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pledge to them in consequence of the misdemeanors of the Modocs, a tribe living so remote from them that they did not even know of their existence. It looks to them as though Washington was very willing to class them as enemies, while they are doing all they can to prove their friendly intentions. I informed them of my writing to Washington (p. 157), desiring them to refrain from any hostile manifestations until they should learn what Washington will do when he reads my letter.

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*Chapter X. The Medicine Dance*

17th. — The music of the soldiers, who, if I rightly understand, are not allowed to sleep during the erection of the medicine house, continued through the night. On going out early this morning, crowds of Indians, old and young, were marching in companies towards a grove of small cottonwood trees, and, being invited to join them, I accompanied them.

Soon several small cottonwoods were cut down by the women, ropes attached to them, several hands to a rope making light work of the hauling, particularly as it was made a frolic, with music and dancing.

After breakfast, the hauling of larger trees was proceeded with. They were drawn by horses by means of ropes attached to the saddles; a warrior, or brave, and a young woman upon the horse, several of which were hitched to one tree, drawing abreast, some of the riders beating drums, and all singing.