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Mr.: And so I lived in that tent, we lived in the tent about two months, didn't we?

Mrs.: We lived in it from April till August.

Mr.: Yeah, got a little two room house built. Couldn't get any carpenter.

Mrs.: Well, by, listen. We, he, got the carpenter but when he couldn't. He got this man that owned the place. He just rented. And he owed this man so he contracted to build this house for what he owed him. Well, then after he got the contract and he started the house. Then he went off to Helena and Cherokee. You know. And stayed up there till the next spring with horses and then he was out there without anything.

Mr.: Yeah, Norman's a big town, now. I gotta red-headed sister-in-law there. I don't know whereabouts she lives.

(Well, does the weather out here ever affect these cattle when you were working them?)

Mr.: Oh, cattle in '98 and '00 froze to death in this country. I saw. I was about 15 years old. My Dadd was in' to be ol' just to know common school. Got a dictionary and grammar so he could speak to the public. And the stallion's brother was a father. The thoughts lots of him and he was in hard state. And said brother said, "I'd like to let 'em in," that's what they called me, "Godown and sell" pay him to work for us and turn the money to you." And said the cattle, we'll work in these cattle. Said he can't. And that tickled me to death to get outa school. So a, we skinned cattle and he didn't feed cattle in them days. The numbers didn't. The strong lived through and the weak died. But that was such a winter and a. Cattle got so poor, they got out on a \_\_\_\_\_ and die. And I remember in one place there was about 15 or 20 head standing up, up in a draw or in a low place and there was one calf lived through. All froze to death. And he skinned cattle and skinned cattle. They took their hides to the rail road. You couldn't get over, a few cents about three cents a pound. Hides. You could take a carload of them ole ar, cow hides and wouldn't weigh over a ton, a w. (And these were all horse hides.)

Mr.: Yeah, all horse hides.

(They ever stamped much?)

Mr.: Oh, yes, took a race horse to lead one. It was all leads and horns and I've heard