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BURTON INDICTED FOR THIRD TIME

Federal Grand Jury Returns Another Bill Against the Kansas Senator.

ORIGINAL COUNTS REDUCED.

Streets Laid on Payment of \$500 Alleged to Have Been Made by Rialto Grain and Securities Company.

Senator Joseph Ralph Burton of Kansas was reindicted yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury on a charge of having used his official position in behalf of the Rialto Grain and Securities Company. This indictment is the third returned against Senator Burton since 1902.

The action of the Grand Jury follows the sustaining by Judge Willis Van Devanter last month of the demurrer filed by Fred W. Lehmann, attorney for Senator Burton, in which Attorney Lehmann claimed that the Post-Office authorities had no right to investigate a violation of section No. 580 of the code.

Although sustaining the demurrer, Judge Van Devanter ordered a special Grand Jury to take up the case. The indictment returned yesterday incorporated the violation of section No. 580.

The general impression after the demurrer was sustained was that Senator Burton would escape under the statute of limitations, inasmuch as that statute would have gone into effect on November 18, provided no indictment was returned before that time.

Another argument advanced by Attorney Lehmann was that the second indictment charged Senator Burton with having received check payments from the Rialto Company. Attorney Lehmann claimed that the cashing of the checks took place in Washington, D. C., the Missouri division of the court had no jurisdiction in the case.

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HOSPITAL PATIENT SAYS DOCTOR ASSAULTED HIM.

John D. Gallagher, 60 Years Old, Treated for Bruises on Head and Body.

John D. Gallagher, 60 years old, of No. 412½ Vista avenue, a former for the United Railways, was brought to the City Hospital last night suffering from bruises about his head and body said to have been inflicted by a doctor at the hospital. The doctor, who is identified as Dr. H. P. Flader, of No. 112½ North Broadway, is in Robert Steele's saloon at No. 127 and 1/2 Manchester road. His condition is not serious.

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL RESCUES SLEEPING BABY.

Mrs. June Ruth and Three Oldest Children Escaped From Fire in Their Flat.

When a burst of flame swept out of the bathroom into the hall through which Mrs. June Ruth was passing in her flat at No. 388½ East Broadway yesterday afternoon, she fled with the three oldest children.

WIKADO GREETSS RUSSIANS.

Officer Superintending Release of Prisoners Received by Emperor.

Osaka, Nov. 10.—The Emperor gave an audience to the Russian Commissioner General and other officials today and graciously welcomed them as the first Russians to visit his court since the war.

WANT DOUBLE STATEHOOD.

New Mexico Republicans Against Jointure With Arizona.

Santa Fe, N. M., Nov. 10.—The Territorial Republican Central Committee in special session today passed strong resolutions against the proposed jointure of Arizona and New Mexico.

MAN DIES UNIDENTIFIED.

No Papers to Disclose Name of Corpse at Hospital.

An unidentified white man, who was killed on Thursday morning in a shed in the rear of No. 422 North Broadway, suffering from a fractured skull, died at the City Hospital yesterday morning without revealing his name.

ERA OF THE SOUTHWEST

Potato Growing Outranks All Other Pursuits in South eastern Oklahoma.

SHAWNEE THE TRADE CENTER.

Cotton, Corn and Alfalfa Also Bring Big Returns to the Farmers—Growth of the Metropolis Wonderful.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Shawnee, Ok., Nov. 10.—Along in the last days of June and the first week or two of July, and again at about the present season of the year, the casual visitor would have excellent basis for imagining that Southeastern Oklahoma was one big potato hill.

There is an old hack of a verse which has to do with "the potatoes, they grow small, and they eat 'em skin and all in Kansas."

Here the claim for the festive tuber is that it reaches its maximum in quality and size. The Oklahomans eat as many as they want of them and send the surplus product to St. Louis, Chicago and New York.

At the height of the potato digging this surplus amounts to three freight trains loaded down each night for a period of a month or six weeks.

