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Office U. S. Neosho Agency
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Sir:

I have to inform you that two gentlemen representing themselves as commissioners for the Leavenworth and Fort Gibson Rail Road Company, by the names of J. B. Chapman and M. M. Hann held a council with some chiefs of two of the Osage Bands of Indians and purchased from them a strip of country ten miles wide, and running down the Neosho River, making the west bank of said stream the Eastern boundary of the ten miles, and extending from their northern boundary to the Southern. I learn that they agreed to allow them one dollar and a quarter an acre for the land, and that the company is to pay the Indians six per cent from the time it was signed, which was on the 7th inst, up to the time the Rail Road is completed and then the Osages are to take the whole amount in stock and be treated as other stockholders, that is, a dividend is to be struck at the close of every six months, which is to be paid them as an annuity. I predict that the youngest Indian now living will never see that annuity. In this matter of dividend and holding of stock, I apprehend they do not understand