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up the War Song of triumph, accompanied by the War Hoop & the discharge of their fire arms (this last ^{was} the signal that they had killed some of their enemies), continuing to ride slowly, their shrill clear voices ringing in the still air of night was soon answered by the voices of the old women & maidens in the camp who joined in the song of triumph, & went out with singing & dancing to meet the returning braves, & who continued their song & the discharge of their arms, until the camp & the trail ^{on which} from it to which the young warriors were approaching, resounded with the song & shout of joy.

We found that Stumbling Bear, Sun Boy, & others who went out with Kicking Bird had returned from the hunt while Kicking Bird had been left on the road.

of the 14th day, Rainy & Wet all day.

Evening Kicking Bird arrived, soon after which the other chiefs & principal men came in & read the Agents message to them,

Kicking Bird said that when he was in before at the Agency he wanted his annuities, but the Agent would not let ^{him} them have them, & he did not know but that would be the way now,

I told him that the reason the Agent would not let him have them then, was that the annuities for the Kiowas & Comanches came packed together & had not been separated, The goods for the Apaches came by themselves, separate from the others, so the Agent could give them theirs right away; now the goods of the Kiowas & Comanches were separated & they could get them whenever they went for them.

He then said last fall Washington told us to come in close & sit down by the Agent, we did so, & got no robes, & it made us very poor all the year