

Oct 23, 74

North over hard slightly rolling prairie no water on it prairie covered with thousands of buffalo 1 buffalo killed. over hard level prairie passed surveyors mark small ponds scattered over prairie large herds of buffalo all around 2 killed over level prairie into camp on two small ponds grass scarce no wood water fair night cold little rain towards morning.

Oct 24, 74

Over level prairie passed several ponds and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from camp crossed small ravine filled with water killed 3 Buffalo. over level prairie to head of crooked creek a shallow ravine running N by E crossed it Saw two horsemen to the N. 2 miles distant rode over to see who they were found them to be hunters left wagons under guard back towards wagons which were awaiting us East of the ravine struck wagon trail and followed it East over hard prairie cut by head breaks of crooked ck. down to bank of creek and along it water in creek in holes creek forms deep ravines with steep ravines camp on bank at a few cottonwood trees grass fair water good but little dry wood night agreeable.

Oct 25, 74

Along and down crooked creek followed good road plenty of wood in banks in small groves no running in creek but series of water holes crossed creek and went into Camp on Walkers timber  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles below, crossing good wood and water grass scarce

Oct 26, 74

Over level prairie passed large shallow lake struck wagon trail leading S.W. (Canadian trail) followed road crossed some shallow ravines running towards crooked creek killed antelope. over towards Mulberry creek after 5 miles one of breaks of creek to left. Left road and into camp at water holes in Mulberry fair grass no wood.

Oct 27, 74

One mile over level prairie then N.W. to go around ravine then East until struck Supply road. Over level prairie towards Arkansas River after  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles struck range of sand hills across sandhills and through river valley to Dodge City crossing bridge through valley of Arkansas to Fort Dodge.