

be participated in by those who have not seen them For these considerations we will change our original plans of publication, and, as soon as we are somewhat through with the congratulations of our friends, upon our return and improved health, we will give what we have noted in our journey.

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LETTER FROM THE Editor.

*Monday*  
Treaty Ground, Horse Creek,  
Near Fort Laramie, I.T., September.?

This morning the first Grand Council is to be held, and it may well be supposed that there was an early stir and great preparations. It was an event to which the Indians had been looking with great interest, for as yet they were uninformed of the purposes of the Government. The past night had been to me one of annoyance, so far as my personal comfort was concerned, for there was no opportunity to sleep; but viewed in reference to the objects of the assembly, was gratifying. On Saturday it had been announced by Col. Mitchell, through the interpreters, that the next day, Sunday, was the "White Man's Medicine Day", and for that reason he would not hold Council, or transact any business. Every thing that pertains to the Great Spirit the Indians regard and designate as "Medicine".

*Sunday*  
The Indians devoted the afternoon of Sunday to visits of portions of one nation to another, and to feasts and dances. In the Ogollahlah band of the Sioux, directly on the opposite side of the Platte, two dog feasts were given to the Snakes, Arrapahoes and Cheyennes, and these were followed by dances, which lasted the entire night. Feasts and dances were given in most of the other villages. The sound of the drums and unmeaning chaunts of the Ogollahlahs made sleep impossible.

Every one, whites and Indians, seemed to look for the morning,