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So the line was formed and marched down to the road and up as directed. After women and children had passed half a mile or more; then Klengen Smith gave the word "Halo" (signal agreed upon by Lee and Smith). When he, Klengen Smith, fired his gun, our men dropped to the ground and the Indians rushed past them yelling, and like a tornado they pounced upon their helpless victims, and all was over in a few minutes, and still as death; and not till then did we realize there had been treachery practiced, when only a few small children were saved. No one knew of the treachery before hand, unless Lee and Klengen Smith. Perhaps they did not, as Lee said: The chiefs said it was the young Bucks and the old ones could not stop them.

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Signed in the presence of Daniel S. Macfarlane

C C Bladen

S F Leigh

State of Utah, :
County of Iron, : SS

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of June A.D. 1896, before me, Mayhew K. Galley, a Notary Public within and for said County, in the State of Utah, duly appeared Daniel S. Macfarlane, well known to me to be the person described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, and wished not to retract such execution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Cedar City, Iron County, State of Utah.

Mayhew K. Galley
Notary Public, Iron County,
State of Utah.

My commission expires Dec 12, A.D. 1897.

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On this 29th day of June A.D. 1896, before me, Mayhew K. Galley, a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared Cornelius C. Bladen and Samuel F. Leigh, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the within and foregoing instrument, as witnesses thereto, who, being by me duly sworn, each for himself and not one for the other, deposed and said that he resides in Cedar City, Iron County, State of Utah; that he was present and saw Daniel S. Macfarlane (personally known to him and to them to be the same person described in and who executed the said instrument, as they thereto) sign the same; and that the said Daniel S. Macfarlane duly acknowledged in the presence of said affiants, that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and that they and each of said affiants, thereupon, and at the request of the said Daniel S. Macfarlane, subscribed his name as a witness thereto.

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