This is the figure as reported by the railroads at Shawnee for the individual shipments from that thriving city, and would be capital of a new State, and would be the greatest potato center in the Southern States.

Potato raising and culture are the long and strong side of the farmer in this part of Oklahoma. Pottawatomie County, which touches the Indian Territory line all along its own eastern border, is the natural home of the potato.

Chickasha with its cotton plantations, the potato fields cover most of the territory available for agriculture and there are but a few scattered acres which have not experienced the plow and the cultivator.

The southeastern part of the Territory is essentially a section of small farms. The element which has migrated hither from the four quarters of the globe has not bought land on a wholesale scale.

There is a much larger average of population to the square mile and that square mile contains a proper number of inhabitants around these parts than probably in any other section of the Southwest.

Quarter sections have been cut up into minute fields, as compared with the ranges and the great wheat fields and cotton plantations of other regions. The remarkable progress which has been made by the counties which lie east of Oklahoma City and from there to the Indian Territory line.

The result has been that the country is filled with farmers who have a wonderful personal interest in their own property, and who are constantly endeavoring to make the most of what is doing in the crop line.

The farmer heretofore believes in a variety of crops and a sure thing each year of one, at least, which will make him some money. He has cotton, corn and potatoes, but the raising of these crops is the chief business of the farmer.

In his five or ten acre potato field he is at a minimum of expense for machinery, and much of the work which makes at the picking season is performed by himself and his family and the help of his neighbors, who "trade work."

Inventors have not yet invented a machine which will cut and dig the potato, and which can be used in the field and pick the cotton from the bolls. It has been tried repeatedly to perfect some such mechanism, and an approximation to success has been reached.

So far away is the perfected machine, however, that the farmer who is conducting operations on the scale of these Oklahoma farmers is well satisfied with his profits of \$10 to \$15 on a bale of cotton, loaded and picked by hand.

It pays him much better than an investment in high priced machinery for harvesting wheat, and while the land is just as good for wheat as it is for anything else, the fact explains the comparative absence of wheat in the products of the country.

There is a variety that dig potatoes in Pottawatomie county. The first season comes along about the time agricultural business in other lines is dull. Beginning with the middle of June and running almost to the last of August the potato business is at its prime.

The tuber which goes to market comes to the farmer the earlier, and the earlier the potatoes are dug are the better.

The potato-tubers have gone into the business on a mammoth scale. It is a purely scientific proposition with them, and the commercial end is conducted solely upon latter-day scientific principles.

It is an ancient and a certain rule for that specific purpose most of the potato producers are banding together for mutual protection in planting and selling to the commission houses.

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In the potato business as it is conducted in Oklahoma, machinery plays a most important part. Everything is done by machinery except the sowing of the potatoes after they have been dug from the ground by a new-fangled sort of revolving spade mechanism is said to be a possibility for the next season, which will be in conjunction with the digging apparatus such as the carrier disposed of the wheat as it comes from the self-binder.

Machinery has made possible the proud position which Oklahoma holds in the potato world. The potatoes are ready for market from a week to ten days earlier than are the Kaw River brand and the West which comes from around Fort Smith, which are supposed to be the top potatoes in the potato line.

Under twentieth century conditions, Oklahoma potatoes are the first article in the markets of the North and East and the market without exception each season.

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TEN INDICTED FOR FRAUD IN NEW YORK

Two Also Charged by Grand Jury With Assaults in Connection With Gotham's Election.

TAMMANY ATTACKS HEARST.

Allegations of Crooked Work Made by McClellan's Supporters—Torn Ballots Found by Municipal League.

New York, Nov. 10.—Ten indictments for violations of election law and two for assaults committed at the polls at the election last Tuesday were today drawn up by the Grand Jury.

It was said tonight that Attorney General Mayer and State Superintendent of Elections Moran had instituted a searching investigation of the alleged election frauds, which would be continued until the Legislature meets.

