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### SENATOR BURTON'S CASE.

Evidence Against Him not Conclusive Proof of Moral Turpitude.

New York Sun.

The supreme court of the United States last week denied the application of Senator Burton of Kansas for a rehearing in his case, and he has now been sent to serve the term of six months' imprisonment in the county jail to which he was sentenced by the judgment of the United States circuit court in Missouri.

He was convicted of violating a provision of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which forbids a senator or other officials of the government from receiving or agreeing to receive any compensation for any services in relation to any proceeding, contract, claim, controversy or other matter or thing "in which the United States is a party or directly or indirectly interested," before any department, bureau or officer. The indictment charged that a proceeding was pending in the postoffice department to inquire whether a certain corporation known as the Rialto Grain and Securities Company was conducting a scheme for obtaining money by false pretences through the mails of the United States, and whether a fraud order should be issued by the postmaster general against that corporation. The indictment further charged that the defendant as a senator of the United States unlawfully agreed to receive from the said corporation \$2,500 as compensation for services rendered by him in relation to such proceeding before the postoffice department. The testimony must be regarded as establishing the fact that Senator Burton did actually agree to represent the Rialto Grain and Securities Company in the proceeding for the sum mentioned and that he received \$2,500 on account of his services.

It follows that the conviction was undoubtedly right, if it be true that the United States was "directly or indirectly interested" in the proceeding before the postoffice department.

A majority of the justices of the supreme court of the United States have held that it was. It is a note-worthy fact, however, to which we desire to call attention, that three members of that court, Justices Brewer, White and Peckham, emphatically dissented from this view, and held that under the statutory provision upon which the conviction of Senator Burton was based the United States could not be deemed to be interested either directly or indirectly in the proceeding in which he acted. The dissenting opinion in the supreme court was written by Mr. Justice Brewer, who declared that it was clear to his mind that the construction of the law adopted by the majority of his judicial brethren wrote into the statute an offense which congress never placed there. "It is a criminal case," he said, "and in such a case, above all, judicial legislation is to be deprecated."

No lawyer will dispute that Justices Brewer, White and Peckham are the equals in learning and ability of any men on the supreme court bench; and it is undoubtedly the fact that if Senator Burton had been tried in a court of first instance presided over by either of those judges the jury would have been directed to acquit the defendant.

Of course it is true that where opinions as to the law differ to a point of last resort, the judgment of the majority must prevail; and we do not mean to question the correctness of that

construction of the law which has resulted in an affirmation of Senator Burton's conviction. It is a matter of simple justice, however, to point out that the case against him is not a conclusive demonstration of moral turpitude on his part, and that his family and friends have reasonable grounds for insisting that he was in fact innocent of any intentional wrong-doing.

### Preacher Kills Bear.

Asheville Gazette-News.

Rev. Joshua Calhoun, minister of the Gospel in Swain county, killed a bear a few yards from his home one night last week, that was marked with age and the conflict of many battles. The bear's teeth were worn short, there was a slit in the right ear and a piece gone from the left. The bear's foot measured six inches across the ball.

Bruin was lean and poor and in search of food had invaded Mr. Calhoun's apple orchard. The night the bear was shot Mr. Calhoun's dogs treed the animal in an apple tree near the house.

### Flower and Baby Show.

Fort Mill Special to Columbia Record.

