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EDITORIAL ON L. C. PERRYMAN

From 5,000 to 6,000 Creek and Snake Indians are preparing to move to Mexico, which country a committee will visit shortly to negotiate with President Diaz for the purchase of land.

This project has been under consideration for some time, but no decisive step was taken till Wednesday and Thursday, when a meeting was held at Okmulgee by the Berryhill Colonization Company, of which D. L. Berryhill, a prominent Creek, is president and M. L. Checotah, secretary.

A committee consisting of President Berryhill, L. C. Perryman, Thomas Long, and Nokus Fixico, was appointed to go to Mexico and negotiate with President Diaz for a tract of land ample to accomodate 5,000 to 6,000 people. This committee will arrange with the

Mexican government for a land grant, in addition to which the company will purchase several thousand acres. The committee will remain in Mexico about three months, during which time it will visit several places and make a selection for the colony at some point in Southern Mexico.

A petition will be presented to congress at the next session for the removal of restrictions so the lands owned by the Indians may be sold here. These lands will bring from \$10 to \$50 an acre while land can be purchased in Mexico at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$2 an acre. In the section of country where the Indians probably will locate there is an abundance of fruit, fish and game, and the red man will be able to return to his former manner of living.

Another meeting of the company will be held at Okmulgee July 26 and 27, when the committee will be fully instructed as to its duties and all details for the trip to Mexico perfected. President Berryhill said the committee would acquire a large tract of land for the colony. The expenses of the committee will be borne by the company.

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EDITORIAL ON MIGRATION OF CREEKS

Okmulgee.

A movement is on foot in the Creek nation for the migration of all the fullbloods to Old Mexico. There they hope to return to the simple nomadic life they enjoyed before the encroachment of the white man into Indian Territory and to spend the remainder of their days in the ways dearest to the Indian's heart. A large delegation of Indians from the Creek and Seminole nations met here and elected delegates to go to Mexico City and view the promised land, and if their report is favorable the fullbloods of both nations will prepare to sell their allotments in Indian Territory as soon as possible and buy lands in Mexico.

The delegation is composed of Legus Perryman, ex-chief of the Creek nation, who lives at Tulsa; Pleasant Berryhill, Okmulgee; Thomas Long Yeager, and Nokus Fixico, Irene. This committee will proceed direct to the City of Mexico. Here its members will begin

an investigation as to the possibility of obtaining a large single body of land at a reasonable price. The Indians want land in a wild location, where there is plenty of large game, timber and streams, and where the white man is not likely to come for generations. If they can secure such a tract, their plan is to purchase it with the money realized from the sale of their allotments in the territory, and hold it by communal title, as they did their land in the Indian Territory before the allotment of land in severalty. Their ambition also is to govern themselves after the manner of the government of the five civilized tribes, holding their own councils, electing officers and enjoying the rights of an independent and communal government under the general supervision, of course, of the Mexican government.

At the meeting held in Okmulgee the fullbloods raised \$1,200, which will be used in defraying the expenses of the delegation to Mexico. This delegation is not authorized to purchase land, but to ascertain what can be purchased and report by letter or in person at the next meeting of the organization which will be held at Okmulgee July 26 and 27. If the report is favorable arrangements will be made for the migration.

The Mexican Colonization Company is the name of the organization back of the migration scheme. It is composed almost entirely of fullbloods and a few negroes mixed with Indian blood, and so far as is known, no white men are back of the scheme.