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June the 13th, 1911.

Arrest of Indian on  
charge of counterfeiting.

The Honorable,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

Referring to Office letter of June the 10th and the contents of the clipping submitted me therewith, this is to advise that the fellow referred to has evidently not been enrolled at Carlisle at any time. The records of our graduates and former students do not show any of the boys as having engaged in the study of chemistry after leaving school, so that the statement made by him in regard to his enrolment is as false as that about having known me at Carlisle four years ago, when at that time I had not even visited Carlisle.

The clipping from the Portland Journal is being returned herewith as was requested.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

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*M. Friedman*

Superintendent.

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# INDIAN PROVES TO BE MYSTERY

## Alleged Counterfeiter, in Jail, Won't Tell Name — He Speaks Many Tongues.

The government secret service is curious to know who the young quarter breed Cherokee Indian, said to be a graduate of Carlisle, baseball player and alleged counterfeiter they have booked in the county jail under the name of Charles E. Brown, really is. They have been unable to find out farther than the prisoner admits his name is not Brown and says he wishes to conceal it so as to shield his family.

"Brown" was arrested in Klamath several weeks ago and the police there claim to have found a counterfeiter's mould and several bogus silver dollars on him. He was brought to Portland by a federal deputy marshal to whom he gave the name of Charles E. Brown. On the way up he astonished his fellow passengers by conversing with a Spaniard, a Frenchman and a German, each in his own tongue, with facility and correctness.

### No "Brown" at Carlisle.

Yesterday The Journal received a letter from M. Friedman, superintendent of the United States Indian school at Carlisle saying that the school records show no Charles E. Brown had ever been enrolled at Carlisle and asking that the statement that Brown, the alleged counterfeiter, was a Carlisle graduate be corrected.

"Brown" smiled yesterday when he was asked whether that was his real name.

"No," he said, "It isn't, but because of my father I do not wish to give my own name. I was graduated from Carlisle four years ago; my profession is that of a chemist and I've worked at it in the south and west for the past four years. I've also worked as a machinist. My home was in Muskogee, I. T., and I am a quarter-breed Cherokee."

The prisoner is about 25 years old, his manners are graceful and he uses excellent English. When the name of Friedman was mentioned he said Friedman knew him well.

### Is Well Educated.

While there is no additional way of establishing the prisoner's connection with the Indian school, he is evidently educated and the fact that he was formerly a student at the school was not first divulged by him but by an acquaintance in Klamath Falls. "Brown" said yesterday he regretted the incident had ever become known.

Brown's bail was fixed at \$5000 and he is unable to raise this amount, so he'll probably have to stay in jail until the next federal grand jury, anyway. There is a good deal of mystery about Brown's case in addition to the suppression of his name. An Indian counterfeiter is practically unheard of. It has not developed that "Brown" attempted to pass any money and the government men who have looked at what is claimed to be the counterfeits he made say they are not of a character to deceive anyone.

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**FOR FILE.**

Mr. M. Friedman,

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 13, 1911, regard-  
ing the case of Charles E. Brown, an alleged graduate of  
the Carlisle Indian School, who is confined in jail at  
Portland, Oregon, there is inclosed a clipping from the  
Portland, Oregon, Journal, of May 26, 1911, regarding the  
case.

After it shall have served your purpose, please  
return it to the Office.

Can you identify the person from the description  
given of the profession followed by him?

Respectfully,

*(Signed) F. H. Abbott,*  
Assistant Commissioner.

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May 13th, 1911.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Editor, The Enquirer,  
Oakland, California.

Dear Sir:

In the issue of your paper for May 3rd you published an article to the effect that one "Charles E. Brown, an Indian and a graduate of Carlisle", is under arrest at Klamath Falls, Oregon, charged with counterfeiting.

After a careful examination of our school records it has just been reported to me that no student by the name of Charles E. Brown has ever been enrolled at Carlisle. In view of this fact it is only fair to ask you to give a denial of the Indian's former connection with Carlisle the same publicity that has been given the article referred to above.

I would thank you for any consideration you can give this request and the envelope I enclose may be used in mailing me any comment you may make.

Very respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature: M. Friedman]*

Superintendent.

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Carbon copy to Office of Indian Affairs.

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