

He feelingly spoke of his wife calling her a good woman, spoke of her advice to him, her love & friendship to the whites, based upon the many kindnesses & favors received, from the agent & other white people, concluding by saying that, He had told his people that he had firmly made up his mind, that if they went any more on their stealing murdering raids into Texas, he would throw them away, & take such a swift killing to them & settle down at the agency with the whites, leaving them to fight it out as they best could, & they knew that he would do it.

10th & 11th days Clear & Pleasant

Did not sleep very well, Wolves rather to rising to allow of much sleep, & then the ground being frozen & thawing under our bodies made ^{rather} ~~it~~ rather a cold bed to lie upon, Arose early & made an early start for crossing the mountain which by climbing from rock to rock, or ledge to ledge on the backs of our ponies was accomplished against about 9 o'clock, the descent of the last ridge was decidedly an exploit to remember, though not perhaps to say perilous, our horses had to pick their footing among the rocks as they best could & it seemed really as though we must go over their heads. After visiting Lone Wolf

& Sun Boy's camps, J. P. Mc L. & myself taking charge of the pack mule went to the foot of Mt Sheridan & tying the horses & mule so that they could eat grass, we ascended to its top, which was, to say the least a tiresome job, clambering from rock to rock, in some places by the aid of the Cedar trees which grow among them, at other times, by scarcely a foot or hand hold could be obtained. The top of the mountain is for perhaps 200 feet or more at the South end & from 300 to 400 at the North, nearly ^{a mass of} perpendicular, in some places overhanging, ^{granite} rocks which it required a considerable exertion as well as some nerve to surmount but once at the top & the view was truly magnificent, the less lofty peaks of the Wichitas were spread out in masses of rocks about us, while to the east the more elevated head of Mt Scott stood out in bold relief as a giant among dwarfs, The whole country for miles, miles around was spread out like a map, in the ever varying richness of scenery ^{incident} ~~accident~~ to the close proximity of Mountains & plains, hills & valleys, the mountain ridges we had crossed this morning dwindled to mere nothing when viewed from this point. For a view of Mt Sheridan see Sketches of the Mts.