

He met me yesterday with the most hearty demonstrations of affections that he ever did, his daughter also met me with a loving embrace,- remember she is but a child. What it is that he wants to talk to me about I know not and I am writing this for company while waiting for him to come in accordance with his agreement.

Lone Wolf has returned from Mexico with the body of his son, and the Medicine Chief has issued his call to the Kiowas and Apaches to repair to the place appointed for the Medicine Dance. Kicking Bird would say nothing to me about my going with him until after he has his other talk with me, so at present I know not whether I shall attend it or not. It will not be over 60 or 70 miles from the Agency this year.

Big Bow came in yesterday with K. B. He has been out to the Comanches and Cheyennes using his influence to divert them from raiding or any other hostile acts against Texas or the people of the government. Is it not marvelous that a man,- the most notorious of the most notorious tribe for treachery and bloodshed- one who has shed more blood of the white race than any other man in the South-West should thus become the advocate of peace,- endeavoring not only to keep his own people from deeds of blood, to prevent other tribes from hostilities. I know not how it may look to others, but to me it is wonderful and unaccountable, except as the work of One who is mighty in deed as well as in counsel, and Who hath power to turn the hearts even of the heathen and those who know him not. He says himself that how it may appear to others he knows not, but to himself the change in his heart and intentions is very great, and he feels that he is not the same man that he has been all his life long,. I find myself at the end of the sheet, and not having written all that I expected to write I shall either have to get another or interline this one which as the lines are so far apart I can do without materially crowding the paper.

I this morning received ~~xx~~ a letter from Oliver Shearon, enclosed in one from the girls, in which he labors to express his thankfulness to me in the part I took in warning his daughters of their impending danger, and informing of their safe arrival home. The girls also in speaking of the journey, mentioned having as a companion in the stage for a large part of the way home, one of the most noted and daring of border ruffians of the frontiers, known by the name of "Hurricane Bill", one of the most terribly desperate of desperate men, whose murders outnumber his years, if the records of his life be true, saying nothing about his other crimes. He commenced very rough language and abusive railings in the stage, which meeting with a mild rebuke from one of the girls, his whole conduct was changed and he treated them in the most courteous behavior and gentlemanly consideration, asking their forgiveness for his rude words and ungentlemanly conduct on first entering the stage. On parting with them at Wichita City, he begged them to accept a couple of Prairie Dogs as a gift from him and to forget his uncivilities. Thus proving the truth of part of a proverb of Solomon: "A soft answer turneth away wrath". They may have written to you ere this as I requested them to write to my wife which they promised.

Kicking Bird has come and I will quit writing to have my talk with him and finish afterwards.

Talk is over. He does not want to take me to camp just now for two reasons but will go himself and see if all is right and if it is he will come at once for me. The reasons are these: first the Cheyennes and Comanches are camped not far from the place to which they are called to the Medicine Dance. He thinks they are there for mischief. The second is that Lone Wolf, when he saw his son's body lying where he was killed, knelt down over it and vowed that on that place where his son was killed, he would kill some white man. Kicking Bird says, in order to kill a white man on that ground he has got to take one to it. Now he will go and talk to Lone Wolf, the Cheyennes and Comanches, and if they will do nothing wrong he will come back for me and Alfred. So that you may see that K. B. is afraid of danger. Today some of the Comanches' chiefs be-