The C. I. C. society, of this place, had a flower and baby show yesterday. The town hall was a scene of beauty. The ladies commenced Wednesday to go to all the homes for palms, ferns, pot plants, etc. It was enjoyable as well as exciting to see their beaming faces at every door, with: "I've come for your flowers." The drivers were told to be careful and the drays soon wended their way from different streets with their loads of beauty. A small admission fee was charged at the door for every entrance and the babies were extra, and such a crowd of babies, nurses and (shall I say anxious) mothers? The little ones, ages ran from three months to three years. It was amusing to watch some cooing and laughing, some few crying—but very few of that kind, for everyone seemed to think "I'll get the prize." The older ones had apples and crackers to make time seemingly short until the judges could make the rounds. After a suspense which seemed ages for the anxious ones, Dr. J. B. Thoruwell delivered the prizes with suitable remarks. The first prize was won by Elizabeth Belk Ardrey; second prize by Tom Kirkpatrick Harris. The best collection of flowers was given a berry bowl. The largest single plant, a cut glass dish. Mr. G. D. Thompson won the latter, Mrs. Irene Mill for cut flowers. Dinner was served for 25 cents; oyster fry the same price. In fact, I think the ladies were prepared to serve you what you wanted. The business men all took dinner and preparation was made to serve supper also. Up to sundown quite a snug sum had been realized.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Scruggs, while lying in bed at home Monday afternoon, had both hands and arms eaten and lacerated by a vicious hog, which in some manner managed to get into the bed where the child was lying. The physician who attended the child, says that it is probable he will lose both hands. The child was alone in the house at the time, the parents being out looking after something about the yard. The child was a boy about two years of age. The Scruggs live about twelve miles from Gaffney.

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### THE COST OF BUILDING.

Fully Three Hundred Times as Much in Some Places as in Others.

Once upon a time, says a writer in Country Life in America, there was a magazine which offered prizes for plans and photographs of houses that cost \$5,000 to build. An architect in a little inland town won first prize. His house was finer and larger than those of the city architects.

There was some grumbling among the losers, and many readers were skeptical.

"That house was never built for \$5,000," they said.

But it was. Another time a magazine published photographs and plans of a house that cost \$10,000 to build in a fashionable suburb of New York. Some people upstate sneered.

"This magazine is foolish," said they. "It brags because a man has built a house for \$10,000 that we could build for \$7,500."

They were right. So was the magazine.

It costs less to build in Philadelphia than in Boston or New York; it costs still less in certain small cities which are not near large cities and yet possess first-class shipping facilities; it costs less still in small towns in the lumber belt, where labor and lumber are both cheap.

The difference is not a slight one; the difference between the highest and lowest extremes sometimes amounts to almost 300 per cent.

Many factors enter into the comparative cost of building. The two principal ones are labor and material.

As to the lumber, it is probably unnecessary to state that it is much cheaper where it is plenty than where it is scarce.

It's the freight that runs the price up. In parts of Maine, Pennsylvania and Georgia it is comparatively cheap—provided the local varieties are used—while in New York city or western Nebraska it is very expensive.

The cost of building is intimately connected with the cost of lumber. In western New York State hemlocks cost \$7 a thousand three years ago. Lumber has become more scarce in that section and hemlock now costs \$29 a thousand. The cost of building has increased in like proportions.

In sections where the supply of lumber is steady, the cost of building has not greatly increased. Poor shipping facilities, which affect the cost of building in like proportion.

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The Cleveland Star says: The Democracy of Rutherford County is in fine fighting trim and every man on the Democratic ticket will be elected by a good majority.

### YORK AND YORKVILLE.

Yorkville Reporter.

The open season for part-ridges does not commence until November 15. It is well for the public to keep that fact in mind.

The Young People's Missionary societies of Clover, Crowder's Creek and Bethany had a missionary rally at Bethany Saturday, the occasion of the same being the annual joint meeting. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. M. Stevenson, and Rev. W. C. Ewart delivered an address. The three organizations are working together to the partial support of Miss Macie Stevenson as missionary in Mexico. The Bethany contributions came partly in the shape of proceeds from missionary cotton, and a partial report last Saturday showed about a bale. The day was spent quite pleasantly.

It is remarkable that this section has not yet developed an enterprising promoter who will seek to make use of some splendid trolley opportunities that are offered by existing conditions. A trolley line from Yorkville to some point in Bethel township for instance, could be constructed without very great expense and it would be of much advantage in developing business that is not now anything like what it should be. Trolley lines have been tremendous developers of other sections that had less to begin with than this section has.

There is a petition in circulation in Clover and vicinity asking the postoffice department to compensate trains Nos. 7 and 8 on the C. & N. W. for carrying the mails. The petition is based on knowledge of the practical certainty that the trains will be taken off otherwise. The trains were put on in the hope of developing the passenger traffic and were breaking about even until the postoffice department forced the addition of mail cars without compensation. The postoffice department is in position where it can say to the railroad that it shall not run trains No. 7 and 8 unless they haul mail cars, and as experience has proved that the mail cars cannot be hauled except at more expense than the railroad feel warranted incurring, it is up to the postoffice department to help foot the bill. Otherwise the public will be deprived of the splendid service it has been getting.

