

5<sup>th</sup> Mo 1873

dispersed

12<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

13<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

14<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> day Cloudy but pleasant

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

15<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 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 to the agency the last time, I saw him here.

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at the same amount of the 5 Kiowas, horses & gear, left behind by Capt. M. Clement having no provisions, and all the Indians except all the danger, I made a further journey.

15<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> day Clear, the morning but a heavy rain was falling in camp. We traveled about 10 hours at the rate of 5 miles an hour without any breakfast, or stopping until we reached the Kiowa Camp. Then 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.

17<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> day Clear & Pleasant

The music of the soldiers was heard through the night.