

direction, as far as the shortness of the rope with which he was tied would permit.

Though foiled and brought up on every occasion, he would not give up, while his merciless tormentors took a barbarous delight in punching him with poles, and striking him with long sticks. After continuing this cruel sport for about an hour, during which time, in his mad plungings, he had thrown himself several times upon the ground, he at length fell exhausted, and lay quiet and docile as a lamb. Thereupon, after some patting and manifestations of kindness, the lariat was removed, we saddled up, and started on; the pony, rendered manageable by exhaustion, was driven by one of the party. We reached the mountains, and finding a convenient stream of pure water, about dark, encamped for the night.

The Wichita Mountains present from the south a much more bold and striking outline than from any other point, no doubt from the lower level of the plains from which they are viewed. Mount Scott and Mount Sheridan were distinctly visible most of the day in the far north-east, while the more south-western peaks of the group, being near by, arose from the level grassy plains in sublime grandeur.

The almost entire absence of timber on these mountains gives them a peculiarly sharp and rugged outline in the distance, while a nearer approach but increases the roughness of the general contour. Huge rocks, lifting their heads far above their fellows, and standing