

the Cimarron and at the principle watering places to the South and East for fifty miles and that they had not seen any Indians or signs whatever.

Oct. 25 from this point a plainly marked trail used by hunters leads to the Arkansas River this we took leaving sand creek to the left heading **lowards** the N.W. and continueing in a N.N.W. direction, we intered the valley of the Arkansas River through Cheyenne Pass. This pass the guide informed me was the only outlet to be found for the waters of Bear Creek and was undoubtedly the mouth of the Creek. This is probably correct as I could **see** no other place that would indicate the existence of a Creek or its debouchment through the sand hills south of the River in this section about half way between the mouth of cheyenne pass and the Arkansas passed along pond of clear water to the left which is probably the water of Bear Creek. Finding a good Camp I did not cross the river this P.M. This point is about six miles above the town of Lakin. Oct 24th crossed the Arkansas this A.M. in order to avoid some sand hills that obbut against the river. The road leads west up the North bank of the Arkansas and after a few miles crosses the At. & Sf. R.R. to the Northside **threw** its winds among abrupt bluffs and again crosses the R.R. below Aubrey where we continued the march to near old Fort Aubrey where a good camp was found with all conviences.

Oct. 29th This day commenced with a rain storm accompanied by a cold W.E. wind at 9 A.M. passed the town of Syracuse and four miles above. quit the road and turning to the left recrossed the Arkansas to the south side, the banks by a litte use of the spade were soon shaped sufficient to permit of the wagons entering the river without accident. On the south side no digging was required, the bank being low. The trail (made by buffalo) runs up the south bank and after a few miles a wagon road is discovered on which we continued to nearly opposite the town of Sergeant where a good shelter for Camp were found. Oct. 28th we continued the march up the River passing about 10 oclock A.M. a point known at the mouth of Two Butte Creek, but no creek or water are visable. At 11 A.M. we reached the permanent Camp where we found the party left behind as a guard all well.