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L. N. Hornbeck, Editor

EDITORIAL ON CHOCTAW CONVENTION

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Whereas, the change contemplated affects the great mass of our people, the poor and uneducated, whose rights it is our duty to protect and promote, that class of our people who are becoming poorer and more dependent each year, and,

Whereas the U. S. courts, in the Indian Territory are gradually encroaching on and depriving our courts of their jurisdiction

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Whereas, we have evidence to believe that the U. S. congress is taking steps to make radical changes affecting our government and the holdings of our lands, and,

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Whereas, we believe that in case of dissolution of our tribal relations, being the party most interested, we should have the complete control of the division of our possessions, and,

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