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from there, if we do not get started in that way, I do not know as yet when I can get started fromhere and of course when I shall get home.

The Cheyennes and Commanches have divided, and the Cheyennes are deprading to the Northward- on the road to Wichita, and on the frontiers of Kansas. while the Commanes are raiding in Texas, though some of the Commenche bands are coming back to the Agency to remein on the reservation.

The Kiowas have just got through with their Medicine Dance I suppose though I have not heard, and know not how their medicine turned out. I have reason to believe Lone Wolf would be glad for it to be for war, while the great malority of the chiefs would not be pleased with it, and at least ten of the $m$ with their bands would not go on the war path were it to turn that way, but would return to the Agency, - even though they should have to fight their way back, among these are Satante and Big Kw Tree. Big Bow also soys that he should come back unless the medicine was for var with Mexico, in which case he would go on the war path.

I do not know why it is so but I very much dread my journey, - probably my weak state and precarious health have a great influence on me- instinctively - but whatever it xu may be I shrink from it.

The reason I do not leave here on the stage or that passengers are not car ried by it is that the new contracters are just carrying mail with one mule and a two wheeled cart, I think this state of afiairs vill not continue iong as there must be some opportunity for people to pass back and forth. It is now reported that the Osages are on the var path, but it may be only a report. Great uneasiness is felt by many of the employees and others in this land about the prospect of the summer.

Crops, especially corn look well. I think I never saw heavier corn than $A-$ gent Richard's at this time. I have not been around any since coming here, only to the Agents house and the school house, as I do not feel able to get around much.

I told in my last perhaps to write and send to wichita, it is now uncerta.i about my going that way, and I guess thou may be excused from writing arter receiving this, as it will be so uncertain where I will be that i should not $b \in a b l e$ totell thee where to direct thy letters, but trust that it shall not be very long ere I shall see you all face to face.

Agent Fichards is not well at the present time, Margret is much as usual, looks pretty well. J. D. Hoag is also here as also Isaiah Worth and Wiİe from Iowa. The latter J. R. knows not what to do with. They came here with a minut on a religious visit, and finally had a concern to remain at this Agency. é. R. told them he had no funds out of which he could pay them for services, but however they staid and some monthe after called on J. R. for ray for service rendered, which of course he refused, as they are not employees they are not entitled to rations, yet J. R. feeds them, and, though they railed in getting pay they stay on and on. The employees of this Agency are tired of him particularly and are talking ebout raising money to send them home if they will go and stay away, perhaps I ought not to have written this as they are old friends of B. J. Talbottx and may hear of what I have written, to the wounding of their feelings. They wanted to go out to the Kiowa and Commanche camps someti me since but Agent Haworth would not permit them to go, and they were not per mitted to go out to the Cheyenne camps either, and Dr. J. F. Rhodes would not Fermit him to speak in the council last spring, so you may see that they are having a mather hard row to hoe, and J. R. thinks he has to subsist them so I ng at his own expense, onto screw it out of government funds in some manner with which he is not familiar.

This is First day afternoon. I attended meeting- a silent one entirely- I have almost forgotten when I attended one before but have a dim recollectic n as though such a thing did occur sometimes in our little meeting, in Iowa,there were three rresent who do somtimes speak in meetings, but all kept quie today.

