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44 Hunters had camped returning to Dodge City from the Cimarron river. During the night (I think last Sunday) while these men were asleep, their stock was stolen (consisting of six head of horses, mules, or both,) a fact that they did not discover until morning. Having a wagon with them it was determined that two of them (Fleming and Warren) should go to Dodge City for Horses and the others were to stay with the wagon until they returned. Fleming (who accompanied me to the Camp and who related all he knew of the affair with as much reluctance, and who required as much questioning as an unwilling witness on the stand) states that himself and Warren had gotten as far as the head of Mulberry Creek about 10 miles from Dodge City when they saw a Pony that had evidently been abandoned. Warren started to catch it and disappeared from Fleming's sight over a divide, shortly after, Fleming saw a party of Five mounted men (He could not tell whether white men or Indians) who on seeing him appeared to have a consultation and then rode off. Fleming then walked into Dodge (It does not appear that he sought after his comrade who was unarmed)(Fleming was armed with a Sharps, sporting Rifle) and as Warren did not come in that day, fears were entertained for his safety by his friends, and a party of Citizens on going out found his body a short distance from the place where Fleming says he saw him last. He had been shot in the back with Pistoles or a pistol and scalped. On arriving at the point which Fleming pointed out to me as their camp, I found that the men and wagon had disappeared. I found the trail of the wagon which entered the road to Dodge about a mile from the camp and as a party of Citizens had gone from Dodge to bring them in, about 5 hours before I started, I concluded they had found them and started in that night, which fact was confirmed by a party of wood choppers I found about six miles from the Camp, up the Creek. These wood choppers state that they have not been disturbed and have seen no signs of Indians. I could not find any trail of horses