

# WILLIAM O. BRADLEY

## Brief Summary of the Life and Eminent Services of Kentucky's Republican Governor.



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William O'Connell Bradley, the present Governor of Kentucky, was born near Lancaster, Garrard county, March 18th, 1847. He quit school at the age of 14. He early evinced an active, energetic and adventurous spirit. He ran away twice and joined the Union Army, from which he was taken out by his father. Under special act of the Legislature he was licensed to practice law, from which

time up to his election to the office of Governor he had a large and lucrative practice. He early took a high rank at the bar of Central Kentucky, and was always regarded as an able lawyer. As an advocate before a Jury he was regarded as invincible, and has been employed in some of the most celebrated trials in the annals of the Commonwealth. His practice was by no means confined to criminal cases; his civil practice

evinced the most careful preparation and thorough acquaintance with and mastery of the great principles of his profession. In 1870 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Garrard county on the Republican ticket; was nominated Elector (Republican ticket) for Eighth District in 1872, and afterwards for Congress, and, although defeated, reduced the Democratic majority from 1,500 to 650, although without means and opportunity and opposed by one of the ablest Democrats of Kentucky, who was very wealthy. In 1876 he was again nominated for Congress and was defeated. That year he was nominated for the United States Senate by the General Assembly, although under the required age. In 1879 he was nominated for Attorney General, but declined on account of ill health. In 1880, '84, '88 and '92 he was a Delegate-at-Large from Kentucky to the Republican National Conventions. At the Convention in 1880 he seconded the nomination of General Grant in a speech resplendent with soul-stirring eloquence, and was one of the 306. In 1884 he spoke against the resolution to curtail Southern representation, defeating it; was appointed to bring civil suits against Star Route contractors, but declined.

In 1887 he ran for Governor, reducing the Democratic plurality from 45,000 to less than 17,000, and was that winter nominated for United States Senator by the General Assembly and defeated by James B. Beck; was a member of the Republican National Committee from 1880 to 1884; in 1889 was again elected, and in 1892 again elected. In 1888 he received 115 votes for Vice-President at Chicago. In 1892 he was appointed Minister to Corea and declined. In 1895 he ran for Governor on the Republican ticket, and carried the state by 9,000. In 1896 he received the endorsement of the State Convention and of seven District Conventions for President.

Governor Bradley has taken an active part in every canvass since 1870. There is scarcely a county in Kentucky in which he has not spoken. It is believed that there is not a man in any state who has shown such a long and unbroken record of hard, laborious party service—not one that has encountered and surmounted such obstacles, and not one who, during a long period of party leadership, reaching through twenty-five years, has re-

tained the warm, devoted friendship of so many men. No man has ever exhibited greater tenacity than he. Robert Bruce, in his persistent efforts to liberate Scotland from the English yoke, did not show more unwearied efforts, often amid chilling discouragements, than has Governor Bradley in his efforts to Republicanize Kentucky. He commenced his life work with a contemptible minority party, some of whose leaders openly avowed their earnest hope that the party would not be too strong; that it would remain about numerous enough to fill the Federal offices. The party was a tender sapling, with hardly enough shade to cover its roots, and he has seen it grow into the gaarled and unweadable oak, covering the state with protection. Governor Bradley has always been in touch with the people, whose confidence he has always enjoyed.

It was in his canvass for Governor, in 1895, supplemented by his extraordinary, arduous labor in 1896, that his qualities as a great leader were most conspicuously shown.

Commencing the campaign of 1895, he took strong grounds for Sound Money, for a square and unequivocal declaration for the gold standard and against the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

He carried the Convention, made his race on this as the paramount issue, and won, not only the office of Governor, but for the whole ticket. It was a square fight, made from the shoulder, and by reason of it the people obtained an education in finance which enabled them to enter the canvass of 1896 better informed than the people of any other section whatever. Governor Bradley, the Republican party of Kentucky, and the Sound Money Democrats who refused to obey party dictation and instructions certainly deserve the credit of holding Thermopole in 1895, and the glorious results of 1896.

