

However, our Savage Indian friends had some good qualities as they never castrated a horse or stallion of any kind, never, all Indian pony herds were everything old and strong enough to walk or run, mares, fillies, colts, young stallions, old worn out buffalo and war horses, grazing, biting, fighting and quarreling constantly, nickering and neighing.

These herds were inbred, outbred and bred every way and most of the barb ~~or~~ Spanish horse stock, in most instances Indian ponies were the basic stock of all the great plains country that was opened for ~~farming~~ as the settlers were nearly all poor people and used Indian ? ponies ? for farm work because they were too poor or unable to obtain any other stock for work and transportation, as draft stallions and jackasses were brought into the country the Indian ponies were bred up for draft animals making the American farm horse an Indian pony mare when bred to dapple grey Percheron horse from France produced some of the finest American farm horses.

The Comanche Indians lived in an age and at the border of Spanish-Castillian-American boundry ~~mx~~ lines when he became the world's greatest horse agent or horse thief, his trail started on the Arkansas River, crossed the Cimarron and Canadian in Indian Territory and by 1800 he was attempting to steal all surplus horses in old Mexico. the Mexicans south ~~of the Rio Grande~~ of the Rio Grande never resisted him and always ran from him; at first only the Plains Indians were the Comanches customers but quickly trappers, surveyors, freighters and by 1830 his stolen Spanish ~~mx~~ were selling in St. Louis. As a horse thief, the Comanche had no equal, his crowning achievement came in spring of 1839 when a band of Comanches under Shaved Head stole all of Bent's horses at Bent's Fort on the Arkansas and got away with them to northwest Texas. No Mexican ever castrated a stallion, therefore the stolen Mexican horses were all kinds, sexes and ages and were the foundation of the American farm horse.

Walter, I enclose some letters you can copy and use.

My kindest regards to
you my friend

(signed) Tex Willis