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EDITORIAL ON CHOCTAWS

Antlers.-- To get early action on the tribal affairs of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, and to clear up alleged indefinite points in the treaties of 1865 and 1866, and arrange for the disposal of mineral rights at a fair price to the tribes, a meeting of the Choctaws has been called at Hugo, December 18 by a committee of interested members of the tribe.

Resolutions passed at a meeting held here recently declare the recent sales of mineral rights have been disappointing to the two nations and some new plan will be worked out at the Hugo meeting with recommendations to the proper government officials to get early action. It is pointed out that the interest of the two nations in what is known as the "leased district" has never been definitely settled.

The value of the tribal lands was appraised at \$15,000,000, but at the sales a year ago only

\$1,000,000 was realized while the last sales totalled but \$11,000. Coal and asphalt lands have failed to bring good prices they say, and much of this property has not been sold. Many tribal matters are still unsettled. The Hugo meeting will be non-political, according to the committee calling it.