

Yeah. Already sawed up in eighteen inch lengths or twenty-four inch lengths for hearter stove or cook stove. And then they bought their prairie hay at El Reno. At that time, you know. They bought their feed--oats and prairie hay--haul it out. I know my Dad used to go down. He'd get all a wagon could hold--about sixteen bales--and we'd move it out to the camp and unload it, and put a little fence around it. They all make little sheds for their horses, you know. Little windbreak. Feed their horses like that. And they bought lot of horse blankets, you know. Some were wool and some were heavy canvas, lined with felt, and decked their horses.

GAMBLING IN THE INDIAN CAMPS AT DARLINGTON:

(Where did this gambling--this Mexican monte--where did that go on?)

All over the camp. All night long. It seemed like one man would have a big old seven-strip tent--fourteen by sixteen--he'd put up two stoves. Then he'd have another tent where he'd cook and sell food, like a restaurant--steak, pork chops, boiled meats, stews, and fry bread. Be a dollar a meal. So when you win money you go and take your friends over there to eat, and drink some black coffee and get rested up.

(Are these white men that are making the food?)

No, all Indians. Cheyennes and Arapaho es. Same way with the Kiowas and Comanches. The Mexicans and white people, they gambled in towns. They wouldn't let them come out. It was against the law for the whitepeople to come out and gamble with the Indians or collect money from Indians. Strictly against-- they'd throw them in jail for that. The Indian Police.

(These these tents where they'd be selling the food like in a restaurant, then they were Indians preparing the food?)

Oh, yeah. Lot of good food there. Good steaks and chops--

(Men or women?)

Men and women. Women were doing all the cooking, but they had tables there, and chairs. Some of them--old folks--likes to eat on the ground, you know.

(Who ran the monte games?)