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EDITORIAL ON J. F. BROWN AND C. L. LONG

Perhaps no man living has left a more lasting impress on the lives and character of his people than Governor John F. Brown, who was principal chief of the Seminole nation for sixteen consecutive years. Those were fortunate years for the Seminole tribe. During that time they had a man of great ability and honor at the head of their affairs. He is the ablest Indian in the territory, and a statesman of remarkable capacity. He met the strongest men at Washington and convinced them that his course was wise, comprehensive and just. During his long and notable administration transpired events that resulted in a wise adjustment of Seminole affairs, and paved the way for a final dissolution of tribal relations. He was the first Indian with vision keen enough to foresee the ultimate solution of the Indian problem, and through his kindly intercessions the government's task was greatly simplified and lightened. Seminole affairs are in the best condition of any of the other