The Attorney General and Mr. Morgan tonight examined several witnesses in connection with the frauds and also conferred with Henry T. Young, special counsel for Mr. Hearst, and discussed plans to prosecute persons against whom charges may be brought.

TAMMANY CHARGES FRAUD.
It was announced at Tammany Hall today that district captains had secured evidence showing frauds committed by Hearst's supporters on election day.

Several leaders said that while a recount might lessen McClellan's vote, the countercharges of fraud which they intend to bring against the Hearst organization will likewise bring about the lessening of the Hearst vote, and that in this way an equal reduction will be made in the vote which will not affect the result.

An offer was made in Wall street today to bet \$10,000 against \$5,000 that W. R. Hearst will be seated as the next Mayor of New York.

TORN BALLOTS FOUND.
Two ballot boxes were found today in a barbers shop, one of them full of half-soiled and torn ballots and the other empty.

This barbers shop was the polling place of the First Election District of the Eighteenth Assembly District, which is the district of which Charles F. Murphy, head of Tammany Hall, is the leader.

The Board of County Canvassers has no right or authority to open a ballot box. The Board of County Canvassers, made up of the four members of the Republican Board of Elections, will review the work of the county canvassers and issue the certificate of election to either Mr. McClellan or Mr. Hearst.

President Voorhis said this morning that his board would not make the canvass before December. The board does not make an examination of the ballots. It takes the statements of the canvassers made by the Board of County Canvassers.

The Board of County Canvassers has no right or authority to open a ballot box. The ballot boxes must be kept sealed and locked. An order by a Justice of the Supreme Court or a County Judge only can open the boxes.

MAY INSIST ON RECOUNT.
If the Board of County Canvassers do not insist on a recount, the County Clerk may take advantage of the canvass by the County Board next week and insist upon a recount of the void and protested ballots, acting on a court order.

THE BOXES ARE TAKEN BY THE COUNTY CLERK TO THE CANVASS AND OPENED. Representatives of the County Clerk stand by and watch the count. Ordinarily the canvass is a most perfunctory performance of duty. Each Alderman canvasses the returns from his own Assembly District. He simply takes the tally sheets of the various election inspectors and adds them together.

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HEARST HOPES TO BE IN SUPREME COURT

Order to Open Ballot Boxes Necessary to Show Whether There Was Fraud Committed.

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PRIEST CHASES AND CAPTURES THIEF WHO ROBBED POOR BOXES IN CHURCH

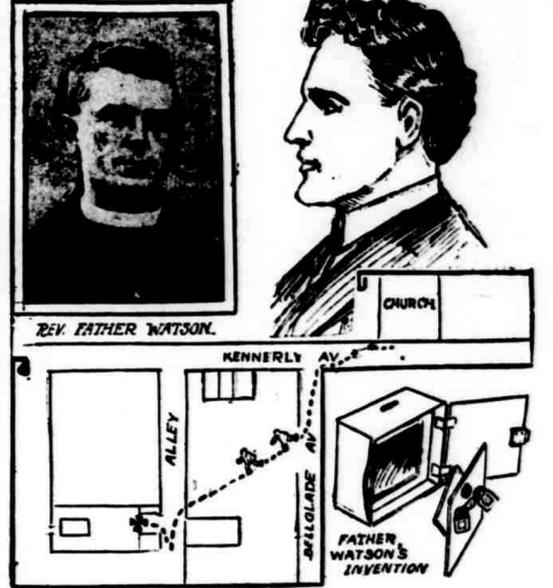
While in the Vestry, the Reverend Father John R. Watson, Assistant Pastor of St. Matthew's, Hears Robber Opening Door—Pursues Fellow for Several Blocks, Pummels Him Into Surrendering Stolen Alms and Then Marches Him to Police Station—This Is Third Time Clergyman Has Frustrated Robbers.

REV. FATHER WATSON.

CHURCH.

REVEREND FATHER WATSON.

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FATHER WATSON AND THE ALLEGED POOR-BOX THIEF, CASMIR ELWICH, WITH DIAGRAM SHOWING THE ROBBERY, CHASE AND CAPTURE.

