

5th Mo 1873

brutally, with a nail, which was
wound from its guttering by a hand
from behind the dancer, & he slowly rose
it up looking intently at, but it was
before the ball was, waded it, & a
several times, then turning round
waded it, then side to side, & round
ground, & around the dancer, the
wading it above his head, in waded
it in the same manner, from side
to side, & returning, & the dancer
then with striking gesture, & a
voice sounding with fierce rage, he
gan to chase the dancer, round
ground, the dancer until getting out of
his grasp, he separated from the rest, pursued
him with the great nail-like stick
striking at him with his gun, the
pursued fleeing from him with
countenance of desperation, & when
it was like to be, he fell after some
steps he stumbled & fell heavily on
the ground, another & another, after that
he fell to the ground, & this was
done.

I went as usual to the medicine
house to see, though dancing was
going on all day, but attended, at the
request of some of the war chiefs, & some
of the warriors, at the camp of Big
Saw. The subject of discussion was
what the tribes ought to do inasmuch as
government had not complied with its
promised release of Salada & Big Saw
but to increase diversity of opinion
promised to arrive at a settled opinion
soon.

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it rained all night last night, & again
about 5 o'clock P.M.

Today quite a quantity of wads, such
as blankets, clothing, calico, shawls, & soap
& other Indian wares were carried into
the medicine house, the dances were
partly white, these of them were
with a green stripe across the forehead
& around the waist, the sides of the
& either to the corners of the mouth
with a white chain, a green green
spot was painted on the back & breast
(about 3 inches in diameter) which on
either side of it & a narrow flat elevated
above it with a crescent of the same
color & color, & a small hollow quantity
of sand & clay had been made before
the dance, in which fire was placed, & kept
just sufficiently burning with the part
of cotton wool hair, & probably cotton
to produce a smoke, a small pipe
was burning near the medicine, for when
pipes together & a small pipe, when
they were there young men who were
partly adorning, waded each by a man
standing by the side of the ground
& accompanied by a cup was with some
ceremony placed upon the head of one of
them, with a piece of wood which was
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