

so many sleeps. Oceans were termed as a big creek. One knowing that my parents were both foreign born use to remark, "You no white man--way across big creek you come." The elderly Indians liked crackers without salt. One old-timer use to signal his family over a mile away with a small mirror to come after him when he came from Anadarko, which was Indian Captial. When I played ball against the Indians, especially the Kiowas, they didn't need any signals like white players as we couldn't understand a word they said. Of all the four languages spoken in the Apache area, Kiowa appears to be the most difficult. The native tongue is almost forgotten among the young set. When asked why one old-timer replied, "They don't have anybody to teach them no more." Shaving in the white man's fashion was unheard of in the Indian world. The men pulled their whiskers with improvised tweezers. Although all tribes in the southwest spoke a different language they could converse in sign language for hours and seem to understand each other. A hadd game played with small sticks of different lengths was a popular game. Also card game called maudy was another gambling game that attracted those who wanted to gamble. Most Indians had plural wives until the government decreed that most--that they must have one or they would get no more payemants. They use to get quarterly payments. Those with more children naturally got more money. I never saw a selfish Indian. Only two money savers in all my dealings. Old ones bought and paid for each item before making other purchases. Old ones bought on open account with most of them paying their bills quite different than those of today of the present day. The word, Honest Injun, came from the old-timer. Lots of illegitimate children. The heirships were difficult to determine in the early day and it is still thataway. It was always brother or sister.