

MITCHELL, P. D. INTERVIEW.

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EARLY FARM PRODUCTS

An interview of P. D. Mitchell, age 62,
white, Okemah, Oklahoma

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I recollect that the first fair held in Muskogee was in 1889. Produce and feed stuff were good then. Sometimes a man would get 120 bushels of corn to the acre and think nothing about it.

Cotton stalks could be found in some places to grow as high as the tallest man and it was nothing to find watermelons weighing from eighty to ninety pounds.

Even these good crops were less cultivated but they were put into new cultivated black soil. Sometimes a man never even had to plow his fields. He could go out and find a place where the hogs had done considerable rooting and fence this place off. With a small amount of added work he would have a field ready in no time to be planted into whatever he desired.