

## Chapter 2

# Lapwai

### Recipe for War

#### Lewiston to Cottonwood, Idaho

*. . . There is a certain class who are afraid that there will not be an Indian war.*

John Monteith  
Agent for the Nez Perce reservation  
March 19, 1877

*War is made to take something not your own.*

Yellow Wolf

*Please correct impression in Walla Walla newspapers that campaign against Joseph has been ordered.*

Maj. H. Clay Wood  
March 1, 1877

*The white man has been drawing Nez Perces blood for many years. Our chiefs have put all their nerves between their teeth to keep peace with the white man.*

Wahchumyus  
(Rainbow)