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INTERVIEW WITH L. C. PERRYMAN AND P. L. BERRYHILL

A man was in Muskogee Saturday afternoon who, if carefully laid plans do not miscarry, will be the leader of one of the most unique examples of immigration in the history of the world. The man in question is D. L. Berryhill of Okmulgee, commonly known among the Creek people as "the old war horse of the Muskogee Nation." Mr. Berryhill is the leader of the movement to settle 5000 fullblood creeks in Mexico, and has spent ten years of his life on the project.

I have no enmity against the Government or my white friends," said Mr. Berryhill to a reporter, "but the sad truth is, the Indian cannot thrive under the white man's law and customs; and he must move somewhere else -- must seek in a new land some place where he can till the soil and live in his home as he wished to live to preserve the traditions of his people.

Then as white men crowd us out the full-blood will bow to his fate, without a murmur. The delegation to secure lands in Mexico, consists of L. C. Perryman, former Chief of the Creeks; F. L. Berryhill, Joseph Deer and Thomas Long, the last two being fullblood Creeks. At the city they will be met by a deputation from the government and President Diaz, himself, the greatest living Indian, will meet them and advise them as to the best place in which to settle. This delegation has the power to make a treaty with Diaz's Government, and what they will do will be binding upon the 5,000 Indians who are only waiting the opportunity to move to the Aztec Republic.

"Diaz is a great and good man," said Mr. Berryhill, "and I have many letters from him, all of them in the kindest spirit. He says 'come to me, I am an Indian, and you are Indian, we shall understand each other and live in peace and brotherly love.'"

Mr. Berryhill is 58 years old and has seen many interesting events in the history of his tribe. He is half Irish, on his father's side, his mother being a fullblood Creek woman. Husband and wife were separated, and young Berryhill was reared in the woods in true

Indian fashion. He has held many honors among his people. For a long time he was a member of the house of kings, a branch of the Creek National Council. He also served his people as Prosecuting Attorney.

In 1866, when only 18 years of age, he was selected by the Creeks as a delegate to the Fort Smith convention, which settled peace between the Indian soldiers of the Civil War. Mr. Berryhill expects no trouble in going to Mexico.

"We hope to be able to sell our surplus allotments," he said, "but we shall gladly hold our homesteads here in memory of other days and the traditions that are dead except in the hearts of a few."