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Buckners Fork I sent guide McGinty down to inquire at the settlements if anything of them had been seen; but no information was received. On the 8th inst at the Rancho 3 miles above Duncan's Rancho on the North fork of Pawnee Creek. I was informed that the horse thieves with a number of Ponies had been encamped there during the night from the 6th to the 7th inst. and that Lieut Hanna 6th Cavalry was on their trail and only 7 hours behind them. I then marched southwest across the country expecting that if Lieut Hanna should find them, they would attempt to run across the railroad. But nothing of them was seen and I returned to Fort Dodge, as my transportation did not allow me to make any rapid and hard marches. The country passed over is hard prairie covered with a dense growth of good buffalo grass and cut with many ravines running towards the forks of Pawnee creek. Which drain the country. These three forks have steep banks and are very miry and bad to cross. They are well grown with elm trees. The banks of the ravines which cut the country are composed in many places of lime rock which often contains an abundance of petrefactions. On the North fork of the Pawnee creek above its Junction with Buckners Ford are several ranches. The weather during the scout was fair; the first 2 Days were stormy, the remainder sunny and warm the nights were cold and frosty.

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Nov.6,74 Left Fort Dodge Kansas and marched north over rolling prairie to the railroad. Over rolling prairie following road towards South fork of Pawnee Creek  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from railroad crossed ravine running north the so called 5 mile hollow. Left road and marched northeast along south fork over hard prairie cut by ravines running towards the creek. banks of creek grown with elm trees. came to high rocky bluffs running close into bank of creek. Around bluff and into camp on East side of it on bank of creek. Good grass and water plenty wood. banks of creek high and steep grown with elm trees and bushes. bottom of