For these great services—the building up of the Republican party of Kentucky and of the South, which he has contributed more to than any other man—Governor Bradley deserves as much credit as any living statesman. His career as a National man has just commenced, and with such energy, ability, tact and leadership, the Nation is destined to derive great benefits.

### LONG-TERM SENATORS.

#### List of Those Who Have Seen Long Service in the Senate.

It is believed this is a complete longevity table of United States Senators up to the present time, with fractional parts of years omitted:

Name	Years
John Sherman of Ohio	38
Thomas H. Benton of Missouri	30
William H. King of Alabama	30
Justin S. Morrill of Vermont	30
Geor. F. Edmunds of Vermont	25
Henry B. Anthony of Rhode Island	25
Hannibal Hamlin of Maine	25
William B. Allison of Iowa	24
John P. Jones of Nevada	24
Charles Sumner of Massachusetts	23
M. W. Bansom of North Carolina	23
Samuel Smith of Maryland	22
Francis M. Cockrell of Missouri	22
W. M. Stewart of Nevada	22
John Galliard of South Carolina	21
W. P. Fessenden of Maine	21
Isiah G. Harris of Tennessee	20
George F. Hoar of Massachusetts	20
Timothy Howe of Wisconsin	20
Nehemiah R. Knight of Rhode Island	20
Don Cameron of Pennsylvania	20
Daniel Webster of Massachusetts	19
Zachariah Chandler of Michigan	19
James A. Pearce of Maryland	19
Daniel W. Voorhees of Indiana	19
John T. Morgan of Alabama	19
Henry Clay of Kentucky	18
John J. Crittenden of Kentucky	18
Lyman Trumbull of Illinois	18
Henry Wilson of Massachusetts	18
Eli S. Paulsen of Delaware	18
Henry L. Dawes of Massachusetts	18
Rufus King of New York	18
Willie P. Mangum of North Carolina	18
Benjamin Ruggles of Ohio	18
Benjamin F. Wade of Ohio	18
John R. McPherson of New Jersey	18
O. H. Platt of Connecticut	18
Henry M. Teller of Colorado	17
William Call of Florida	17
Jesse D. Bright of Indiana	17
Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland	17
Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut	16
Thomas F. Bayard of Delaware	16
W. P. Frye of Maine	16
Eugene Hale of Maine	16
Joseph Anderson of Tennessee	16
James L. Pugh of Alabama	16
James L. George of Mississippi	16
John P. Hale of New Hampshire	15
Lot M. Morrill of Maine	15
James Noble of Indiana	15
Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island	15
Preston B. Plumb of Kansas	15
Lewis Cass of Michigan	15
Sam. Houston of Texas	15
Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania	14
Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois	14

A New York man has sued a dentist for \$1,000 "for pain and agony endured while in the operating chair."

At Pottsville, Pa., four men were killed and a boy fatally injured by dropping down a mining shaft.

### No Saving of Time.

Indianapolis Journal. "Before they are married," said the agrifed philosopher, "it usually takes him at least half an hour to test himself away from her presence." "And after?" queried the neophyte. "About the same length of time. You see, then she has to tell him of ever so many things she wants him to bring home."

### MILLIONS OF BUTTONS.

#### A Man of Figures Makes Some Calculations on the Subject.

We live in an age of buttons. The people of the British Isles unbutton 400,000,000 buttons every night when they prepare for bed, and next morning rebutton the same number, unless a few millions have been lost in the struggle, says an English writer. The world has become so accustomed to buttons that it has forgotten that there was ever a time when buttons were unknown. It is safe to say that 99 out of 100, if asked to name the date of the first button, would anticipate the actual date by several centuries. In the fourteenth century there were buttons, but no buttonholes. They were purely ornamental, lacking buttonholes, and the question voluntarily arises how our ancestors managed to keep respectably covered. Two hundred years ago there were not as many buttons in the world as could be found in a small old clothes shop today, and even these were made by hand. It was not until 1745 that any considerable manufactory was established. In that year the famous Sobu Works were opened at Birmingham, where steel buttons were made of such beauty and finish as to command a price of £140 a gross, or £1 apiece.

