



Forgotten Man Pardoned by Cox; Paved the Way for Prison Reform

Constantly Defended His Acquittal in Life That "Made Himself Ours" But Given to Missouri App With-out Compensation Until Young Governor Examined His Case.

My name (George) is something over fifty years ago a law was passed of pardon for those who were a party to a crime. The evidence was conclusive. He had killed his mother in a well lit room. His youth saved him from hanging. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Months before were not taken into consideration in appraising the degree of guilt of a murderer in those days and the boy's case received the same. Then the penitentiary was built and the boy was confined in a cell. The first was brief. The case attracted passing comment, and then it was forgotten. The prisoner himself was forgotten. The years dragged on and on and the very records of the case were lost.

The boy grew into manhood, into middle age. He was a model prisoner. He studied and learned and developed, even in the forbidding atmosphere of the grim gray pile at Columbia, which hills within the walls the echoes of his name shrieked at midnight.

Wardens came, and wardens went. New guards supplanted the old. Governors were elected, held their brief, passed upon the state, and passed into the history of the state. The succeeding wardens and governors and officials of high and low degree saw the boy who had grown into middle age and wondered at the efficiency he displayed at every task—his intelligence and his pathetic submission.

"Who is he?" was the usual question. "A life—I've forgotten his name." That was the answer in all the later years.

All through a period of forty-two years this "forgotten man" called it what he was subsequently called in Ohio, breathed the prison air, did the prison tasks and listened through the compassionate, hopeless nights to the lapping waters of the Scioto River just outside the prison walls.

The Ohio penitentiary was never designed for comfort. It was built to keep men from escaping and there was no thought of the inmates who were there to atone for their crimes.

"Forgotten Man" Reconsidered. Then came a time when James M. Cox, now democratic candidate, was elected governor. Among the first of the visits which he paid to any of the state institutions was one to the penitentiary at Columbia. His visit was not perfunctory. With characteristic thoroughness he went from department to department and from cell to cell. He called for records he failed to know and to prisoners. He ordered changes. He ordered recollections in the cells who had followed the lines of hard resistance and accepted the life way as the only way. And in his paragonic speech the person the young governor—he was only 42 then—came across a young man—a prisoner who was different.

"Who is that fellow?" asked the governor. "A life. In his number I've forgotten his name. Good prisoner. Never makes any trouble." "How long has he been here?"

"I don't know" was the answer. "I don't know it up for you." A search was made but no record could be found. Governor Cox was told that the man was a party to a crime. "I don't know," said the warden, "I don't know it up for you."

A started, breathing, breathing man with a face that had been in the penitentiary for the last forty years. He was not a man of the penitentiary. He was a man of the world. He was a man of the world. He was a man of the world.

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"Are you guilty?" asked the governor. "No," was the emphatic answer. The prisoner had always maintained his innocence.

Governor Cox sent him back to the penitentiary with the guard who had brought him over. But he did not forget him. He ordered a complete investigation of the whole case. This investigation developed the fact that the prisoner, as a boy, had been the victim of a nervous attack which very probably had affected his mentality. He was given to maximal outbreaks of temper. He had been, clearly, at times irresponsible. This noted in his mental make-up had not been taken into consideration at his trial. Such things were not considered then. The prisoner had long suffered his abnormality. He was, and had been, for several years, a normal human being.

But in all the forty-two years of his imprisonment his case had never been before a pardon board. After a lapse of several weeks Governor Cox sent for the "Forgotten Man."

"You," said the governor, "have told me that you are a changed man since you went to prison. Are you?" "Yes, governor," was the reply. "I am made over."

"Now, Tom, do you feel that you owe a debt to society?" "Yes, sir, I do."

"Do you think that any man who owes a debt to society ought to be in here?" "No, sir, I do not."

"Well, Tom," said the governor, "you have shown me that you are a changed man. You are a man who owes a debt to society. You are a man who is fit to be a citizen. You are a man who is fit to be a citizen. You are a man who is fit to be a citizen."

Records Life-Time Deception. The Governor's Man hesitated but for a moment. Then he exclaimed: "I'm a free man!"

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ING LITTON COMES TO TOWN. (Article Special.) We started this week with a Missouri just coming and we had never had any of it in this state. It is a very good thing for the people of this state. It is a very good thing for the people of this state. It is a very good thing for the people of this state.

There are many things to be said in favor of raising cotton in this community and next year you should think it as the promising crop which it is. It is not only profitable but it requires less water and labor to bring it to market. Besides it leaves a lot of money in the community. Its picking will come at a time of year when the other crops for the most part have been taken care of and a lot of help may be secured.

As we have said before, this section of the country can raise the four staple cottons and probably this year's experience will determine the kind that is best adapted for the climate. This year's experience and has given returns for about what was expected. Many people have been benefited by the introduction of cotton culture here and credit should be given them for their effort. Mr. Larch has been contributing in his work and has received ready for operation a cotton gin that will handle this year's crop.

The first bale was quite profitable to him and Mibenz as they sold \$75 for the bale, the merchants of Artois gave \$100 and we understand that the people of Hagerman did likewise. The early bird gets the worm. Those people planted their cotton in March. Old King Cotton has come to Artois. Take off your hat. We can't expect the high inflated war prices for cotton, but it is going to be a good paying crop that will throw many thousands of acres of idle land to cultivation and furnish employment for hundreds of negro hands.

