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ALEX POSEY DROWNED

At a place where the overflow of the North Canadian river has cut across the Katy tracks one-fourth mile north of the railroad bridge across that river, Alex Posey, editor of the Indian Journal, and a negro named Joe Scott lost their lives by drowning about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon May 26.

While Mr. Posey had been editor of the Journal about two months, he had not yet moved his family to Eufaula from Muskogee and came down a day or two each week. Wednesday afternoon in company with R. D. Howe, the oil man, he came down from Muskogee and left the train at Cathay because of the washout. They secured a boat with Joe Scott and another negro to man it and started to cross the strip of water rushing over the Katy track, where the current was unusually swift.

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In midstream the boat capsized on a wire fence and the Scott negro was drowned at once. Howe and the other negro swam ashore, and Alex Posey caught a small sapling by which he held himself above the water. The engine of a work train rushed to Eufaula, two and one half miles away, to secure rope. When the engine returned Mr. Posey was still hanging to his support but was very weak. John Simpson, Will Coppick and others secured a boat and by tying it to a post of the wire fence, managed to get it within five feet of Posey, when the rope was thrown him. It is supposed that he was almost completely exhausted by his hour or more battling with the waves, for after he had caught the rope his hold gave way and he sank.

The body was seen several feet down stream and it arose no more.

Messrs. Simpson and Coppick worked heroically to save his life but their work was without result.