

When the confusion of the War between the states died down about 1875 and the army had all but destroyed the self-supporting Plains Indians, it was popular to kill and destroy the Indians' ponies, especially his war horses. At Canyon, Texas, some 500 were destroyed and at Cheyenne, Oklahoma, on the Washita, about the same number, the idea being that afoot the Indians would stay at home. ~~At this time~~ In 1820 at San Antonio the Spanish Generals and Governours holding a meeting with Comanche chiefs among whom was Shaved Head a young warrior high in Tribal esteem to get them to quit raiding their horse herds. Shaved Head replied in great dignity; he had always believed in Great Spirit, Great Spirit had always taken care of him; Great Spirit had sent white man to raise horses for Comanche Indian and the present deal was all right. Farther up this narrative I have shown when Shaved Head twenty years later stole all of Wm. Bent's horses at Forst Bent on the Arkansas.

About this time there appeared all over America's country roads and highways what was known as country horsetraders, they invariably traveled in covered wagons with a band of calico, spotted or pinto Indian ponies to sell or trade and happy was the boy or girl who wanted a pony to ride who could get their father to go out to the horse traders' camps and buy them a pony to ride for eight or ten dollars.

This was the gradual ending of the horse age in America and gone with it is all horse sense a long forgotten virtue.

Tex Willis

Walter the phone was ringing ceaselessly Saturday from different idiots so I had to "chop off" I have used dates on old items so you can depend on this as it was some years back. You can rearrange it to suit Walter.

I have a good quarter horse stallion I must sell, he is all registered for many generations, gentle as a dog, woman or child can ride him.

My kindest regards

(signed) Tex Willis