

He might be considered the first chief of the tribe: although no chief is amenable to another, still there are, at the present time, no less than twelve chiefs who look to him for counsel in all matters of importance. His long-continued attachment to the whites at one time so far brought him into disrepute with his tribe, that they charged his friendship to cowardice, called him a woman, and refused to listen to his counsels. Finding his influence in the tribe nearly gone, he raised a force, conducted a raid into Texas, and had a severe engagement with the white soldiers, where he conducted his men with such ability and coolness as to come off victorious, and win a testimony of respect from the commander of his enemy's forces. On his return home he again advocated peace with the whites, and has steadily continued to do so from that time to the present.

The tribe, thoroughly convinced of his bravery, no more attribute his desire for peace to cowardice, and listen to his eloquent arguments, — in most cases yielding to his counsels; so that he really stands at the head of all those Kiowas who are disposed to live peaceably, as Lone Wolf does at the head of those occupying a less friendly position.

Lone Wolf is several years older than Kicking Bird, not so far-seeing, more hasty and rash in his conclusions, as well as more treacherous and cunning, but with less depth of mind. He is the acknowledged leader of that portion of the tribe who are more inclinable to hostilities.