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BIOGRAPHY OF Mr. J. J. Caywood (White)
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I came to this part of the country after the town of Stroud was established. I have had a shop here for years and years. (Mr. Caywood is a gunsmith, and also repairs watches.) At that time Stroud was just about three blocks long. Main Street ran north and south starting at the Frisco depot. All up and down the street were hitching racks, and they were usually fairly well filled by the Indians' teams and horses. Stroud was about the main trading center, as it was on the trail used by the Indians from the agency to their homes.

I have fixed many a gun for the Indians and whites in the vicinity. One time about five men came into the shop. They were tough looking men, but I was used to that, and thought nothing about it at the time. They had two or three guns to be repaired. After they left, I found out that they were outlaws- the Dalton brothers. It left me with a shaky feeling.

When the Indians came to town the greater number of them went on sprees. Of course, there were mean Indians and good ones just as there are now, and it was not at all unusual to see a gun fight on the street.
