

THE PURCELL REGISTER

Purcell, Chickasaw Nation, I. T.
Thursday, Sept. 24, 1896
Vol. 9 No. 44
W. H. Walker, Editor

EDITORIAL ON ISPARHECHER

Indian Journal:

The Creek Chief Isparhecher is still sick at his home on Salt Creek. Isparhecher will very likely never recover from his illness. He is a full blood Indian of much practical common sense and quaint wisdom. He declines to be treated by white doctors and is being doctored by a Creek medicine man who is still trying to cure him of the "snake and tarrapin" disease -- whatever that is. The Indian doctors are said by many white physicians to possess much more skill in medicine than might be supposed from their queer terms. Many of their remedies are very effective. The present attendant upon Isparhecher says he at one time about cured the "snake" trouble, but the tarrapin disease is very stubborn and has not yet yielded to his medicine.