

not think he will. He would certainly be a fool to come back to what he thinks certain danger; for he had nothing to do with the murder."

"If I had kept him," replied the commanding officer, "no good could have come of it. He was innocent and could not have been convicted, supposing that any of our courts may be competent to try him. I believed that he would keep his word and bring the real criminals, and I have no doubt about the propriety of the course I shall adopt with them. I trust the Eagle-Head yet; and, by heaven! he deserves to be trusted—look! there he comes, driving the two black sheep before him." Indeed, the old man and his prisoners came in sight at that moment. They soon arrived at the gate. "Here they are, father," said the Eagle-Head; "take them, and kill them, and if that is not enough for the safety of my people, take my life too—I throw away my body freely." The white chief told Kho-ya-pa that he was at liberty from that moment, and made him a liberal present, after which the old man withdrew. A hasty council was then held with the Chippewas, to whom the victims were tendered, as the two first had been.

By this time a considerable number of the Dakotas had assembled about the prisoners. "You must die now," said one man, "the white chief has given you to the enemy." "I know it," replied Too-pun-kah Zeze, "and I am ready. I shall fall like a man. Bear witness of it. Here, Falling Leaf, take my blanket—I shall have no use for it. Take my ear-rings, Gray Woman." He sat down upon the ground and with the aid of others, divested himself of his ornaments and apparel, which he distributed to those who stood nighest. His dauntless mien, and handsome person, made the whites who looked on, sorry for him. He was in the bloom of youth, not above twenty, at most, six feet high, and formed after Nature's best model. Stain the Belvidere Apollo with walnut juice, and it will be an exact likeness of Too-pun-kah Zeze. He refused to part with the two eagles' feathers. One of them he had not yet worn two days, he said, and he would not part