

12th Mo 1873

27th 7th day, Clear & Pleasant In camp
 28th 1st day, Clear In camp
 29th 2nd day Hazy & Windy In camp Sick
 30th 3rd day Clear & cool In camp Not well

Several of Kicking Birds Ponies & Mules missing, also my mules. Kicking Bird went in search, finally finding my mules tracks which he knew by their being shot, in company with a single pony track, he followed them for many miles, supposing that they had been stolen by an Indian as the track of the pony was made by base unshod feet. The sequel proved his supposition to be correct for after following them for many miles, until his own pony was near giving out he found them tied in a Comanche camp. I need not add that he was in no pleasant humor about it, & it was probably well for the Comanche, that he had reached camp before being overtaken. He returned late in the evening, with my mules but without having found his own ponies & mules, so that we shall have to put off going to the Agency tomorrow.

31st Clear & cool but not cold, Still unwell.

In camp, Kicking Bird does not yet find his ponies & mules. I had fully counted on going to the Agency, but desire to not fret, or be disappointed as it cannot be avoided, though being so unwell, & the food prepared, so coarse & unwholesome. I am out but little, not that little

much the prospect of resigning my position in the employ when I do get in to the Agency

1st Mo 1874

1st (Month) 1st 1874 5th day of the week
 Clear & cool, Quite unwell, Not able to start in for the Agency on account of the ponies & mules not being found.
 2nd 6th day Clear & Pleasant, Got started to day for the Agency. Travelled about 30 or 35 miles & camped at the head of Cache creek, which is a beautiful spring of pure clear water coming out from among the rocks, at the foot of a mountain.

3rd 7th day Clear & Pleasant Arrived at the Agency a little past noon, having traveled about 20 miles, found that the Agent & his wife had gone home, on account of the severe & sudden sickness of their only son, a young man of about 18 years of age. I found 3 letters from home one from my daughter R. & 2 from my dear wife.

4th 1st day Clear but cold, Attended the meetings & schools to day.

A message arrived bringing the intelligence of the death of the Agents Son, A heavy stroke on the family, as he was an unusually bright & promising young man, to whom the Agent was strongly attached, & much bound up being of a sanguine ardent temperament I fear it will be more than he will be able to bear up under the trial.

5th 2nd day Clear & Pleasant Wrote home 10 15
 Arranged annuities for issuing to six of the Kiowa chiefs, which will complete the Kiowas except one chief, Big Bow &