

SENATOR BURTON INDICTED.
He is Said to Have Accepted Five Checks from Rio-Gro and Securities Company.

St. Louis, Missouri, January 23.—The Federal Grand Jury today gave an indictment against Joseph Ralph Burton, United States Senator from Kansas, charging him on nine counts with accepting five checks for \$500 each from the Rio-Gro and Securities Company between November 22, 1902, and March 20, 1908, while a United States Senator, for his alleged services in procuring the Postmaster General, Chief Post-office Inspector and other high post-office officials to induce them to render a favorable decision in matters affecting the permission of the Rio-Gro Company to use the mails. Major H. Deane, president of the company, and W. H. Melroy, associated with him, are named in the indictment as the men who made the checks to Burton.

The penalty provided upon conviction of the offense of which Senator Burton is charged is a penitentiary sentence of not more than two years and a fine of not more than \$10,000, and one so convicted shall be rendered incapable of holding office of trust, honor or emolument under the Government.

Notice to Poll Tax Payers.

All voters of Haskell county are hereby notified that January 30th is the last day on which poll tax receipts can be issued and you are requested to call early and pay up thereby avoiding a rush on the last day. Parties sending by others for their poll tax receipts are notified that the law requires you to send a written order for the receipt, giving your age and the length of time you have resided in the state, and also the time in the county. Bear in mind that the law does not permit by law to issue poll tax receipts after the 30th of January.

Funeral of Mrs. Reese.

Austin, Texas, January 22.—The Attorney General's Department was closed today out of respect to the death of Mrs. Judge Reese, wife of First Assistant Attorney General Reese. The obsequies occurred today at the old family home near Hempstead. Attorney General Bell and Judge Johnson were present, besides other officials.

Bank President Arrested.

January 23.—B. B. Allen, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Lebanon, was arrested at 11 o'clock last night on charges preferred by Bank Examiner J. M. Logan at Fort Worth, charging him with embezzlement of \$20,000 of the bank's money.

Mexican Monetary Commission.

City of Mexico, January 23.—The deliberations of the National Monetary Commission have practically come to an end, although the commission has not yet been formally dissolved. Out of the forty-two members twenty-nine favor monetary reform, seventeen adhering to the plan set to another, while one favors a full gold basis and another for any workable plan. Nine members, including the manufacturer and bankers, hold that no change should be made, the status quo to be preserved. Twelve members have not voted and three are absent from the deliberations.

Big Prairie Fox.

Laredo, Texas.—Reports received here by several large ranchmen are to the effect that an extraordinary prairie fire is raging on their pastures. Fifty miles east of this city, over 100,000 acres of fine grazing land have already been burned over, ruining them for pasture purposes until the spring rains restore the feedstuff upon them. The recent frosts have made the grass very dry and they burn the better.

Trampled His Keeper.

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 23.—Maddened by the intense cold, which had it and his ears and trunk, an elephant belonging to an animal show which had been exhibiting at a local fair, today trampled and killed his keeper, George J. Laines, and partially wrecked the Milwaukee freight house. During the night the elephant suffered intensely with cold and when an attempt was made this morning to get him into the car, the animal became enraged and to piece the heavy planks in the loading platform, scattering them in all directions. Laines then went to the animal's head and attempted to pacify it, but the beast threw him to the ground and planted his foot upon him, crushing him to the ground. It is believed, fatally injured him. The brute then seized heavy articles of freight in the sheds and began dragging them about promiscuously.

Wife's Head.

St. Paul, Minnesota, January 23.—A woman who was working in the kitchen at the home of a man who had adopted resolutions condemning her, etc., etc. Now, pray tell us where convicts can be worked without being in competition with "free labor" farms with convicts in direct competition with farmers, yet no one has heard of this class flying into the air. Every stroke of work done by a convict is in competition with "free

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"Yes," said the boarding school teacher, "I think that is a model letter for you to write your fiancé. But of course you will copy it, leaving out those numerous spaces?"

"O, dear, no!" replied the girl. "Those are for 'dearest.' I have it on a rubber stamp."—Detroit Free Press.

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Henry D. Baldwin, Sup't. City Water works, Stillington, Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles at L. T. Cunningham's Drug Store.

Farm Improvements.

One of the Fresh Air Fund children, who had been staying on a farm near Chebanse, Illinois, says the Ste. Anne Record, was amazed at the modern improvements he discovered there.

His attention was attracted by a sweet whitening wash, beneath which a number of pigs were wallowing in the mud.

"Hi! Hi! Fellers, come here!" he shrieked at his companions. "Looky here! They've got electric fans to cool the pigs off with."

If Unwell,

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Better Left Unsaid.

Dr. W. J. Tolman of the Institute of Social Service tells this story of an incident that befell him during his recent trip abroad:

"I was invited to a dinner in London and my hostess instructed me to take a certain lady to the table. There was a woman there whose husband, a somewhat noted man, had recently left for India. I thought this was my partner.

"After we were seated I started in on the weather as an ice-breaker. "Been a very nice day," I remarked, "hasn't it?"

"She replied to the effect that it had 'not been too hot to suit her.' "Yes," said I, genially, "but it doesn't begin to compare with the place where your husband has gone." "She looked pained and stiffened. Afterward I learned she was a widow."—New York Times.

Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at L. T. Cunningham's Drug Store.

Struck Him Unfavorably.

Mr. Gaswell, who had come recently into the possession of a considerable fortune, had decided to erect a large office building, and was discussing the plans with an architect.

"As to the floors, now," said the architect, "you would want them in mosaic patterns, I presume?"

"I don't know about that," responded Mr. Gaswell, dubiously scratching his jaw. "I haven't got my prejudice against Moses as a man, and he certainly knowed a good deal about law; but when it comes to laying floor, it kind o' seems to me I'd rather have 'em unsectarian like. Don't it strike you that way?"—Youth's Companion.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Helms, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by L. T. Cunningham. Price 50 cents.

What Ailed Her Pulse.

Little Bessie was recovering from a "run of fever," and her appetite had begun to assert itself. "I've had more than this, mornin'," she asked, looking at the meager slice of toast and the "shadow tea" that had been brought to her bedside. "This 'n't half enough."

"I am afraid to give you more just yet, dear," said her mother. "Your fever is not quite all gone. Your pulse is still too 'tick'."

"But don't you see, mornin'?" urged Bessie, "that it's my appetite that's a-assertin' itself? I want to eat that makes my pulse so quick?"—Youth's Companion.

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