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shallow and infrequent pools. It was very salty and entirely unfit for use. The Nescutanga was entirely dry as far as the eye could reach up and down the stream at the point crossed. During this part of the Scout I found the country passed over frequently, very frequently, marked with wagon trails, but saw no signs of Indians. It is probably that these trails were made by hunters and parties going from Medicine Lodge Creek to the Salt Plains of the Cimarron for Salt.

Medicine Lodge creek was found quite dry; shallow pools with small quantities of water were occasionally found in the bed of this stream en route from Kiowa City to Medicine Lodge City. At Medicine Lodge City Elm Cr. was found perfectly dry, with deep dry sand even flying from the creek bed. I was informed by reliable parties that it would be difficult to find sufficient water even further up the stream to supply the public animals in charge, and deeming it impracticable to carry out that part of the order requiring me to proceed up that stream, and hardly having time to do so, I abandoned the idea, and proceeded to follow up Medicine Lodge creek as far as Sun City. Good and abundant running spring water was found both at Medicine Lodge City and Sun City to have supplied an army corps. Turkey Creek at Sun City is a fine, clear running stream of water, with gravelly bed, its banks as well as those of Medicine Lodge Cr. are very heavily wooded, principally with Elm and cottonwood. The road from Kiowa City to Sun city is much traveled and good. Medicine Lodge creek bottom is very thickly settled, at no time between the two (2) points above mentioned was the command, hardly, if at all, out of sight of cultivated fields. Some twenty (20) houses were counted within view while at Medicine Lodge City and twelve (12) at Sun City. I was informed at Sun City by a reliable citizen that there were three hundred (300) inhabitants or more now settled on this stream. I should think from my observations that there were double that number, as I was informed at Medicine Lodge City alone there were one hundred and fifty (150) inhabitants. With few exceptions this section of country has been almost wholly settled since February last, a large emigration of settlers is expected during the coming fall. At Sun City I left  
15 Medicine Lodge Creek and followed the divide between this stream and Turkey Creek,