

kill us off in no time." So, he says, "I am going to holler and tell all my Arapaho boys go back to camp. Get what war regalia they got, their bows, their arrows, their guns, their shields, their knives and come back and stand behind these guns and this cavalry in preparation for whatever might happen to us." So, he announced it and Cheyennes announced it and Blackfeet announced it. So all the boys went back to camp. Their respective camps. Pretty soon, they all come with their shields, their guns, their bows and arrows. So, the Commissioners say, "What all these young men come out here in all their regalia?" So, the chiefs of the tribes, Purcell, Arapaho, say "Well, what they got their knife guns all around us for?" "Just stick us behind." And they may just fire the big guns at us." And the commissioner says, "No, we not going to have any trouble." Chief say, "All right, you prove it." "You send the Infantry out." So, bugle blow. Pretty soon the Infantry went out with fixed bayonets, and the Cavalry rode out and the mule teams out there--they hooked on to the cannons--drove 'em out. Bird Chief and these other tribes also announcted the boys to go back to camp to get their bows and arrows outfit, you know their arms--so, the chiefs say "Now boys go on back and put your guns away." Personally, my father said, "I went to camp and my brother-in-law's camp and got 17 arrows out of my quiver and my knife, all I took, came back and stood behind the Infantry, I mean Cavalry, behind the guns. I made up my mind and said I was gonna shoot those guys as fast as I could, but when all this fell down, I took my arrows and my knife back home and come listen." So, my father was about 18 years old at that time. So, at that time, they knew that it was supposed to be a peace time, a convention, an agreement, That was when they signed 1851 treaty. Now, I am always proud of my Cheyenne-Arapaho people in this respect. Under Article VI of the Treaty of 1851, it provides that the party of the second part of the treaty shall hereafter elect their chief and head man, who shall do all their national business in their behalf. And they shall elect their successor and maintain them during good behavior. No other tribe has that provision. We still elect our chiefs today.