

tleman. The party passed the *divide* on the 4th of October, all walking over it, and on striking the sweet water, all drank, not a little pleased to behold the water once more running into the Atlantic. On the 13th of October, came in sight of a large Sioux village of some 300 lodges, and containing 2,000 souls—went immediately to it—were met by several chiefs, and the party conducted by them to the Soldier's-lodge, where they feasted on the choicest buffalo meat. Dr. White exchanged a horse with a chief, at the Indian's request, and left, after tarrying two hours, the party being as much pleased with their reception as the Indians appeared to be in entertaining them. They encamped three miles below the village, horses unmolested and nothing missed. Next day met Smoke, a notable chief, and 200 Indians with him, moving up to the large village which they had passed—exchanged the usual salutations of the day, and all went off most agreeably. On the 15th reached Fort Larimie, where the party were hospitably entertained, as at Fort Hall, by Mr. Papin. Left on the 16th, having purchased a sufficient quantity of dried buffalo meat and flour, with groceries, to last to Independene, intending to accomplish the journey with all possible expedition, and not to stop to kill game. On the 17th met eight or nine ox teams, heavily loaded with goods for trading with the Indians, in charge of Captain Finch, who had a trading post seven miles below Fort Larimie, on the Platte. On the 18th met Mr. Spane—had also several teams loaded with goods for trading with the Sioux; he had buried his partner the day previous, having died of a nervous fever. On the 29th, met two men on an express to Fort Larimie from the American Fur Company at St. Louis. They told the Doctor he would probably meet the Pawnee Indians before leaving the Platte, and if he did, they would rob him and his party.

On the 31st, at about eleven o'clock, the Doctor riding in front of the party to keep a look out for the Pawnees, discovered a large smoke ahead, halted, adjusted the pack animals, and then went cautiously on again; proceeded a few miles, when a horse was discovered three or four miles ahead, tied, and apparently uneasy. The party were now convinced that the Pawnees were not far off; halted again, and each man examined his fire-arms. The doctor proposed to leave the road and go into the hills, and keep on travelling all night to avoid coming in contact with Indians, whose character was that of