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THE OKMULGEE CONSTITUTION

The New York Sun comments at some length on the features of the bill introduced into Congress by Mr. Wells to organize the Territory of Oklahoma, and while opposing the bill as being palpably unjust to the Indians, takes up the matter of the Okmulgee Constitution, which it calls a "plausible but injudicious scheme," and one "open to many serious objections," and says:

The Okmulgee Constitution proposed the formation of a Territorial Government, the officers of which should be chosen by the Indians from their own race, practically independent of the United States Government but operating under its sanction, without any modification of the tribal relations already existing among them. It was in fact intended as an alliance of the Indians against the encroachments of