N. P. Langford to publish a new edition of "Vigilante Days and Ways" out of Montana State University Press

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"Vigilante Days and Ways," N. P. Langford's story of the men who brought an end to the bloodiest period of terror in the history of Montana, will be published in a new edition by the Montana State University Press during November. The book, which has long been out of print, will have a special introduction by Dorothy M. Johnson, author of "The Hanging Tree" and other action stories with a western background.

Langford's classic account of the killers, highwaymen, rogues and fancy women who preyed on the miners of Montana's gold bearing creeks is a chapter out of history less than 100 years old. To quote one Red Yager, a member of the bandit gang himself, "No poor country was ever cursed with a more bloodthirsty or meaner pack of villains than this -- and I know them all."

Yager's candor about his friends was an admission made in extremis. He was waiting for the lethal jerk of the hangman's noose at the time.

In her introduction to the new edition, Miss Johnson classifies "Vigilante Days and Ways" as "one of the great, terrible dramas of the frontier west. It is the story of two dozen brave and angry men who risked their lives to make life safer in the swarming gold gulches of Montana Territory."

According to Jack Ryan, circulation manager for the MSU Press, the book will be produced in a regular edition, and a special edition of 200 numbered copies bound in buckskin. Special art work is by William Musler.

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