

I think he's a chief. A fine man. Good friend of ours.

INDIAN INCOME FROM LEASES; LOANS AND INTEREST

(Going back to the money they were getting back then from their per cap payment--after they got that third payment of nineteen dollars apiece, then what kind of payments did they get?)

Well, it was their lease money entirely. But before the agreement from 1890 to the final signing of the agreement, as I said, the Cheyenne and Arapahoes occupied seven counties. And all those seven counties were leased to big cattle associations--St. Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, Ft. Worth and Dallas and all those other cattle companies. Every county was fenced off, leased by those cattle associations. And they got this grass money--lease--I don't know what it was--I was too young for that, to know. But they got six months payments from their grass payment of those leases in the seven counties. I don't know what the amount was but they came in for it twice a year. And of course they got rations, beef.

(Back in 1902, then, while you were working with the bank and they were getting lease money from leasing their allotments, how often was that paid out?)

Twice a year. There were payments made in February and September, I think. Sometimes in October. Course, they got checks--the older folks got checks of, say, fifteen dollars either once or twice a month. Fifteen dollars every two weeks, or so, from any land sales they had already transacted on.

(Could you tell me any more about the bank's business and giving loans on horses and saddles and so forth?)

I know some people got as much as a hundred dollars. Maybe sixty, forty, fifty, eighty--they done that mostly to take care of themselves before they got their fee at Darlington. But there was so much gambling going on--these Cheyennes and Arapahoes were great people to gamble at Mexican monte. Like I know one man that borrowed sixty dollars. He mortgaged a nice race horse. And he came down there, and three days later when I got down to Darlington he had that sixty dollars plus interest ready. He'd won a good game. And not only that but three days after that he came to Geary broke. Got a second loan. After he'd paid out his other note, of course, he got a second loan. Such as that,