

If Sitting Bull had been left to himself, without interference of the white people, in this dance proceedings with what knowledge he had of the Bible it is not certain just what would have happened. He tried many times to compromise with me in so far that I would agree to teach his people, for which he would be very thankful, and that I must induce them to^{go}/to the dances as they had always done. These two things could not be done tho for the people whom we had converted believed that there would be a resurrection day and that the Christ would come sometime but that it would be in the future while Sitting Bull, with his winning personality and gracious presence was not to be resisted with his theory that the Christ had come for the Indians now and that they alone would rise. He made them believe, so far as he could, that the whites never would be resurrected and that if the Indians were brot to life that of necessity the animals would have to be also for without them they could not live for there would not be sufficient food for them and all their ancestors. He told them that they would soon see their friends and there would be plenty to eat for everyone and that all the Indians would hereafter live in eternal joy, and that they would go back to their old way of living.

Then Buffalo Bill came out after Sitting Bull, sent by the government. Of course others who had not seen all the circumstances did not realize the situation. Buffalo Bill was so drunk that he could not even express what he wanted to do. Col. McLaughlin and Col. Drum gave him a squad of soldiers and he started out to find Sitting Bull. Col. McLaughlin, knowing the Indians and their ideas, sent a messenger to warn Buffalo Bill that Sitting Bull was coming to Ft. Yates by another road. Buffalo Bill immediately turned back. This was only a ruse to dissuade Buffalo Bill from capturing Sitting Bull but he was ignorant of the fact and returned. That gave Col. Drum time to get Buffalo Bill sent away. When the battle took place the Indians said that Sitting Bull had found that the policemen were coming for him and that he had ordered his horses to go with them that he might talk with them. As he mounted his horses one of his enemies cried out, "He is running away." Then they killed him. They stoned him and pounded him until he was horribly mangled into a jelly.

After this I told the Indians that if any of them wished to go to the Fort that they must carry a white flag. This would be the sign of truce and the soldiers would not harm them. Col. McLaughlin told me afterward that when the Indians went to the garrison that they each carried a white flag and