

WESTERN BUCKS IN TROUBLE.

Uncle Sam's Latest Order Breaks Up Many Large Households.
Special Correspondence of The Florida Star.

WICHITA, Kan., July 30.—The order of the United States government compelling the men of the various Indian tribes to give up all but one of their wives has caused sorrow and death to invade the domestic circles of their homes. It has been more severe than the United States officers ever thought possible and has caused more trouble than any other order issued to govern the Indians for many years. The instructions of the interior department last winter were very explicit on the question of Indians having more than one wife. They provided that all the redskins should proceed at once to the nearest agency and account for their household.

The Indians did not obey. The agents were lenient, not desiring to push so vital and delicate a subject. The old men and the young bucks did not recognize the edict, but continued to marry more squaws, as had been their custom for years. In some households there were as many as ten women who had been made wives of the head of the family according to aboriginal laws.

A few days ago the agent for the Kiowas and the Comanches sent out word that they must separate for good or forfeit the right to share in the tribes' land and money soon to be distributed pro rata. The braves did not like to lose their right to land and money, and, much against their will, were forced to go to the reservation station at Darlington and make a choice of their wives.

In the case of Tall Beaver, the Comanche chieftain, the selection fell on the youngest of his squaws. Shortly afterward, the other six, because they were not the lucky ones, killed themselves. They obtained a razor and with characteristic Indian stoicism took turns in inflicting the fatal wound. Tall Beaver is very glad to be rid of his squaws, he says, because they were no good to work and that he was fast losing his fortune in consequence thereof. He said that he did not care if his deserted wives did commit suicide, as it was not his fault. Some of the



CHICKASAW BUCK AND BRIDE.

older men were angry at the agent because of their loss and threatened to sue the United States government for damages.

Formerly it was said among the Kiowas and the Comanches that the more wives one possessed the better the standing he had in tribal ranks, but of late the younger men have taken more than one wife only because such was the requirement of the prevailing fashion. They would have been glad to get rid of their many squaws, but the older men held back, keeping the younger element on their side.

The legal casting away of wives took place on the open prairie near the agency. The ranking official, Major Mischner, tall and dignified, sat astride his pony in the midst of the terrified redskins. He had a complete list of names of the members of the tribes from each district, and called them out in alphabetical order. As each name was announced the owner responded.

The proceedings were conducted somewhat as follows: "Many Horses, how many wives do you claim?"

"Eight women now live in my tepee," was the answer from the big medicine chief of the Kiowas.

"Have you decided which one you love the best?" interrupted the questioner as the chief started to complain of the order.

The Indian, after much studying, said he had formed a choice, and he then had known the name of the squaw whom he preferred to keep.

"The other women who have been living with Many Horses will please go to the agency, where they will be cared for later," the agent said without sympathy, and the succeeding case was then considered.

One extremely beneficial result—the abolition of the Indian practice of buying and selling wives—will follow this summary action of the authorities. For hundreds of years such customs have been in vogue throughout the

copper hued nations habitating the western states. Chief among the offenders, in addition to the Kiowas and the Comanches, have been the Chickasaws, Apaches, Osages and Creeks.

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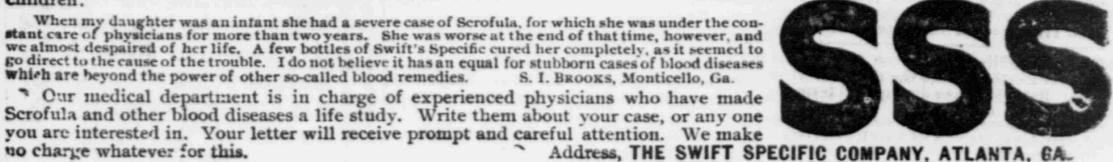
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