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Lincoln's Birthday.

Today is the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Besides being one of the pre-eminent great men that the country has produced in the last few generations, he was the south's friend in need, and his birth ought to be observed in this part of the country far more generally than it is, for as a matter of fact one hardly knows it is his day save for some of the news from the northern stock exchanges.

The south finds it hard to contemplate Lincoln as its best friend out of its border because his was the hand that signed the emancipation proclamation. That was a war measure and while it was responsible, coming as it did and at the time it did, for much of the chaos that followed, still it is a fact that results in subsequent years have proved that the abolition of slavery was the great industrial boon to the south, and the chaos that followed would not have followed had it not been for that dare-devil madcap act of the handsomest and perhaps valiant man in America at that time.

He killed for some reason that has never yet been found out a leonine constructive statesman who loved all the people of his country with a yearning for their well being that is as seldom met as it is often talked about. "Then you and I and all of us fell down."

For months before his death the gaunt, rugged giant had stood up against the politicians that beset him to regard the south as a conquered nation. He fought a terrible fight and was victorious, as the south had had opportunity to see time and again.

He would never have consented to the enfranchisement of the negro, for he had said so over and over again, nor to the thousand and one indignities that came in its train. And congress knew that he would veto and they would have to get that two-thirds majority. He was one of the few men in public life at the national capital that knew the year was over after General Lee had surrendered.

And still we have to wonder and inquire what day is this man's birthday.

The Heroes of the Rail.

The nerve and courage of Engineer John Robertson in the wreck on the Seaboard Air Line last week, who thought of his passengers rather than himself, is worthy of all praise. If he had jumped without waiting to apply his air brakes, many lives might have been lost, but he stood at his post until his duty was done. He is none the less a hero, though no partial penman paints his praise—Charity and Children.

The fact that this same heroism is displayed almost every day does not take away any of the praise and glory that rightly belong to the Raleigh engineer, but it shows that the men who sit in the cab and look to our safety as we whirl along are the type and kind that deserve the plaudits of the world. It invariably happens that they could have themselves by jumping, but they seldom do it and they are crushed, roasted and scalded to death because they know that duty demands that they stick to the post. They stick and die. The public concerned only in the welfare of the passengers, seldom stops to regret the slaughter, and the real heroes are quickly forgotten.

There is always a certain element of danger in the handling of trains. Circumstances over which human beings have no control bring sudden disaster, and yet when we think that brave men

are without and without being killed by these who bravely and heroically die, to think a little for the men who are the backbone of our country, and the backbone of the rail road, it is difficult to urge industrialists and engineers to uphold the law. None of the John Robertson stories do not come by the chance, it is with the grace of their fathers. They agree that it is to be sure, but when they meet in a law in every state that will mean quick and certain death to those who attempt to further passenger-safety laws. Victims of that state are the ones to be hanged or executed. They should not be scolded even to the bones of a child.

Georgia's Whitehead Fight.

Georgia continues to arouse the nation with its whitehead campaign and the only thing certain about the contest is the hope of the people that some strong young champion may come to the front to beat Clark Howell and Hoke Smith in the running. Except for the bitterness injected into the fight by two of the newspapers of Atlanta the public might have some relief. A kind hearted court has restrained the third paper from expressing a choice. Here of late the Journal and the Constitution have been publishing what they call the hot and train-jail. We are informed that twenty guests of a second-class eating establishment took a hand primary, the result being that Smith had nineteen supporters and Howell one. The contest, not to be beat at that game, sent letters to local trains and the news comes that twenty passengers voted for Howell with no Hoke Smith man in sight. The Journal, which is the Smith organ and a trifle more yellow, now undertakes to prove that no such fraud was operated and that the Howell people stuffed the traveling ballot box with the ballots cast by a carload of mules. And so it goes. Afternoon and morning the citizens are fed on party politics and they are growing desperate, with the election more than six months off. There are other candidates for governor, of course, but little is heard of them. They are crowded out to make room for the heavy-weights. The campaign is not helping the state or the statesmen so anxious to occupy the mansion on Peachtree street. It was amusing at first, though it is more ridiculous than dignified. The real issue confronting the people is how to find and elect some other man.

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