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to be unsettled and disturbed. There seemed to be some dissatisfaction ameng the settlers as to their County Officers, and a vigilance committee at Medicine Lodge City, had warned said Officers out of the place. On arriving there it was found that a United States Marshal and the Adjutant General of the State were there to investigate the cause of, and to try and quiet the disturbance if possible. It was the impression of the people that a riot would occur that night; that the troops had been sent there to assist the civil officers, and that they would doubtless be called on during the evening. The following day the Adjutant General of the State visited Sun City, at which place it was stated that the opportune presence of the U. S. troops at Medicine Lodge City had been of invaluable assistance in furthering and perfecting the object of his mission at that place. Sun City and the three inhabited ranches on Mule Creek of which Smallwood is the center, have the reputation of being the Headquarters of a band or bands of Horse thieves. From what could be gathered it is the impression that the people on Mule Creek are hardly worthy of Government protection. On Medicine Lodge Creek, three Mules from one, and six working cattle from another farmer had strayed or been stolen at about the time I passed; the theft was not laid to the Indians.

From Sun City I proceeded to Smallwood, thence up that stream to near its head waters. Crossed to Cavalry Creek, thence to Rattle-snake Creek via the lower crossing of Mulberry Creek to Ft. Dogge, at which place I arrived on the 9th inst.

No signs of Indians were seen or heard of during the entire trip. Twenty (20) miles was the average per day travelled for the first twelve (12) days. Nineteen (19) miles was the average per day for the entire trip.

A large portion of the Country passed over was unusually / rough, and it was hard marching for both men and animals.

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