

esting to note that in the Indian village, which the troops destroyed was found: 100 lbs. of powder; 250 lbs. of lead; 100 bullet molds; 60 to 80 axes and as many hatchets; 60 butcher knives; 60 draw knives; 60 hammers, awls, rifles, pistols, shields and lances. In the account which Evans wrote of the battle, he states that the Indians used no arrows, firing only rifles and pistols. (Chr. of Okla., Vol. XVI. NO. 3, Sept., 1938). But the troops were using cannon. Billy Dixon and his buffalo hunters repulsed the Cheyennes and Comanches at Adobe Walls in 1874.

I would imagine that steel points were used locally up until about 1875, by which date the Indian had virtually disappeared from the Panhandle of Oklahoma, as a warrior and as a hunter.

The thought occurs to me that other Indians, outside of those of the Great Plains, may have used steel points. Perhaps those tribes which threatened the Pennsylvanian frontier during Benjamin Franklin's life may have learned the use of steel as a tip for their arrows. There would be no reason why they should not gain such knowledge. The tribes nearest the White Man's frontier would first learn of metal as a weapon; as the frontier moved deeper into the continent, the tribes in the interior would adopt the newer and better point.

Summarizing, I would suggest, that steel points were used in this locality from about 1840 to about 1875. The adoption of the point would be gradual and perhaps the quiver of the warrior at one time would contain both metal and stone tipped arrows. The points we find were probably lost by the following tribes, namely, the Comanches, Kiowas, Apaches, Cheyennes or Arapahoes, since I believe that all of the tribes indicated hunted and fought in the Oklahoma panhandle during the nineteenth century. At the same time that the Indian was learning the value of a metal arrow point he was also acquiring the use of firearms and in the last years of Indian warfare, the gun had virtually displaced the bow and arrow as the Indian's weapon of warfare.