

12th Mo 1873

- 27th 7th day, Clear & Pleasant In camp
 28th 11th day, Clear In camp
 29th 20th day Bazy & Windy In camp Sick
 30th 3rd day Clear & cool In camp Not well

Several of Kicking Birds Ponies & Mules missing, also my mules. Kicking Bird went in search, finally finding my mules tracks which he knew by their being shod, in company with a single pony track, he followed them for many miles, supposing that they had been stolen by an Indian as the track of the pony was made by bare hoof feet. The sequel proved his supposition to be correct for after following them for many miles, until his own pony was near giving out he found them tied in a Comanche camp. I need not add that he was in no pleasant humor about it, & it was probably well for the Comanche, that he had reached camp before being overtaken. He returned late in the evening, with my mules but without having found his own ponies & mules, so that we shall have to put off going to the Agency tomorrow.

31st Clear & cool but not cold, Still unwell

In camp, Kicking Bird does not yet find his ponies & mules. I had fully counted on going to the Agency, but desire to not fret, or be disappointed as it cannot be avoided, though being so unwell, & the food prepared so coarse & unsavory. I can eat but little, yet that little distresses me much of the time. I have in consequence of the state of my health, contemplated