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EDITORIAL ON ALEX POSEY (FUS-FIXICO)

Alex Posey, who has been at the head of a field party working in the Creek nation for some time, has returned to the government offices here, bringing with him a complete list of the official organization of the Snake Indians in the territory. This is the first time the government has ever been able to get the names of the officials of this stubborn band of Indians which has caused the government so much trouble and threatens more, because they are advised by their attorney, a lobbyist named Bolton, at Washington that the government is making concessions for them.

Mitcher Hiye (Hot Gun) is principal chief of the Snakes; Roley Taylor is second chief; John McIntosh, treasurer; John Artusse, captain of the light horsemen; John Timothy, prime minister. In addition to this list of officers, there is also a list of the Snakes

who are members of the light horse organization. The light horsemen are the self-elected guardians of the peace.

The seat of the new government has been established at Old Hickory Grounds in the Western part of the Creek nation and all the state meetings are held there. A piece of red bunting tied to a stick serves as a flag and is always hung up at Hickory Grounds when the Snake government is in session. This new government was made effective less than two-months ago when Hot Gun was elected chief.

Crazy Snake, the ex-principal chief, is still the power behind the throne and the dictator of the policy of the Snakes. It is reported that he as well as the rest of the Snakes will hold aloof entirely from any participation in the politics of the new state.

Hot Gun is a character made famous by the part he is made to play in "Fus Fixico's" letters, written by Alex Posey. They have been friends for years and when Posey, who is himself an Indian and an official interpreter for the government, got among the Snakes he succeeded in getting more information about them than anyone else has ever done.

There are, all told about 5,000 Snake Indians in the five tribes. These represent the recalcitrants who have always resisted allotment of lands and embarrassed the government in every way possible to delay a final settlement; even going to the extreme of killing members of their clan who came in and took allotments.