

SENATORS FROM KANSAS.

Hoodoo Which Seems to Attach to Line of "Fated Succession"—Bad Luck Follows Them.

John T. Ingalls' "fated succession" is vividly recalled to mind by the present trouble in which Senator Burton finds himself. The brilliant Atchison statesman so designated the line of Kansas United States senators that started out with Gen. James H. Lane.

Those in the "fated succession," says the Topeka Capital, were James H. Lane, Edward G. Ross, Robert Crozier, Alexander Caldwell, James M. Harvey, Preston B. Plumb, Bishop K. Perkins, John Martin, Lucien Baker and the present Senator J. Ralph Burton. Lane committed suicide. Ross committed political suicide by voting against the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, and was driven out of his party. Crozier, who served about a year by appointment, died without leaving a single mark by which his brief senatorial career can be remembered. Caldwell resigned after two years' service to escape investigation.

Harvey, although he had been governor of his state and had made a fairly good reputation as such, made a very insignificant senator, and was, after three years' service, defeated for reelection and dropped out of political life. Plumb died in office at Washington. Perkins served a brief term by appointment and is scarcely remembered as a senator. Martin served two years, and left the senate poorer in purse and with less prestige than he possessed when he went in. Baker was almost a total failure, and his crushing defeat for reelection at the hands of Burton is still warm in the memory of the people of Kansas.

DISEASE NEEDS WATCHING.

Whooping Cough Not Simple Little Affair Many Suppose—Nearly as Fatal as Scarlet Fever.

Eliza H. Root calls attention, says the Woman's Medical Journal, to the fact that this disease is too little dreaded by the medical profession and that it is by no means the simple affair that many seem to suppose.

From the United States census of 1900 we find that 663 died in New York from whooping cough and 549 from scarlet fever. In Chicago 141 died from whooping cough and 373 from scarlet fever; Philadelphia, 179 from whooping cough, 182 from scarlet fever, and so on in the different cities. Death from whooping cough occurs most frequently from pneumonia as a complication that induces heart failure, or a bronchitis may occur that ends in suffocation. Asphyxia or marasmus due to the continued ejecting of the food or loss of appetite may cause death.

Even when death does not occur, severe disturbance of the nervous system may remain, as weakness of the intellect and memory, imbecility. Visual defects, strabismus, blindness and deafness, partial or complete, and even deaf-mutism may remain. Whooping cough, it is evident, should be under the control of health authorities, subject to quarantine and other preventive measures as much as scarlet fever.

A colored speaker denounced the so-called "coon song" as vulgar and degrading. They're worse; they're a chestnut.

NO "DAY OFF" FOR A JUDGE.

Barristers in Great Britain Can Apply for Injunctions at Any Time and Place.

Illustrating the proposition that a judge never puts aside his judgeship, the Westminster Gazette has the following:

"Yesterday Mr. Justice Bucknill was surprised on the links by a barrister who presented an urgent request for a certain injunction. His lordship suspended his game, and after due consideration of the facts made the order, which was at once telegraphed to Cardiff, and no doubt took effect the same afternoon.

"On another occasion a barrister on a similar quest is rumored to have found his quarry bathing at Brighton. With a commendable devotion to his client's interests, he hired the next bathing machine and rapidly joined the judge in the water. The judge's surprise at being suddenly accosted in the well-known formula, 'I have an application to make, my lord, in a very urgent matter,' may be imagined. The law sometimes atones for its proverbial delay by these lightning injunctions."

Falconry in Turkestan.

In a remote part of Turkestan Dr. Sven Hedin, the explorer, a few years ago discovered the ancient art of falconry in full flower. "Among the horsemen were eight falconers," he writes, "two of whom carried eagles, the others falcons, all duly hooded. In this part of the world falconers form an indispensable adjunct in any formal parade or procession. Later in the day they gave us an exhibition of their birds' powers by letting them kill four hares and a deer, all of which were presented to me."

Telephone Girls Become Bald.

A large proportion of telephone girls employed by the big companies in New York give up their places rather than incur the risk of becoming partly bald. This effect of the steel band or hood which telephone operators wear over their head is plainly noticeable in the case of those who have scanty hair. On boys who act as telephone operators it is even more noticeable than with girls.

Radium Has an "Organ."

Le Radium is the title of a new periodical which is to be issued in Paris ere long. It will contain monthly records of the progress made in the utilization of the costly new substance.

SCOURGE OF THE AMAZON.

Dread Mosquitoes Render People Along the Great River Miserable at All Times.

It is not a pleasure to live in the wild regions along the banks of the River Amazon. The Indians of that region all suffer martyrdom from the mosquitoes. Nobody in even the worst mosquito regions of the United States can imagine what the mosquitoes of the Amazon region are like. They actually drive the Indians, hardened as they are, from their villages at times. The people drag their women and children into woods and uplands on such occasions, fleeing in headlong terror, and they do not venture back to their homes until daylight.

Smudges and other similar means for fighting the pest are of no use in the Amazon country when the mosquitoes sally forth for a "night out." They appear then in such hordes that the masses force themselves through smoke and even fire.

