

It appears, from what I have learned from Kicking Bird, that the Kiowas, many years since, lived far to the northward, where it was very cold most of the year, — far beyond the country of the Crows and Sioux. He states that when they lived there, they knew nothing of ponies, but used dogs to carry their burdens, to draw their lodge-poles, and remove all their fixtures from place to place. In process of time one of their men, in his travels, went far to the southward, and after some years of roaming, was taken prisoner by a band of Comanches. They took counsel to put him to death, but one of their head men prevailed upon the rest to spare him, on the plea that they had never before seen any one like him, or any of his people, and it might be that if they treated him well, he might befriend any of their men who might fall in with his tribe. He further counselled his people to send him home with honor. The counsel of this chief prevailed, and he was fitted out with a pony, saddle, and bridle, and sent home. On his return, his pony, saddle, and bridle were objects of general admiration and envy, paving the way for the reception of his glowing description of the fine country he had seen. He told them that in the country he had visited, the summer lasted nearly the whole year, and the plains were stocked, not only with game, but large herds of ponies such as he was riding.

Hearing the old man's glowing account, and seeing his enviable pony, the subject became the topic of national council, and it was finally nearly unanimously

among a short round of aged people who ate their meat raw — much of which was taken with a spear from beneath the snow & ice — undoubtedly Esquimaux.

to the beautiful country at the opening of the following year, with the exception of a few days upon which they were obliged to receive the rest of their party upon their migrations to the northward, with their friends who had continued their migration. The old man, until, in the fall, a party of Comanches, eventually becoming their enemies to this day, resided.

One day, Black Beard, a young man, delivered up to the hands of those whom they had held captive. These boys are apparently in the prospect of their restoration to the country near San Antonio, Texas; but not being able to learn their histories. I, myself, and two others, on a tour to the camps; we were at work when we arrived at the little Washita River, and were in the house.

Black Beard, who has been absent several years, we proceeded to the Wichita Hills, a series of mountains from an undulating