

get any snow, even if it were found on the mountain. It had never crossed my mind, that there was any probability of this latter resource failing us; I had in truth relied upon it with confidence, and concluded that in the event of only one snow-storm we should be enabled to find some place for a deposit, to save enough water for all our wants.

We now numbered nearly three hundred persons in camp, with but a few small calabashes containing five or six gallons of water; and all, more or less, felt the effects of the rarefied air. Mr. Brackenridge had a violent attack of the mountain-sickness, although one of the stoutest of the party; many of the natives felt unwell; and we all began to experience great soreness about the eyes, and a dryness of the skin.

At midday I found it impossible to obtain the dew-point with one of Pouillet's hygrometers, but after the clouds reached us in the afternoon it was found at 10° .

Dr. Judd had his hands full administering to the wants of all; but his spirits, always buoyant and cheerful, made every one comfortable and happy around him.

Old Keaweehu told us that we had taken the wrong road to the mountain, and that Puhano was not at all acquainted with the right road,—a fact we had long before discovered; that if we had come by way of Papapala, he would have been able to conduct us by a route we should have found water every few miles. Ragsdale was now sent off to meet the party from the ship, with orders for them to take the route now indicated, and for him to act as their guide.

Sergeant Stearns, in his excursions on the flanks of the party, shot some mountain geese, and whether to impute it to the appetite created by the mountain air, or the flavour of the bird, they certainly proved a great delicacy.

The 20th, being Sunday, was a day of rest: the natives requested that it might be so, and I readily yielded to their wishes. I was anxious, however, to ascertain the state of the mountain, and whether there was any snow to be had on its top, for I now felt satisfied that the want of water would prove the greatest difficulty I should have to encounter, in remaining there as long as I intended.

Lieutenant Budd received orders to set out with a few attendants at daylight; but after making his preparations, and having all things ready, the natives refused to accompany him on account of its being Sunday, as they said. I am, however, inclined to believe that fear had something to do with it, for they never knew of any one having gone up this mountain before, and thought me mad for taking so