

said; "They're not supposed to be sold. They're handed down from a chief to his electee--to the succession." He said, "In other words, they're not salable." I said, "No." "Well, I'll tell you what I'll do," he said. "I'll give him the cash. "We'll keep that medal here for you." Now that medal's still in the bank at Geary. All the Dillons died off but two girls. I don't know if they know that or not. But I mentioned it to one of them girls--she's had a stroke and she's almost helpless now. But that medallion is still in the bank strong box. Whether I get it or not, I don't know. I borrowed it twice going to Medicine Lodge. He let me have it. That was through her brother, though, the girl's brother. He's dead now.

(What was their name?)

Dillon. The girl's name is Stalhaver--she married a German, a Mennonite. She had inherited that strong box now, I guess.

(Who was the fellow that borrowed the money on it?)

John Bullbear, Arapaho from Colony, Oklahoma.

(What ever happened to him?)

He died about twenty-some-odd years ago.

(He never got his medallion back?)

No, he never redeem it. In fact I didn't think he's care to redeem it.

(Do you remember any cases where Indians were loaned money and were never able to repay?)

Well, those medals, I don't think--even if they want to redeem them I don't think the purchaser would want to let them have it again. Because they were silver, you know. Good silver in them days. Had a high alloy of silver.

(You were mentioning a fellow that borrowed sixty dollars on his race horse--did ever pay--?)

Yeah, they pay. They paid them out. They redeem--pay their notes. (Did the bank ever have to take any horses--or anything like that?)

Well, I know of one case--two--Ernest Left Hand, Left Hand's son, voluntarily turn in his pony that he had mortgaged--a spotted one--turn his pony in voluntarily, a spotted pony, for a twenty-seven dollar debt, at the Darlington store. I took the pony down myself from Geary--rode it down. And the other instance was, a man by the name of Little Bird--it wasn't his loan, but