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EDITORIAL ON L. C. PERRYMAN, PLEASANT PORTER ET AL

The loyal Creeks will soon receive the cash on their old war claims. The entire amount of the original claim was \$1,200,000, but after long years of waiting and many conferences between the Indians and congressional committees it was finally scaled to half that amount. The Indian most instrumental in securing the award was Hon. D. M. Hodge, of Tulsa. For his services he was allowed to retain 5 per cent of the amount collected. This circumstance alone shows that the Indian had but little hopes of ever getting anything out of the government. The claim was pending more than thirty years. The largest claim is that of Celia Scott, a resident of the vicinity of Coweta. The claim is \$23,000. The other claims range down to a few dollars or even cents. A large number of persons

residing in the vicinity of Tulsa will get large amounts. The principal of these is Lincoln Postoak, whose check will aggregate about \$9,000. Ex Governor L. C. Perryman will get a nice slice; so likewise will several others. Several boys who never saw \$100 in their lives will get various sums ranging from that amount up to \$1,200 or \$1,500. What they will do with this money no one knows. But all have agreed on one thing, viz;, get rid of it as soon as possible. All sorts of schemes are hatched calculated to part them from their money.

Celia Scott is the daughter of the organizer and leader of the loyal Creeks, who left their homes along the Arkansas river in 1861 for the north. He was neither chief nor soldier, but a medicine man, in whom the Indians had implicit confidence. Seeing the exposed condition of his tribesmen, he went to the chief of his faction and obtained permission to lead them out of the Egyptian darkness overhanging the country. They located at Le Roy, Kas. The refugees started from their homes on Christmas day. They were away from home nearly five years. Many men who have since been famous in the history of the tribe were in this retreat. Among

them may be mentioned Pleasant Porter, present chief of the tribe also Legus C. Perryman, twice elected to that exalted office; likewise Hon. David M. Hodge, who has signed every treaty of his tribe since the civil war. He has also personally known every president and many congressmen and senators of the United States.

The refugees were followed by the southerners, led by the rebel, General Cooper. They traveled in a north west direction toward Coffeerville. On Bird creek, north of Tulsa, near Skiatook, the present home of Hon. W. C. Rogers, present chief of the Cherokees, a fight took place. General Porter commanded in this fight, when he was wounded. A number of other skirmishes took place along the route, but none worthy of special mention.

The Indians left fine farms, orchards, good houses and thousands of dollar's worth of livestock, all of which was carried away or destroyed. From this arose the loyal Creek claims, so soon to be paid. --  
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