

**THE PARDON OF CALEB POWERS**

Nothing in the criminal annals of the country, within recent years, has attracted anything like the attention of Caleb Powers' long struggle for his liberty, the frequency with which his life has hung in the balance and finally the pardon which has just been granted him by the governor of Kentucky.

It is inevitable that the action of Governor Wilson will be commended and condemned, according to the viewpoint and perhaps the political convictions of the critics, with quite as much intensity of feeling as they have spent upon the various phases of the case up to this time.

The murder of Governor Goebel was one of the most cold-blooded and atrocious in the history of Kentucky, or indeed, of the whole country. Self contained, resolute and determined, the master of all his passions, he had fought his way to prominence and command until he literally dominated the political affairs of the state. The machine he had organized was one of the most perfect in the history of American politics.

But if he had strong friends, he had implacable enemies, and when every fair means to defeat him had failed, they decided upon his death. His own hands were not free from blood, and his death by violence was looked upon by many as the act of an avenging Nemesis.

But the fact that the governor of a great commonwealth had been assassinated from ambush on the grounds of the state capitol sent a thrill of horror throughout the civilized world, and from that hour the vigilance of his friends and relatives has been sleepless in the effort to bring his murderers to justice.

It was established that the fatal shot was fired from a window in the office of the secretary of state, although Caleb Powers himself was known to be absent from the city. Evidence was produced, however, to connect him with the crime as accessory before the fact.

He was arrested and lodged in jail, and there he has remained without bail for more than eight years. Four times he has been tried for his life. Three times he was found guilty, and as often the court of appeals has reversed the verdict on the ground of error. The fourth and last trial, only a few months ago, resulted in a mistrial, with the jury standing ten to two in favor of acquittal.

There are thousands of Goebel adherents in Kentucky who are chagrined at the turn affairs have taken. Nothing but the blood of Caleb Powers would have satisfied them. But it is safe to say, as Governor Willson himself has said in giving the reasons for granting a pardon, that a large majority of the people of Kentucky are convinced of his innocence. The petition presented in his behalf was one of the largest ever gathered in the interest of a condemned man. It was signed by members of all classes and both political parties.

The sentiment is strong that in the absence of more direct and conclusive evidence connecting Caleb Powers with the crime charged against him, he has been punished sufficiently by the eight long years of imprisonment he has been forced to undergo. The admiration of every one who loves courage and fortitude has been challenged by the magnificent fight he has made with a halter about his neck.

On the whole we feel sure that the action of Governor Willson has met with every general approval, and at the same time the years which Powers has spent in the shadow of an ignominious death will have a wholesome and restraining influence upon partisan bitterness wherever and whenever the tragic story of Kentucky is recalled.—Atlanta Journal.

**THE FOOL THAT ROCKS THE BOAT**

Hip, hip, hooray! Poetic justice has at last overtaken the fool who rocks the boat. He was struck on the grinning mouth with an oar, wielded by an athletic Philadelphia girl, and knocked into the Schuylkill river. He swam ashore, almost exhausted, and was dragged out of the water to repent at leisure.

According to the Philadelphia Public Ledger, a young man took two girls out for a row upon the river. As they neared the city returning he became humorous and attempted to frighten the girls by rocking the boat. One of them, Miss Mary Garston, requested him to desist, and told him that her father always said that a man who was fool enough to rock a boat with women in it was fool enough to be knocked in the river. As the hint was not taken, the girl picked up an oar and smashed the man over the head. He fell overboard, and the two girls continued on their way, cheered by persons in boats and on the banks of the stream.

Like the fool who doesn't know it is loaded, the fool who rocks the boat usually escapes his deserved fate in this world. It is a genuine pleasure to see one of the type properly punished.—Courier-Journal.

**GEORGIA POINTS THE WAY**

Georgia has spoken, and in no uncertain tones. She has said to her sister states of the south, and to the world at large, that her people have grown tired of agitation, weary of policies which laced them in a false light before the business world and caused them to be regarded as willing to deal unfairly with the outside investor whose money had been placed in that state because of faith in their willingness and ability to protect property rights from destructive and confiscatory legislation. This, and this alone, we believe, was the reason which caused the people of Georgia to vote against what they believed to be destructive policies, and in favor of what they believed would prove constructive and upbuilding forces.

No political movement for many months has attracted so wide attention as the recent vote in Georgia, and probably none for many years has had a more far-reaching effect than will the decision of the people of Georgia. That state has led the way. Others must inevitably follow. No southern state can afford to continue an opposite policy when Georgia leads so pre-eminently for the upbuilding, constructive policy which its people have so emphatically demanded. For should other states fail to follow Georgia's lead, the investing public would concentrate in Georgia to such an extent that that state would rapidly surpass any others in the south which preferred to follow in the lead of the agitator whose policies make for destruction of public confidence and of prosperity.

