

7th Mo 1873

27th 1st day of Week Clear & Pleasant
Went to the Dr's but feeling much exhausted & very weak did not attend meeting either in the morning or afternoon, Evening returned to the Agents.

28th 2nd day Clear most of the day though rain in the South. Rode to the farm & School house & just to have a ride continue very much prostrated & weak.

29th 3rd day Fair most of the day but rain at in the evening.

Went on horseback with the Agent to see Asatoyet's cornfield & the place where he wants his house built, also visited Straight feathers & Horse backs camps at the latter of which were were very hospitably entertained. Asatoyet took us to a place on Medicine creek, where there was "heap medicine, black" which proved to be a spring of crude Petroleum, unmixed with any foreign substance.

Patches of pure oil was floating upon the water while from a hole in the earth, the Petroleum exuded in a manner, which, were it in Penn.sylvania or Ohio would be considered a fortune, but here is valuable to put upon the sore backs of horses & mules. The water, earth, & rocks were so impregnated with Petroleum as to smell & taste strongly of it & in places it had become solidified, forming ^{with the earth} a black porous rock.