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INTERVIEW WITH ALEX POSEY

Alex Posey, the interpreter for the Dawes commission, Creek poet and writer and collector of Indian folk lore, was in McAlester Saturday night, after a two months' tour in the far away parts of the territory, says the Capital.

According to Mr. Posey, the Indian will vote the democratic ticket. He has no inducement, no inclination to vote otherwise.

"The Indian," said Mr. Posey, "is a natural born democrat, and there is no tenet of the republican party which appeals to him at all. He is against the present method of administering affairs. The great trouble with the Indian politically is his apathy. He is too prone to regard politics as the white man's business -- something that he, as an Indian, should let severely alone."

"The policy of the government," continued Mr.

Posey, "has never been wise so far as the Indian is concerned. He has not been taught self-reliance. There has been too much guardianship. He labors under the evils of free beef and cash payments."

Mr. Posey is the author of the inimitable "Fus Fixico" letters, which bubble over with genuine fun. Although written in prose, they sometimes approach Lowell's "Bigelow Papers" in vigor, in point and in merry, shrewd ridicule.

At present Mr. Posey is engaged in paraphrasing the 23rd Psalm from the Indians' point of view in regard to the present federal officials.