The verdict of Georgia must inevitably seriously affect the political discussion of the day. It will tend to turn the thought of the people of all sections and all parties back to sane and conservative treatment of corporations, and at the same time prove to the world that though the people of this country may at times make great blunders in the handling of economic questions they may be depended upon in the long run to right their own mistakes by an overwhelming verdict against the work of the agitators by whom they had been misled. Georgia has quickened the thought of the people of the whole south. They see what can be accomplished when merchants, manufacturers, farmers, laboring men, clerks and all others band themselves together determined to do the right and to down the wrong. Every upbuilding force in the south is strengthened. Every man whose work means the enrichment of the south as against the impoverishment wrought by the agitator has his hands strengthened by the result in Georgia. Georgia calls the people of the south to united effort against the agitator and unto victory in the upbuilding in this section, which as yet has scarcely commenced its real work of development.—Baltimore Manufacturer's Record.

**THE WHOOPING COUGH**

There's a red-faced little fellow sitting bolt upright in bed, and his mother's sitting by him, holding tenderly his head. All his struggles are quite futile and our eyes fill up with tears. As we watch the tiny sufferer; for we cannot hide our fears. There are some who see our weakness and at us we know they scoff; But it's mighty hard, I tell you, when your boy's got whooping cough.

It is mighty hard to hear him in the middle of the night. Give a whoop that fairly chills you and that wakes you in a fright; It is hard to see him rasping for his breath and know that you must idly stand and watch him, for there's nothing you can do. Yes, it sets your heart to aching when the spell has passed to see the little fellow tumble back as helpless as can be.

Every one of us has had it—it's a common thing I know. But somehow when your baby is the victim it's a blow. That hits right at your heartstrings, and you straightway forget. All the millions that have suffered and are living happy yet. Yes, maybe it is common, and to get it babes are prone. But it's laden down with sorrow when it claims one of your own.

I can stand to see a grown-up in the grip of some disease; I have suffered mortal agony myself and begged for ease. I can gaze upon a sick man and can utter words of cheer. For a grown-up isn't helpless till he's laid upon his bier; But the saddest sight to witness, let who will rise up to scoff, Is a little red-faced fellow in the throes of whooping cough. —Edgar A. Guest, in Detroit Free Press.

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**WHAT CLEMENT A. EVANS SAYS**

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"The southern states have their own problems which they desire to solve for the common good. The old disturbing presence in our country of a people of African descent became more serious than ever because the problem was loaded from 1865 with new and insupportable conditions. These negroes in the southern states were merely turned loose with nothing but the power to vote and hold office without qualifications. They were not offered homes anywhere except in the south, and they fell as a load on the southern people. But the south assumed the burden; and the assertion is here made that no body of people in any age of the world has treated this negro race with real kindness except the people of the southern states. All nations have enslaved them, and not one has trained them into that physical, intelligent, moral manhood which is the indisputable qualification of a valuable population. The southern states have more than 6,000,000 of this race, to care for, and the southern people are qualified to execute the trust justly, benevolently and for the general welfare. It is, therefore, insisted that the hindering intermeddling with the purposes to righteously solve this problem shall cease; for whatever the motive may be, such interference is misdirected, hurtful and often open to suspicion as being accompanied with insincerity, selfishness or ignorance of southern conditions."

**FREE DIVORCE**

The St. Louis Post Dispatch notes that since most of the states appear to be unwilling to restrict divorce in any way, and that as trials in a majority of cases are preposterous, the thing aimed at in most states being the lawful annulment of the marriage contract with the greatest ease, the thing to do is to make divorce as easy as marriage. The Post-Dispatch continues:

"In most cases people are divorced because they want to be and they choose the grounds with as much regard for personal taste and convenience as they would a new hat or a new suit. These are such a variety of lawful causes and each one has so many admissible phases that an applicant has a wide range for selection, the end desired being practically certain in any case. No reform being in sight, after years of agitation, why should not divorces be handed out with no more formality than is insisted upon in the matter of a marriage license?"

**REMARKABLE SUIT SALE BY CHEATHAM-ALDERMAN CO., JACKSONVILLE**

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**IN DOUBT**

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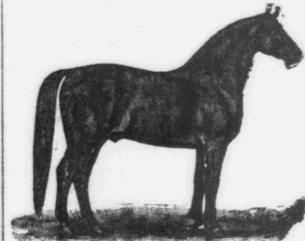
**THE FARMER AND GOOD ROADS**

Good roads are the most potential and successful immigrating agents in this country. The most desirable farmers and the best wives and help-meets are the young men and the young women raised on the farms. Under existing conditions they are continually drifting to the towns and cities. They are progressive and social in their nature, and will not remain on the farm unless they can have those benefits and pleasures that association and companionship afford. The loneliness of the country home, away from neighbors and friends, where the schools and the churches are poorly maintained, where the farmer and his wife and children are denied the advantages of educational and religious training, are the principal causes for the removal of large numbers of our people from the country to the towns and cities. The farmer is seeking better advantages for his family, and unless the country can be made to supply, in some measure, these benefits, there will continue to be a congestion of population in the cities.

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