

PEOPLE OF THE DAY

The Case of Caleb Powers.

The advent of former Governors Frank S. Black of New York and Richard Yates of Illinois as counsel for Caleb Powers, former secretary of state of Kentucky, gives renewed interest to a case already celebrated. The charge against Powers is conspiracy before the fact to murder William Goebel, governor of Kentucky, who was shot to death in the statehouse yard at Frankfort in January, 1900.

Powers has been in jail for more than five years and has three times been tried, convicted and sentenced. Twice he was condemned to life imprisonment.



CALEB POWERS.

ment, and once the sentence of death was passed upon him. In each case the court of appeals of Kentucky reversed the verdict and ordered a new trial.

The killing of Goebel was the outcome of a political quarrel. At the election preceding the trouble W. S. Taylor had been chosen governor and Powers secretary of state.

Goebel contested the election, and at the time of his death the contest was pending in the legislature, which subsequently overturned the election.

A peculiar feature of the case is that when Powers was arrested he produced a pardon signed by William S. Taylor as governor and attested by Caleb Powers as secretary of state. The pardon bore a date subsequent to that of the warrant of arrest. At each of his three trials Powers has produced the pardon, but the trial court in each instance refused to admit it, and the court of appeals has sustained the trial court on this point.

NEW SHORT STORIES

Time For a Change.

A chemist in the employ of a big New York company interested in certain Montana mines says that not long ago three or four scientific gentlemen from an eastern institution undertook, for purposes of study, to penetrate into the depths of a certain mine.

One of the easterners was evidently of a most nervous temperament, for he was continually asking questions as to the precautions adopted to avoid disaster to those going down and coming up the shaft.

On the ascent by means of the usual bucket the nervous scientist perceived,



"HOW OFTEN DO YOU CHANGE THESE ROPES?"

or thought he did perceive, unmistakable symptoms of weakness in the rope by which the bucket was suspended. "How often, my good friend," inquired he of the attendant when the party were about halfway from the bottom of the awful abyss, "how often do you change these ropes?"

"Oh, about every three months or so," carelessly replied the attendant. "We'll change this one tomorrow if we get up safely."—New York Times.

Opening For a Populist.

The first day the senate committee on interstate commerce met to take up the rate question there was some chaffing with Senator Dolliver about his various engagements.

"How soon are you going to get through?" asked one senator.

"I am prepared to stay here until the 1st of June," replied Senator Dolliver.

"Then the Chautauqua circuits do not begin until that date," was the observation of one of the men present.

"I have abandoned the Chautauqua business for the summer," said Senator Dolliver.

"That was what I thought," chipped in Senator Carmack of Tennessee. "Down in my state the other evening I listened to General Grosvenor and Champ Clark doing a turn, and as Clark was your old sparring partner on the Chautauqua circuit I concluded that you had turned it over to Grosvenor."

"How did they come out?" inquired Dolliver, showing a languid interest in the subject.

"Well," answered Carmack, "Grosvenor got up and abused the Democratic party as hard as he could. Clark followed with abuse of the Republican party. Neither of them had anything to say in favor of their own parties. It occurred to me that it would have been an excellent opportunity for a Populist to get in his work."—Washington Post.

When General Grant Joked.

General Grant seldom indulged in humor. On one occasion, however, he attempted something in this line at the expense of his West Point classmate and roommate, comrade in the Mexican and civil wars and intimate and devoted friend, Major General Rufus Ingalls, of Denmark, Mo., writes C. O. Stickney in the Bangor (Me.) Commercial. Ingalls was quartermaster general of the armies before Richmond. Grant and his staff were seated one evening before the blazing campfire, when Grant suddenly turned to Ingalls and, pointing to a yellow dog which had accompanied the latter through many a campaign and which now lay at his master's feet snoring away, jocosely asked:

"Say, Ingalls, do you intend taking that dog along with you into Richmond?"

"Certainly," was the quick response. "Why not? He belongs to a mighty long lived breed!"

A roar of laughter followed this good natured sally, and for once at least the face of the grim commander relaxed into a broad smile.

