

### SENATOR GORE'S BLINDNESS

Senator Gore of Oklahoma, who is now serving his third term in the senate, is blind and has been so afflicted most of his life. When a boy in Mississippi, where he was born and brought up, a boy play mate threw down a stick which rebounded and struck young Gore just under the eyeball, causing an injury to the optic which resulted in the gradual loss of sight in that eye. At the age of 11, when he was a page in the Mississippi state senate, he bought an air gun, intending to take it home as a Christmas present to his brother.

Some of the youngsters at the hotel where he made his home wanted to see the gun work and, being a normal boy, he was in no wise averse to demonstrating it. For some reason the gun failed to shoot as the boys thought it ought and while young Gore was squinting down the barrel with his good eye the thing went off and destroyed the sight of that eye.

Since that time he has been totally blind. When he realized that his sight was permanently gone he decided that he must have an education to enable him to get on in the world, handicapped in that way. He at once set about acquiring this education; went through the public schools, a normal school and Cumberland university at Lebanon, Tenn. A friend of his early school days accompanied him to the latter institution and read to him from the books he was required to study. At length, after completing the work of his course in this way, he graduated as valedictorian of his class, and was among the six students having the highest honors of the class.

After leaving college he spent six months learning to read by the touch system. In 1900 he was married to Miss Nina Kay, who has since been his constant companion and his "eyes." Mrs. Gore possesses a remarkably complete knowledge of law and is said to be one of the best informed women in the United States. The senator has a large and comprehensive library and Mrs. Gore is his principal reader.

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### SAVE THE BABIES

Dr. A. C. Freeman of Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Geary, Okla., contributed to the Redman the following excellent article on saving the Indian babies:

There is only one hope for perpetuating the Indian people, and that is to save and develop the babies and little children.

It is said that the early Greeks used to throw their new-born babe out into the snow sometimes, and if it stood the shock and lived it was