

5th Mo 1873

dispersed

12th 5th day Clear & Pleasant

About Noon Dangerous Eagle arrived from the Kiowa Camp with a message from Kicking Bird to the Agent, all desiring me to go back with him to the camp. Made arrangements for the trip.

13th 6th day Clear & Pleasant

Wrote home No 38.

Before getting started with Dangerous Eagle, a party of mine who had come in for rations, I would travel more slowly than Dangerous Eagle, so I made up my mind to wait & go with them tomorrow.

14th 7th day Cloudy but pleasant

Started early but traveled slowly, camped at night on the east fork of Rainy Mountain Creek.

15th 8th day of week. Clear most

of the day. Started early & without breakfast, traveled fast & reached the Overlook camp about 10 o'clock where we broke fast & went on. Traveled 14 hours today, at about the rate of 5 miles an hour, making 70 miles, camped for the night on the Big flat at the place from which I started about 10 miles from the agency the last time.

One of the men who went with me

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at the same amount of the 5 Kiowas, however & quit, left behind by Capt. M. Clement having some things, and all the Indians camped all the day, & such a pleasant journey.

15th 2nd day Clear & Pleasant

but some light rain in the morning. We traveled about 10 hours at the rate of 5 miles an hour without any breakfast, & stopping until we reached the Kiowa Camp. There it was a long time before I got any thing to eat, & I may say I was very hungry indeed.

The camp is situated in a beautiful local valley, through which flows the stream of clear water nearly clear from alkali, the Kiowa name is *U-gis-a-joh*. Passed thousands of buffalo last evening & this forenoon. All the Kiowas are in camp besides a great many Apaches, Cheyennes, Comanches, making a very large camp.

Had quite a talk with several Indians this evening about Potatoes not being brought back. The Kiowas are keeping up a continual drumming, & singing all the time. The Medicine show is not yet completed.

17th 3rd day Clear & Pleasant

The music of the soldiers was heard through the night.