B. was going to sneak away to Pine Ridge Reservation in connection with the Ghost dance troubles which has caused the trouble that ended S. B.'s life.