

INDIAN POLICE FORCE AND THEIR DUTIES.

We didn't never take the police question did we?

(No, we didn't.)

Indian police. About some of the early work, I didn't know. Before the country opened, the government had to organize an Indian police--mounted police. Because there was no cities and they had to go over all the whole reservation. They were chasing those outlaws and intruders. And they had about 50 of them--just like the Army. And they had two United States Marshalls--Jimmy Jones and Frank Bell. And they had them all in uniform. I got a picture of a couple of them. I'll show them to you after a while. They did a lot of great work. Caught many trespassers, and they always take them the nearest place across the border of the reservation. Sometimes they take them to the south across the Red River--either Henrietta, Texas or Wichita Falls. And out west they take them across Greer County. And on the north they take them to Caldwell, Kansas.

(Well, what did these trespassers do on the reservation?)

Well, the headquarters was at the Agency--in the front room of the Indian Agency. (Misunderstands the question) And they had a large rack to tie their horses, and hold all the saddles. And on the front of the Agency is a gun rack. You oughta see the guns just outside on the rack. And all of them wore sidearms while walking around. And they got chairs, and they got-- They wander around the office--some in the hall and some in the office. They got a room where they stay to be handy. And they wear uniform and they have different kind of badges. They don't wear a star. They're kinda like that United States emblem--a shield, yes.