

Well we'd be out on--couldn't get in, out on a herd and we'd pull off our saddle and lay down. That was out pillar. And to keep the snake from getting to us we'd stretch it around and around. You could hear them hit and that they sing and they wouldn't come. They were superstitious.

(Hunh.)

Not that they, one fellow turned some lose on a concrete floor and said, "I want to show--and in a show you know and he opened the screen. Said, "I want to show that it's a mistake about a rope turning a snake." Well them snakes pick them out of them cages, they're gentle, they just crawled on over that rope. But they won't do it out on the prairie. I've tried it. I've stretched a rope around there and lay down there and go to sleep and wake up. You'd hear that rattlesnake hit that rope and sing maybe and they'd turn off. They were superstitious.

EARLY LIFE OF A CATTLEMAN - CUTTING HORSES

(What did you eat when you out working like that?)

Well we had--the lunch wagon was a following us--if we got away we absolutely don't leave the ranch without a piece of dried beef. We kept dried beef. You could ride two days. You could go two days on that beef, if wagon couldn't get to you.

(Call it jerky?)

Uh-hum.

(Jerky is that what they called it?)

I guess so. Just dried it you know like the Osages do, kinda. And then we'd it'd keep you know just like your bacon would. I'll keep forever when you dry beef right. It's easy dried. And then we'd get away from the chuck wagon, you know. Stand on a round-up herd for three days and nights. And we had no place to corral the cattle but just corral them on our horses. Well when they cut it took about three horses in hot weather to stand one man cutting