

THE INDIAN LAW

The Indians had so many wives some become Chief and some had many wives as four. If one get sick they all take care of each other. But you can not go with some one's wife if they catch you they bring you to Indian meeting. They cut half ears off if they catch you again they cut whole ears off if you can't quit and caught again they start on other ear. They also cut half off and again they cut whole ears off. They give him warning if he no ears, his end of the nose must cut off some quit and few of em had the nose cut off. If a thief get caught stealing thing they hang under the tree and put log between his feet. One sit on log and stretch him good. One whipping man and two horse rider which mean Sheriff. One tell this man whip him hard as you could and the other man he count the whipping sticks. One man hold the sticks and he hand it to the whipping man and the killer he usually get fifty times. If anybody get whipping they will never do it again. When they untied him they wives began to take care of em. Wash with medicine and they take him home they will never be the same again. Some of the Indians brought Negroes as their helper they get same as an Indian thief and killer. Many were whipped same as rest of the Indian until the Oklahoma law come in if they get the thief or the killer they take him east which Ft. Smith. If they get drink or small trouble they put the chain and they work em around the Chiefs' home. They give them certain days when they days are up they send them home and the Chief give him a good talking. Until the white man Sheriff they began to use the Oklahoma law.