Aroused because the poor boxes had been broken open and robbed, the Reverend Father John R. Watson, assistant pastor of St. Matthew's Church, at Sarah street and Kennedy avenue, chased Casimir Elwich two blocks, caught him, hit him several good whacks, regained the money and then marched Elwich to the Police Station.

The capture yesterday in the third of the series of robberies of the poor boxes was the work of Father Watson, who has been successful in capturing three robbers in the past few weeks.

Two years ago a burglar attempted to rob the rectory of St. Matthew's. He was caught and turned over to the police. Four years ago Father Watson, at that time assistant pastor of St. Lawrence O'Connell's, captured a man who had robbed the church of its coal fund.

The money taken yesterday is made up of contributions from the parishioners and is used for buying food and clothing for the poor of the parish.

The priest was fastened to the wall, inside the front door, and under a status of St. Peter. It was double locked, having two steel doors. The inner door is an invention of Father Watson's and for with his robber would have gotten away with his booty, as he had opened the outer door without noise.

When seen at the Tenth District Station last night Elwich said that his home is in Chicago. He said that he used to be the driver of a wagon for a convent in that city, and that a few weeks ago, when he learned that he was stricken with consumption, he started West.

"When I got to St. Louis I said Elwich, 'I went broke. I had to have money, and robbing a church seemed to me the easiest way to get it. A man has to eat.'"

Elwich was identified by a letter and several pawn tickets found in his pockets. He arrived in St. Louis several days ago and registered at the Grand Hotel, on Sixth street, as Charles Hillman. He is charged with grand larceny.

NEGRO HIGHWAYMEN STRONG-ARM VICTIM

Alexander J. Forben-Leith, Who Married Miss Marie January, Elevated by King Edward for Services During Boer War.

Result of Wholesale Operations Is General Warning by Chief Kiely to Police of Various Districts.

The nightly hold-ups of the last week resulted in an addition last night when John T. Hageman of No. 102 South Seventh street was "strong-armed" by three negro highwaymen and despoiled of his "sport."

The hold-up occurred on Channing avenue, near Moran street. Hageman had no money or valuables on his person.

In consequence of the wholesale operations of the footpads, Chief of Police Kiely last night went on the warpath for the capture of the various hold-up districts. He told them in unmistakable terms that he would hold them personally responsible for every repetition of the character which occurred in their districts.

His instructions were to the effect that the heads of the districts must see that the footpads "get a move on themselves" and that something would happen if conditions did not change materially.

Last night Chief Kiely ordered twelve men to the West End to patrol in civil gear, and in addition to these twelve men were sent to the same district from Chief Leason's office.

In case of hold-ups in other parts of the city additional men will be put on patrol duty in the sections affected. Orders have been issued to arrest every suspicious character. A veritable crusade has been started against the crooks and a determined effort is being made to drive them out of the city.

PREPARE ANSWER TO PACKERS

Government Attorneys Will Fight Case to the End.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—District Attorney Morrison of Chicago and Special Attorney Pugin spent today working upon an answer to be made by the Government in reply to the plea of the packers in the Beef-Trust case, that they are immune from prosecution because of their immunity before the Department of Commerce and Labor. The answer will be gone over by the Attorney General tomorrow.

Officials here seem less confident than ever in the Beef-Trust case, though in self-defense they will keep pushing the proceedings until definite action is taken.

Attorney General Moody has staked his official reputation on the Beef-Trust case and no step will be overlooked by him which offers any chance of success to the government's cause.

ROOSEVELT'S FRIEND TAKES OKLAHOMA MARSHAL'S PLACE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Henry Freer, Deputy United States Marshal, today took his resignation to United States Marshal Phossett at Guthrie. Freer has been Marshal in the Southwest for twenty years.

President Roosevelt's friend John Abernethy, who the accident occurred last night, is said that Abernethy is slated for Marshal Phossett's place when the latter's term expires.