

from there, if we do not get started in that way, I do not know as yet when I can get started from here and of course when I shall get home.

The Cheyennes and Commanches have divided, and the Cheyennes are degrading to the Northward- on the road to Wichita, and on the frontiers of Kansas, while the Commanches are raiding in Texas, though some of the Commanche bands are coming back to the Agency to remain on the reservation.

The Kiowas have just got through with their Medicine Dance I suppose though I have not heard, and know not how their medicine turned out. I have reason to believe Lone Wolf would be glad for it to be for war, while the great majority of the chiefs would not be pleased with it, and at least ten of them with their bands would not go on the war path were it to turn that way, but would return to the Agency,- even though they should have to fight their way back, among these are Satanta and Big Elk Tree. Big Bow also says that he should come back unless the medicine was for war with Mexico, in which case he would go on the war path.

I do not know why it is so but I very much dread my journey,- probably my weak state and precarious health have a great influence on me- instinctively - but whatever it ~~is~~ may be I shrink from it.

The reason I do not leave here on the stage or that passengers are not carried by it is that the new contractors are just carrying mail with one mule and a two wheeled cart, I think this state of affairs will not continue long as there must be some opportunity for people to pass back and forth. It is now reported that the Osages are on the war path, but it may be only a report. Great uneasiness is felt by many of the employees and others in this land about the prospect of the summer.

Crops, especially corn look well. I think I never saw heavier corn than Agent Richard's at this time. I have not been around any since coming here, only to the Agents house and the school house, as I do not feel able to get around much. ~~there~~

I told in my last perhaps to write and send to Wichita, it is now uncertain about my going that way, and I guess thou may be excused from writing after receiving this, as it will be so uncertain where I will be that I should not be able to tell thee where to direct thy letters, but trust that it shall not be very long ere I shall see you all face to face.

Agent Richards is not well at the present time, Margret is much as usual, looks pretty well. J. D. Hoag is also here as also Isaiah Worth and Wife from Iowa. The latter J. R. knows not what to do with. They came here with a minute on a religious visit, and finally had a concern to remain at this Agency. J. R. told them he had no funds out of which he could pay them for services, but however they staid and some months after called on J. R. for pay for service rendered, which of course he refused, as they are not employees they are not entitled to rations, yet J. R. feeds them, and, though they failed in getting pay they stay on and on. The employees of this Agency are tired of him particularly and are talking about raising money to send them home if they will go and stay away, perhaps I ought not to have written this as they are old friends of B. J. Talbott's and may hear of what I have written, to the wounding of their feelings. They wanted to go out to the Kiowa and Commanche camps sometime since but Agent Haworth would not permit them to go, and they were not permitted to go out to the Cheyenne camps either, and Dr. J. E. Rhodes would not permit him to speak in the council last spring, so you may see that they are having a rather hard row to hoe, and J. R. thinks he has to subsist them so long at his own expense, or to screw it out of government funds in some manner with which he is not familiar.

This is First day afternoon. I attended meeting- a silent one entirely- I have almost forgotten when I attended one ~~was~~ before but have a dim recollection as though such a thing did occur sometimes in our little meeting, in Iowa,- there were three present who do sometimes speak in meetings, but all kept quiet today.