

a picturesque appearance to the country, but the soil appears to be thin & poor on the uplands, with underlying rocks. Camped on Rock Creek

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4<sup>th</sup> day. Clear, Warm, Dry & Dusty  
 Traveled to day over a more broken country, most of which was very rocky, so much so, as to unfit it for agricultural purposes. Though the valleys are comparatively free from rocks, & plentifully supplied with timber, some of which is of excellent quality. Made some 27 miles. Think it to be about 36 to Caddo. Perhaps I ought to say a word about my company, the men with whom I am travelling. Like other men of their occupation they are rough, & inured to hardships despising the ease & luxuries of civilization, they would not leave their wild way of life, with their teams, & wagons with them, they are at home any where & every where, in heat, in cold, in dust or rain, it is all one to them, kind & generous hearted as a class, though rough & unpolished in manners, they are a ready prey to the ~~too~~ shrewd sharpers of the towns who introduce them into the gambling saloons, where their hard earned money wastes like the morning dew. The men with whom I am travelling are very exempt (for freighters) from the vice of profanity.