

FROM CRIPPLED BOY TO UNITED STATES SENATOR

Life Story of T. P. Gore, Backwoodsman, Who Represents Oklahoma in Upper House

Eleven Other Members of the Sixtieth Congress Who Rose From Obscurity and Poverty



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HON. T. P. GORE THE BLIND SENATOR FROM OKLAHOMA

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BY JOHN KILBERTH WATKINS.
THE most hopeless youth now uttering his peremptory from wilderness or slum there is a note of encouragement in any of these life-stories of a dozen boys who, against the obstacles of poverty and affliction, have won their way to the new Congress.

Blind Backwoodsman's Climb to Senate.

Most phenomenal of all of these feats of self-advancement is that which has just been accomplished by T. P. Gore, new Senator from the new State of Oklahoma. Though born in poverty and totally blind since boyhood, he was sworn in as United States Senator the other day at the age of 28.

Was a Coal Mine Boy at Eight.

From a coal mine boy at 8 to Congressman at 45 was the climb made in a zig-zag of paper containing such questions as "What is the future of the coal industry?"

Two Others Begun in Telegraphy.

As a messenger boy, James T. McDermott, new member from Chicago, began his career. He was then living in Detroit.

A Breaker Boy at Nine.

From a "breaker boy" at 9, a similar rise was made by Thomas D. Nichols, new member from the Scranton and Wilkesbarre district of the Keystone State.

garded as one of the best educated of its officials. He is now but 27.

From cabin boy to Congressman was the hard climb of William J. Carey, now member from Milwaukee. At 13 he was left an orphan with four younger sisters and a younger brother who were placed in an orphan asylum when he got his first position in a department store.

Lay Wounded in the Field Seven Days.

After lying wounded for seven days and nights on the battlefield of Charles City Cross Roads, Joseph G. Beale, new member from Leesburg, Pa., was arrested and sent to Libby Prison.



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Part Indian and Former Cowboy.

That he is seven-sixteenth Chickasaw and Cherokee Indian and nine-sixteenth Scotch-Irish, is the boast of Charles D. Carter, new member from the fourth Oklahoma district.

Were Office Boy, Carpenter and Printer's Devil.

Charles E. Carlin, who comes from the Alexandria, Va., district, began as an office boy but later went to work for a telephone company and became superintendent of construction.

a fortune not only in coal, but in steel and banking. He says that his forefather came to Pennsylvania with William Penn.

What is most picturesque in our Wild West of the pioneer days color the stories of the early struggles of two of the representatives from the new State of Oklahoma.

Superintendent of Schools and Mining Trustee of Indian Territory.

At the time of his election to the new Congress he was engaged in the insurance business.

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The Kaiser's Life in England

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When we entered by a small side doorway the first thing that met my ear.

"There are three, and telephones as well," a telegraph operator told me.

On arriving at the kitchen my guide told me he was going to introduce me to a fellow countryman.

"What does his majesty like?" I asked.

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"Do you see that auto? Last Wednesday it disturbed the Emperor considerably. He was just returning from a shooting expedition and as he put his foot on the step to get out a loud explosion occurred in the motor. William II turned slightly pale, but the engineer in charge of the imperial auto quickly reassured him. Then the Kaiser smiled and said: 'Never mind, so long as it is in the past.'"