Rev. J. M. Bridges, a well known and prominent minister of the Baptist denomination, died Friday at his home at Newells in Mecklenburg County after an illness of one week with meningitis of the brain. The deceased was 59 years and six months of age and had been pastor of the Baptist church at Newells for the past two years. He was a native of Cleveland County.

### COTTON GROWERS AT WORK.

President Moore Speaks at Alexis and Organizes Club—Remember Cotton Growers Meeting in Dallas, Nov. 20—Public Roads Need Attention.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

Dallas, N. C., Oct. 27.—Mr. C. C. Moore met his appointment at Alexis on the 27th, and had a good crowd to talk to. His speech, as usual, was full of instruction, advice and encouragement. He showed the people how cotton could be made to bring a good, fair price and thereby not only help the farmer to get pay for raising it, but how it would help him to meet his obligations to the merchant, doctor, preacher, and lawyer too—if he should happen to need one—and consequently keep business of all kinds flourishing, and butting no one.

After a talk of about an hour, Mr. Moore wound up by organizing a club, who elected Mr. S. L. McAlister, collector, whose business it is to collect the bales, and levy ten cents on each. We believe Mr. McAlister will collect the ten cents per bale if any body can. The club then adjourned to meet again on Saturday night, Oct. 30, at 7 o'clock.

Please call attention again to the mass meeting of the cotton growers on Tuesday of court, Nov. 20, at the noon recess, for the purpose of electing a Secretary and Treasurer. The new clubs at Alexis and other places are specially invited to send representatives. Everybody come! Mr. Moore said he might be there to tell some things that he learned at the state meeting at Raleigh last week. There is a great deal more power being placed behind the Southern cotton growers this year than was last year—come and bear about it.

The public roads of our county are a general thing in a very bad condition. Men have been waiting to see if the roads would get better before they would do much hauling, but the conditions seem to grow worse. There must be something done, the people are very much dissatisfied over the matter. Why not work the roads again?—they need it more now than when they were last worked.

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The total number of dead in the appalling wreck of the electric train in Atlantic City, N. J., which on Sunday afternoon, loaded with passengers, plunged into the waterway separating that city from the mainland is now placed at 53. Of these, 49 bodies have been identified, two bodies remain unclaimed in the temporary mortuary, and two people are known to have been drowned, but their bodies as yet have not been recovered. Two of the killed, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hill, were the parents of Mrs. E. M. Darlington, wife of the Charlotte Observer's foreman.

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## Jas. F. Yeager

### ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL.

List of Pupils at Central Graded School Who Have not Been Absent a Day During the Month of October.

