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Up and along Cimarron after 2 miles crossed dry run valley sandy grown with sagebrush, bluffs on S. side formed by low heavy sand hills. Over low sand hills coming close into river bank into level valley miry in places after 1 mile large timbered ravine comes from bluffs south well beaten wagon trails leading along river bottom followed it coarse alkali grass. Crossed river and marched along and up it on N. bank crossing good road over low heavy sand hills coarse wiry grass and sage brush the valley is barren and shows much alkali it is about 1 mile wide. Up and along river over heavy sand hills camped on bank of river grass good water brackish no wood night cold.

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Up and along river valley barren coarse alkali grass after 3 miles passed small grove on bank of river good crossing place bluffs on both sides of river formed by low broken sand hills 4 miles out passed small pond at foot of hill towards the hill bank of lake formed by low steep rocky wall willows at pond 6 miles out sandy run road good and hard sandy only for a short distance. Along river bluffs high and rugged after 2 miles crossed wagons trail (Canadian trail) old dug out road good and hard along the river into camp on small slough water good no wood fair grass.

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Up and along river road good and hard bluffs on either sides of river formed by low sand hills. river getting small and insignificant bed grown with rushes only little water in it crossed several dry runs coming from the bluffs. towards the latter end of station river forms a series of ponds and then is perfectly dry beginning of the so called dry Cimarron along the bed of Cimarron after 3 miles trail crosses river bed and leads along bank for 3 miles when it crosses the wagon trail which was followed up to here ends road heavy through low sand hills coming close into dry ravine which forms river bed. Along bed of river after 1 mile crossed mouth of sand creek dry. heavy sand hills grown with coarse wiry grass along river found some muddy water in buffalo wallows unsaddled and cooked dinner little grass water bad no wood through rough sandhills after crossing mouth of sand creek. Over hard level prairie into valley on small waterhole no grass no wood water poor night cold.