COLUMBIAN MERCHANTS' SHORTAGE EXPLAINED. Systematic robbery of freight trains in the El Paso & Southern, it is believed, was broken up when four men were arrested by deputy sheriffs and special officers of the railroad in El Paso yesterday and \$10,000 worth of booty, alleged to have been stolen, recovered. Confessions, officers say, have been obtained from three of the men.

ANNOUNCEMENT CARDS. How would you like a box of beautiful gilt-edged announcement cards with envelopes to match—blue or white—lined, blank, printed or unprinted. At the Courier office.

MEMO TO SPEAK IN N. M. Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 7.—William G. McAdoo will make a speech in New Mexico, it was announced today by John R. McManis, chief of the Democratic speakers' bureau. Mr. McAdoo said he had been informed that he would speak at Gallup on October 28, and at Albuquerque on October 29, but that his information was not official. The official word will be given in a day or two.

DEMING GRAPHIC SERIES COUNTY AGENT HEYMAN. They are just discovering in Deming that County Agent Heyman isn't the man for the job. The editor of the Courier always believed he was a past-master in the line of inventives or vindictive words in a just cause, but County Agent Heyman has grabbed up a couple of paragraphs, thrown in a lack of quotation marks for coined words, bluffed over all of the letters with title on them and out of the newspaper he has a couple of neat paragraphs that should make headlines, which would pull down instead of building up, grab for a headline. The Courier predicts that the next time Mr. Heyman claims a county job he will do something for the farmer in the field, instead of placing him in a mercantile establishment and hauling him and the public a lot of bull.

COLUMBIAN'S ADAPTABLE JAP IN GIVEN PUBLICITY. The editor and family are appreciating these days a very handsome gift from our old friend, Henry Yank, whose name of our people will remember as an accomplished amateur, former proprietor of the False Life, and whose every name was in the "Adaptable Jap."

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WORLD'S FAMOUS HUNTER NOW AT SILVER CITY. Capt. Paul J. Rainey, famous mountain and world's greatest lion hunter, says the Silver City Enterprise, arrived in Silver City from Columbia Sunday with his pack of twenty-three trained fox hounds and Arabians, and will spend the month hunting bear in the Black and Mountain ranges during September. Capt. Rainey hunted along the White River in Colorado, where his party bagged seven good sized black and brown bear. He plans to spend the month of October here and left Tuesday morning with Victor Christensen for the U. S. headquarters on the Sapello, from which point he and his party will go into the Black Range and work their way around into the Mogollon range.

Captain Rainey is one of the foremost hunters and trainers of hunting dogs in the United States, maintaining large kennels on his estate in Mississippi. Rainey, who was a captain in the British army during the World War, is a young man, despite his 42 years, and is tall and athletic and bronzed by his outdoor life. He is a southerner, hailing from Gibson Plant, Miss., a small plantation and ranch there. He is traveling with a guide, Victor Hubbins, and an old stager cook by the name of Jones. He is the largest breeder of purebred lion hounds in the United States, according to dog fanciers. Rainey roped the largest bear

ever taken alive, according to Executive Hornsby of the New York Zoo, when he taxoned "Silver King" a giant white Polar bear in the Arctic, within 200 miles of the North Pole. After he had caged the animal it was drawn to the boat and is now in the New York Zoo. On this hunting trip into the frozen north in 1911, Rainey had eleven families of Eskimos on his party and over eighty Eskimo dogs for hunting purposes. This is his third trip into the West for bear. A great friend of former President Roosevelt, who, in his time, was the world's greatest hunter, Captain Rainey, like the beloved "Teddy," loves bear hunting as well as any other sport.

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Real Soldiers, Real Men, Howze Informs Editors

Claims committed by men in uniform against the army, was the first made by Brig. Gen. Robert L. Howze, commander of Post 1045, at a dinner of newspaper men and women at the chamber of commerce in El Paso Wednesday evening.

We have examined the charges of course," the general declared, "but I want you to understand that nine-tenths of these are men who have been in the army only two or three weeks and we have not had a chance yet to make them into good men and good citizens. We are patient with you. You can believe that we will stand up to these fellows. In fact, we rather consider that the man who has been in the army only a few weeks does not belong to us yet."

Then Gen. Howze said there were still a few of the men who intelligently got into the army during the draft, who, because of the size of the army, could not be kept out. "Our idea is to make them men of the army as good as they possibly can be," said the commander of Post 1045. "And we want them to be good enough for you to accept them into your homes, your churches and your societies. And when we have done that we will consider that we have accomplished something."

General Howze praised the newspapers for the splendid cooperation taken when, according to Executive Hornsby of the New York Zoo, when he taxoned "Silver King" a giant white Polar bear in the Arctic, within 200 miles of the North Pole. After he had caged the animal it was drawn to the boat and is now in the New York Zoo. On this hunting trip into the frozen north in 1911, Rainey had eleven families of Eskimos on his party and over eighty Eskimo dogs for hunting purposes. This is his third trip into the West for bear. A great friend of former President Roosevelt, who, in his time, was the world's greatest hunter, Captain Rainey, like the beloved "Teddy," loves bear hunting as well as any other sport.

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