

and gone to the great medicine council. Some few are bold enough to brave his medicine, and remain near the Agency. What the result will be it is impossible to forecast; but in all probability the Comanches will be led by him wheresoever he sees fit. It is seriously to be feared that he will lead them to destruction, in which many others may become involved.

On the morning of the 10th inst. it was found that the mules used at the school-house, also a pair of mules and a pony belonging to parties residing at the Wichita Agency, who were here on a visit to their children, had been stolen during the previous night. It was soon ascertained that other ponies and mules were stolen from a neighboring herd.

A Caddo, whose pony was stolen, followed the trail to the Comanche camp, and recovered his with little difficulty; but they were exceedingly unwilling to give up the mules belonging to the Agency. He, however, succeeded in getting them, but returned without securing the stock stolen from the herd. The night following his return forty-one head of ponies were run off from the Agency and Māden herds.

The Caddo and George Chisholm were sent to follow the trail. On the 21st inst. some of the Comanche chiefs brought in twenty-two head, but it was observable that it was the most worthless stock that had been returned, the best having been retained by them.

On the 23d, G. Chisholm and the Caddo returned, bringing three head more and the following night their

pony and mule were stolen from near the carpenter's shop, as heretofore related.

The agent despatched Honowēah, a friendly Comanche chief, to their camp with a message to them. He returned on the 2d of the 6th month, with a message from the medicine man and chiefs with him, that they should not return the stock they now have in their possession, but should keep it to make peace with when they come back in the fall.

They also state that they have decided to commit no further depredations about the Agency, provided the soldiers are kept from molesting them; but they want it distinctly understood, and send this as a fair warning, that, if the soldiers come upon them, they shall come in and kill whomsoever comes in their way.

They propose, in short, doing as they please, and, like a more civilized portion of our republic a few years since, desire to be let alone, promising on their honor that they will not do as much harm as they will if they are interfered with.

Honoweah says there are no Kiowas with them; but the Cheyennes are in league with them; and confirms the report of their having abundance of whiskey in their camps, which they procure from traders in the Young Territory of Texas usually denominated the Pan Handle of Texas, and from Mexicans. *Quitsquip*

The Pen-ha-teth-kahs and Quitsquip's band, he reports, are not with the others, but are remaining faithful to their pledges of loyalty to the government.