Knew Him, but Couldn't Place Him.

A rather seely looking stranger drifted into the room of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds the other day. With his hat in his hand he sidled up to the desk of the genial Mr. Reynolds and in a faint hearted way said:

"I guess you don't know me, Mr. Reynolds?"

"Well, now, I remember your face perfectly," replied Mr. Reynolds, "but I am sorry I can't place you."

"That's too bad," said the stranger, preparing to move off with a disappointed air. "I was in hopes you could place me. I've got an application in for a job in the New York custom house."

"Oh, here," called out Mr. Reynolds, "you want to go to the civil service commission! All positions in the customs service are under the protection of the classified service now."—Brooklyn Eagle.

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WINTER IRRIGATION.

Government Will Study Soil of Echo District.

That the United States government will study, in a scientific manner, the question of winter irrigation in the Echo and Butter creek district, is now an assured fact.

Arthur P. Stover, an irrigation engineer and expert from Berkeley, Cal., has been assigned to the Echo district by the department of experiment stations, and arrived here this morning to make preparations to begin his work.

Mr. Stover will establish at least two experiment stations in the Echo district—one on Butter creek, where winter irrigation is now practiced successfully, and one on the bench three miles west and south of Echo, on the driest portion of the arid district.

These experiments will be designed to test the evaporation, quality of the soil, and the different conditions of the soil in different seasons of the year, and will be most thorough. Mr. Stover has been employed in the same work in other portions of the West, and will study the soil conditions of this county very carefully.

The chief of the department of experiment stations is P. H. Fortier, of Berkeley, Cal., who visited Pendleton several weeks ago, and promised the people of the Echo district to establish stations in that district, to test the question of winter irrigation and the coming of Mr. Stover is the result of Mr. Fortier's visit here.

The object of the agricultural department in making these tests is to encourage and supplement the work of the reclamation service in carrying out projects in the arid districts, where the soil and climatic conditions, the amount of water necessary to irrigate arid land and the means of distribution of water may be in doubt, and the tests in Echo will lead up to the question of building an open canal to irrigate the Echo and Morrow county land lying under a proposed canal route from Barnhart, westward. What the result of the tests will be is not to be forecasted in any manner, and time only, can demonstrate whether the open ditch is feasible, in the estimation of the government.

SORRY THEY CONTRACTED.

Woolgrowers of Wallowa County Feeling Pretty Blue.

"The woolgrowers and sheepowners of Wallowa county are feeling pretty blue as a result of the sudden and unexpected turn taken by the wool and mutton market of the present year," remarked H. J. Ellis, of Enterprise. Every pound of the 1905 or spring clip of wool grown in Wallowa county was

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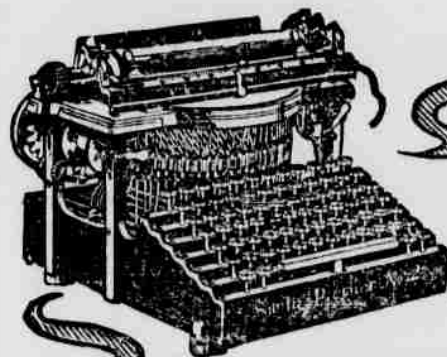
sold on contract last December for 16 cents per pound, and has been delivered at the figure and paid for. Now the market quotation for that grade of wool is better than 23 cents, and there is no doubt that if the growers still had their product in hand and could form a pool they would realize at least 25 cents. Isn't it enough to make one feel blue in the face of such circumstances?

"There are no less than 200,000 head of sheep owned in Wallowa county. The average fleece weighed over ten pounds, which would make 2,000,000 pounds of wool, which went at 16 cents flat. At 25 cents per pound it would mean a total of \$500,000 and a total loss of \$180,000 to the wealth of the county, all on account of early contracting.—Ex.

The new Butte county, California, irrigation ditch is opened and full of water. It is 14 miles long, 30 feet on the bottom, and carries 500 cubic feet of water a second, and will irrigate 80,000 acres. It will transform an exclusive wheat district into widely diversified farming.

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