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A sensational story reached here from Okmulgee, relating the death of two full-blood Creek Indians, one murdered supposedly by Crazy Snake's followers, the other a member of the Snake band, and killed by the marshal's posse, and ten other snakes captured in Okmulgee. They will be taken to the Federal jail at Muskogee.

The Snakes have rebelled against the action of the Creek council in passing the supplemental agreement last Saturday, and have been holding meetings at the Old Hickory grounds about ten miles south of Okmulgee. Marshal Bennett left Sunday for that place with a posse. The posse returned to Okmulgee with ten full bloods. They were sullen and desperate. The marshal's posse reports having shot one Indian in making the capture.

The second chapter of the story is the report of the murder of Barry Bruner, a member of the house of warriors, the lowest body of the Creek council. Bruner left Saturday night to attend an Indian corn dance in the Hickory ground vicinity and failed to return and attend the council meeting. A runner from the Snake stronghold brought in the news of finding Bruner's body by the roadside near where a dance was held. His body was riddled with bullets and it is believed that he was the victim of the enraged opposition Creeks.

At the court house Monday night Chief Pleasant Porter spoke.

Gen. Porter spoke in the Creek tongue, and thanked the members for their action Saturday in passing the agreement. He related with sorrow the ending forever of the Creek Indians as a tribe, but explained it was for the best -- that the Indians would now become citizens of the United States; would enjoy all the privileges as such, and would immediately be given deeds to their lands. His address was listened to attentively by his warriors and the chief was given a hearty applause at the close.