

5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1873

14<sup>th</sup> Dec. Rain, Wind South East  
 with Frost, morning fog, & rain  
 so that there is no chance of  
 going on the South West trail  
 at least this winter. It is  
 not as if we saw the river, & that  
 it was to be made a winter road  
 like to its head, then we could  
 somewhat call it. It was the  
 intention to go on to the  
 Washita river, where it enters  
 the Territory, but the rain will  
 be likely to stop that purpose  
 until next fall. I have  
 some - I wanted to have  
 visited the Salt Rocks, some  
 miles South East of here but  
 having while we were in camp  
 at there, but having no party  
 of my own to ride I could not  
 accomplish it. The Indians  
 say there is a large amount of  
 salt there, but are too lazy to go  
 & get it, & so do pretty much  
 without it. Chased off but  
 not until the subject of remain-  
 ing had been put off till  
 another day - most likely  
 another first day trial.

X 15<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> day of week. During the  
 latter part of the night, early  
 morning, but not amount  
 to much, all the wind this  
 spring which have been in  
 not amount to us. Frost at

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Not properly understood  
 correct words of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst

Driven from my bed last night  
 & thought the dogs being killed  
 up to a party of their warriors,  
 was killed. The Indians  
 saw another party of Comanche  
 belonging to White Wolf's & Toke's  
 similar band, stopped to give  
 the Kiowa soldiers an oppor-  
 tunity to join them on a visit  
 to the Kiowa, but they will not  
 join at all. It will indeed  
 be remarkable if they who  
 were always ready either to join  
 or join in such enterprises,  
 should withhold all their influ-  
 ence of their old friends & allies  
 the Cheyennes & Comanches, but  
 there is a power that is able to  
 bring under & control their  
 spirits even of those nations  
 who know it not. I feel  
 according to several testimony  
 the Kiows are subject to him  
 but is he not able to turn  
 us from their purposes, then  
 that that is my fear for your  
 and his own.

Chased away, but we had  
 a late start on our march, some  
 the South West & South East nearly  
 West for about 20 miles & camp  
 for the night, nearly, except  
 that is the main part to go  
 farther west, in order to see  
 the buffalo which are