In these modern days we are apt to boast that this is an age of paper, pointing at the same time to paper wheels, paper boots, paper carpets and the thousand and one novel uses made of this material as proof of our assertion. It is a curious fact that as far back as 1784 we find mention of paper buttons.

### A Cure for Lame Back.

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### KENNEDY'S CREEK COLLINGS.

Things in That Romantic Region of Mason County's Picturesque Domain.

Miss Hattie Powers is quite ill at the home of Alex. Rains. Thomas Hall loaded a stoneboat here Friday and Saturday of last week. Edward Garrett will till the soil on the Robert Colburn place this year. Lullie May, infant daughter of Noble Swico, has been quite ill the past week. The Weaver Sisters give an entertainment at the schoolhouse Tuesday night. Mrs. Mattie Bradford returned home from a business trip to Vanceburg Saturday. Elijah Cobb of Springdale was circulating among his many friends here Saturday. The young folks had a social gathering at the home of William Bradford, Jr., Friday night.

Mrs. Callie and Mrs. Emma Hicks of Maysville were the pleasant guests of Mrs. Mackey Meenach Tuesday. Mrs. Mahala Bradford was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Worstel of Aberdeen, Saturday, who is quite low with consumption. The funeral of Mrs. Jane Fry, an estimable lady of the Rectorville neighborhood, was preached at the Chapel on the Creek Saturday by Rev. N. G. Grizzle. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1816 and lived to be 81 years old. She united with the M. E. Church in the 16th year of her age, and lived in that faith to the time of her death.

Alex. Rains and Thomas Sloop attended the funeral of Robert Powers at Canaan Church in Lewis county Saturday.

One of our young men last week purchased tickets for the Opera-house at Maysville, and on that eventful evening hastened to fill his engagement with his Dulcinea, who he was going to take to the opera, but being a little too late he found that she had skipped off with some other fellow. Now, my good friend, we need not always expect to have clear sailing. Though our path may be strewn with roses along the wayside we will sometimes strike a bed of thorns, and these precious jewels that we think we have almost within our grasp are often carried off by some other fellow.

Word was received here Friday morning by relatives of the death of Robert Powers at the home of Robert Plummer near Burtonville, where he had been on a visit for a short time. Deceased was the father of Mrs. Mattie Rains, Mrs. Mary Sloop and Miss Hattie Powers of this place. He was born in Fleming county, but spent the most of his life in this county. He was 80 years of age, and was well respected in the community in which he lived, and many years ago cast his lot with the M. E. Church, and was ready when the summons came to call him to his heavenly home.

The Town Board of Trustees of Brookville, Ind., has passed two ordinances, one levying a yearly license of \$150 on dealers in cigarettes and cigarette paper, and the other prohibiting cigarette smoking on the streets or in public places.

William Worthington, son of Lieutenant-Governor Worthington, passed his examination for the bar before the Judges of the Court of Appeals, and was licensed to practice. A man of great energy and industry, with the faculty of making friends, Mr. Worthington is bound to succeed.

There are fifty-two penitentiaries and over 17,000 jails in the United States. They cost \$500,000,000 to build them. The criminal expenses to the country is not less than \$100,000,000 annually. How much better off the country would be if the people would just quit their meanness and be good.

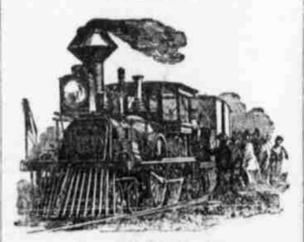
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