HINTS FOR BRIDEGROOMS.

There Is Plenty of Advice for Brides, But Not a Word for the Poor Men.

A thoughtful young man of Washington was heard to decry the other day the fact that while there is a deluge of "don'ts" and "dos" for the bride to follow, the bridegroom must shift for himself, says the Post.

"There is absolutely nothing to guide a man but his own awkward self. It isn't fair," he said. "From the time a girl is old enough to detect sound she understands the importance of having things done properly at a wedding, while the prospective groom is only something necessary to complete the picture. Nothing short of inspiration can get a man through a marriage ceremony gracefully.

"In order to impress the bride and spectators that he is enthusiastic about it, he appears with a sort of frozen grin on his face that you expect to melt at any moment and run down his collar. If he is too frightened to respond in a loud voice some of the bride's girl friends will whisper that 'it was plainly evident he was unwilling from the start.' Again, if he replies in a loud, stern voice, another bunch in another direction of the church will huddle together and express how glad they are that they are not marrying him, while the attitude of many is that they are signing away their life and all worth living for. So I, for one, think it high time that somebody wrote a few hints on how to behave, that we men may appear enthusiastic about being married, without being ridiculous and proving a target for the world in general to knock at."

EXECUTION OF AN INDIAN.

Condemned to Death for Murder of Brother-in-Law—Faced His Fate with Composure.

Daniel Davis was the name of the culprit, and he was condemned to death for the murder of his brother-in-law, says the Coweta (I. T.) Courier. On the day of the execution his coffin had been placed on two chairs under a big oak tree, which still stands in the old courthouse yard at Coweta. He requested them to let him see the coffin, and he stood by its side, gazed sadly into it, and said it was all right. A chair was set at the head of the coffin; he took his seat, pulled off his boots, and said he was ready. Capt. Childers, the sheriff—now dead—pinned a small blue ribbon on the lapel of Davis' vest over the heart. The prisoner viewed all this with composure and unconcern. Two men, one with a double-barreled shotgun and the other a Spencer rifle, took their places about 20 feet away. The command was given, ready, aim, fire! Both shots were simultaneous; the blue ribbon was hit; a convulsive tremor, and poor Daniel Davis was no more. Old men wept and many were the tears that were shed for this poor full-blood Indian who had taken the life of his erring brother-in-law.

The apple is the most democratic of all fruits, declares the Atlanta Journal. The pomegranate is priestly; the grape is royal; the orange is luxurious; the

JUMBO'S HEART IS ON FILE.

Treasured by Cornell University Which Has No Glass Jar Large Enough to Receive It.

The largest heart in the world, which once beat in the generous bosom of Jumbo, the great elephant, is one of the treasures of the museum in the department of neurology at Cornell university, says the New York World. The heart is so large that there is no glass jar large enough to receive it, so it cannot take its place in the ranks of other hearts which stand on record in the museum. Instead, it rests in a barrel stowed away in the cellar of the museum waiting its turn for dissection. When it is finally dissected by the students it will be destroyed.

Jumbo's heart is 98 times as large as the average human heart. It now weighs 36½ pounds, after having stood several years in alcohol. A human heart, which weighs a little more than a pound, soaked in alcohol for the same length of time, weighs ten ounces.

The human heart is less than six inches long. Jumbo's is 28 inches long and 24 inches wide. The ordinary heart will go inside the main artery of Jumbo's heart. The walls of the artery are five-eighths of an inch thick and the walls of the ventricle are three inches thick.

A Japanese Soldier's Luggage.

Lieut. G. S. Turner, Tenth United States infantry, who accompanied some Japanese troops in a three days' reconnaissance south and east of Peking, says: "Each soldier carried on his person 100 rounds of ammunition, an overcoat for bedding, a haversack, water bottles and three days' rations. The ration consisted of rice and dried fish. The soldiers, however, depended mainly on the country for their subsistence. I am of the opinion that in a country where there was no foraging the amount of food carried would be insufficient. Before leaving camp each morning the food for dinner is prepared and packed in a ration box made of lacquered wood, similar in shape to our meat ration can, and consists of rice, dried fish and sometimes small pieces of mutton or beef."

Clever Dog Thief.

It was found the other day in London, that a stolen dog, which failed to identify its owner, had been dosed with aniseed by the thief. Aniseed destroys the sense of smell temporarily. The dog did not recover for two or three days.

Curious Justice.

Justice in the British possessions on the west coast of Africa is peculiar at times. A writer in a London publication tells the story of a couple of officials—Brown and Jones—who one night were cycling home from the club without lights and were pounced upon by a zealous policeman. Summoned before the district commissioner's court, they found themselves the only persons competent to try the case. So Brown sat upon Jones and fined him five shillings, adding a few remarks as to the danger of neglecting a salutary regulation. Then Jones ascended the bench, smarting and, having addressed Brown in terms that would have fitted a murderer, said that he was determined to put a stop to such pernicious practices and imposed a fine of ten shillings.

Education in Mexico.

The peon child of Mexico may now pass from his letters to the highest diploma entirely at government expense, and the government hopes shortly to make education compulsory.