

you know. And some of them actually use their money right, during the camp until they got their money.

(What kind of interest did the bank charge?)

Oh, we charged them about eight per cent. A few were charged ten per cent. But they were good to the Indians. It was a little high at that time, but usually it was not considered a serious matter in them days. So we charged them.

ARAPAHO AND CHEYENNE ARTICLES COLLECTED AND SOLD TO NEW YORK BANK IN 1904

(How long would the loan be for?)

Oh, three months, six months. Sometimes they pay the interest on their note and make them run longer. But in the winter and spring of 1904, the bank got a letter from some big bank in New York City, which that bank requested a lot of Indian stuff. Old genuine style Indian stuff. And the banker there at Geary had two of us to go out through the Cheyenne-Arapaho country buying up all old genuine used, you know, things like arrows, shields, pouches, and bags and war bonnets, and in turn we'd give them credit for their notes. Yeah. We gave them liberal credit for a note of maybe sixty dollars or eighty dollars. Maybe a war bonnet--we'd take that in for the amount of the note. These beaded bags, tobacco pouches, pipes, and old time buffalo chasing arrows that they still had. We valued them pretty high. We gave them good credit on their note. Sometimes people took up their note just selling Indian stuff. These parfleashes that were painted--rawhides, you know, where they kept things, like their food, meat, and all that. And these pouches that they carried over their shoulder, you know. Either for fruit or meats or medicine bags, you know, that these Indian doctors used. Sometimes it would be a whole beaver, dressed in the hair as they called it, and all those medicine herbs they take for medicinal purposes were kept in those bags. We bought them. And there were other pouches, like rawhide pouches, like sewing kits that men wore. They call them haa.čé si. They wore them on their belt on scouting trips in the early days. Awls and needles and sinew, and even those flints that they used to start a fire with. They carry them in a little old thing about so wide, tapered down to a (unintelligible) and then fringed down there and beaded.