

5th Mo 1874

27th 5th day Clear In camp Kicking Bird & Stumbling Bear went to the Agency to day. As might have mentioned that all through this country, especially in the vicinity of the Mountains, is immense amounts of black sand. Day before yesterday on the application of a horse shoe magnet I found it was Iron, it adhering to the magnet like iron filings, I have no doubt but that there is a abundance of iron ore among these mountains & they may yet be prove valuable for this production.

28th 5th day Cloudy In camp Evening Kicking Bird & Stumbling Bear returned from the Agency.

29th 5th Cloudy with some Rain In Camp Two Arappahoe chiefs & ^{Yellow Bear} one young man came into camp & had a talk with Kicking Bird. They say the Arappahoes are opposed to the course the Cheyennes & Comanches are taking, that the Cheyennes will do bad deeds & then lay them on the Arappahoes just as they have been doing to the Kiowas. They say that the next day after the young man Dr Holoways son was shot by a young Cheyenne they spread the report that it was done by Arappahoes. A messenger was also received from Satantas camp desiring Kicking Bird to remove to Recon creek, on account of soldiers having been seen down below there South of the Mountains & near Red River.