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Sept. 7, 74

Left wagons with guard in Camp and marched up man arroya up and along man arroya lively clear stream, running through valley from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ mile wide, good soil and splendid grazing throughout the valley a dry sandy run along the creek for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the mouth terminating in a deep water hole no wood along creek except a few cottonwood brush on the Bluffs. The creek forks running water both forks it terminates in a wide dry sand run at the foot of which a small marsh the bed of the creek a few cottonwood trees. Across bluffs and small divide towards Head of South fork which like north fork side in wide dry run. At the head of the south fork a herd of buffalos was found of which two was killed and meat sent to camp a few cottonwood trees at the head of the fork returned to camp marching along and down the arroya camped in old camp. During the night it rained very heavy beginning at 9:50 A.M. and it rained without intermission till 11 A.M. Next morning the rain fall amounted to about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Sept. 8, 74

Remained in camp on the account of the heavy rain which fell during the previous night. The valley of Crooked Creek was in many places over flooded to a large extent. The water kept raising till about 3 P.M. and then fell again very slowly. The rain continued with short intervals till 11 A.M. then it ceased although it continued dark and cloudy during the remainder of the day. The creek which had been perfectly dry above the mouth of Man arroya rose more than 4 feet during the forenoon. A wagon was sent to the head of Man arroya to get some wood. When it returned the wood had to be unloaded and floated across the stream as it was impossible to cross a loaded wagon. Broke camp and marched down the Creek, at a cottonwood tree growing at foot of low but steep bluff found a place where a party had been encamped for several days 300 yards below it on the bank of the creek, found a fresh grave with 6 head stones marked From W. to E. as follows. H.C.J.A. Shaw, J.S.J.H.K.D.T.S.O.F.S. This was the party of surveyors reported to have been killed. Opened the grave to see if the bodies were fit for transportation but found them too much decomposed to do so and closed the grave again. Coming from bluffs down to river we found a yoke of cattle killed. A long day run. Their throats