Miss Stuart's room—Charles Boyd, Ben Coon, Harold Fogle, Carl Hinson, Rodman Love, Archie Lee Alexander, Annie Clifford, Carrie Pearson, Emie Ratchford, Lucile Todd, Mary Withers, Janette Davis, Claud Craig, Kenneth Cross, Rhea Faysoux, Page Morris, Henry Wilson, Burney Boyce, Ovella Dover, Helen Ragan, Katie Spencer, Myrtle Warren, May Walters, Alice Bingham. Miss Sandler's room—Blanche Costner, Mary Costner, Regina Coon, Edith Garrison, Mattie Lee Horse, Charlie Huss, Vesta Lindsay, Rebekah McLean, Mollie Suider, Margurite Spencer, Grace Strickland, Lois Todd, Bertie Lee Whitesides, Tillman Beam, McCay Dilling, Richard Faysoux, Wesley Glenn, Rufus Johnston, Moore Morrow, Ralph Padgett, Caldwell Ragan, Malcolm Rhyne, Leonard Smith, George Terrell, Leonard Thomas, Harry Walker, Bryan Walters. Miss Sparrow's room—Ethel Craig, Hurdia Dover, Lavinie Grigg, Sue Ramsey Johnston, Lena Lineberger, Ruth Morris, Macie Parham, Maggie Parham, Aline Reid, Lucy Adams, Mack Dilling, Fred Dunn, James Hunter, Lewis McDowell, Henry Rankin Lawrence Rankin, Theodore Rankin. Miss Glenn's room—Fair Alexander, Mary Dunn, Oran Hicks, Lillie Morrow, Harlee Todd, Wilmet Whitesides, Myrtle Gray, George Armstrong, Robert Armstrong, Willie Dunn, Irwin Gallant, Ralph Griffin, Earl Groves, Ezekiel Hancock, Ralph McLean, Plato Pearson, Bert Stewart, Ernest Warren. Miss Galloway's room—Otto Rhyne, Eugene Caldwell, Harry Cobb, Charley Lineberger, Albert Lytle, Darwood Morrow, Fred Thompson, Gray Rankin, Harvey Suggs, Wilson McArver, Claude Terrell, Mabel Huffstetler, Stella Whitefield, Agnes Lindsay, Esther Bain, Mary Rawlings, Maude Gray, Randa Connell, Gessie Boyd, Bessie Beam, Haeelline Love, Pauline McPadden, Mary Dilling. Miss Horton's room—Paul Caldwell, Dasa Caldwell, Thomas Fluch, Loyd Hicks, Everette Jenkins, Carl Longridge, Julius Lineberger, Keith Mauncy, Leland Morris, Roscoe Spencer, Fred Wilson, Joe Holland, Anderson Hicks, Louise Boyd, Lucy Curry, Mary Dickson, Mary Dilling, Lola Davis, Pauline Faysoux, Ada Harper, Ellen McClain, Bessie Parham, Kima Rankin, Leolis Withers, Shelton Wilson. Miss Burnett's room—James Bain, Newton Ferguson, Walter Fogle, Craig Groves, Oscar Jenkins, Eliza Moss, Thomas Padgett, Kendall Parker, Robert Terrell, Ray Stewart, Walter Wilson, Lucy Boyce, Jennie S. Culp, Janie Faysoux, Maud Foskett, Lole Long, Nellie Rose Sloan, Lois Torrence, Itara Wilson. Miss Harre's room—Max Abernethy, Charley Adams, Foster Clinton, Aloysia Glenn, George Hicks, Tollie Little, Will McLean, Pierce Ragan.

Kirkpatrick Reid, Paul Pearson, Freddie Council, Cona Dixon, Mae Harry, Mollie Hinson, Ella May McPadden, Margaret Morris, Mabel Padgett, Maud Rankin, Susie Rawlings, Annie Torrence, Sadie Watts. Miss Egerton's room—Otto Baber, Henry Groves, John Faysoux, Ernest Fogle, Samuel Hurley, Will Little, Edwin Lewis, George Smith, Frances Whitesides, Pearl Huffman, Robbie Lee Morrow, Mildred Rankin, Lattie Smith, Hallie Torrence, Ola Whitesides, Sude Wilson. Miss Bradley's room—Stacy Boyce, Thad Clinton, Arviett McLean, Charley Gray, Roland Clinton, Forest Groves, Gertrude Fogle, Mamie Patrick, Ella Rankin, Lena Hanna, Romie Lindday, Jennie Peggam, Mary Parke.

### DO NOT BE A SUDDEN.

J. H. Kennedy & Co. Give Some Good Advice to Readers of the Gazette.

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### WIFE-BEATER SHOT DEAD.

W. C. Atkins, Liveryman at Union, S. C., Killed by Police-man Nelson.

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 29.—W. C. Atkins, a prominent liveryman and business man, was shot and instantly killed by Chief of Police Nelson at Williamston, 20 miles from Greenville, S. C., and between that place and Anderson this afternoon. Atkins, it appears, had been beating his wife in a horrible manner and the woman, breaking away from him, rushed out into the street and cried for assistance. Her voice was heard by the officer, who came hurriedly toward the house. When Atkins saw Nelson approaching, he drew his pistol and would have doubtless used it if the officer had not drawn first, firing one time. The bullet sped sure and Atkins fell in his tracks. There was considerable excitement at first but everything was about quiet when latest reports were received.

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