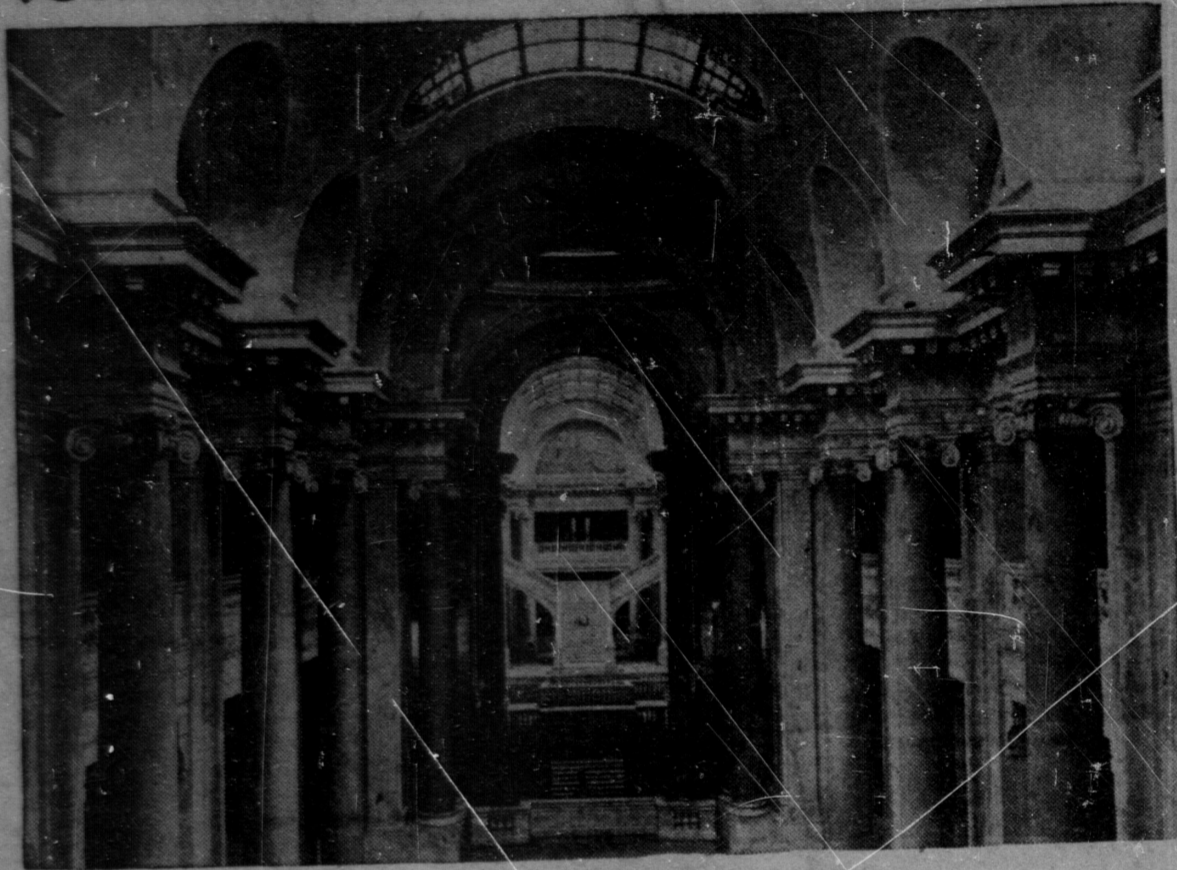


# Romance of Older Politics and Service of New Unite In J. C. W. Beckham



Interior of the Beckham-built State Capitol.

Governor Who Calmed Kentucky When It Was In Turmoil, First Chosen Senator for State Under Popular Vote, He Again Seeks Washington Seat

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At a time when service in the United States Senate is more strenuous and exacting than ever before in the history of our country, a Kentucky veteran of many political wars is looking anew toward the corridors of the National Capitol, where he perceives the development of critical issues with which he has concerned himself throughout all his lengthy political career. John Crepps Eckliffe Beckham, former Governor and United States Senator, going before the people of Kentucky once more as a candidate of the Democratic Senatorial Fraternity.



Early in the century.

Beckham enters the picture fresh from his latest service in the Commonwealth. He bears the reputation of a party and public record as an original progressive, liberal in views and actively conservative. He is one figure in contemporary life about whom cluster the romance and sentimentality of Kentucky politics. He is a public man who in the first third of a new century has acquired a following, following attracted to a character by his histrionic but men and women confidence he has earned. This was exemplified in his State campaign. When he announced his support for Chandler, that settled the matter for thousands who are raised by Lieutenant Chandler's official conduct and sense.

Character and principles must have impressed young Beckham when a page in the Legislature. Goebel fought the entrenched selfish interests, beginning with the Louisiana Lottery. A syndicate bought the rights granted by Legislatures to schools and other institutions to conduct a lottery, and exploited them more to their own than to the ostensible beneficiaries' profit. The syndicate became a notorious corrupter of Legislatures, the author of the lobby's being Goebel away opposed, and was



Finished free of debt, it has been called Beckham's monument.

two terms, devoting 51 per cent of the revenue to educational purposes; the first teacher training schools were erected; the Confederate Home was founded; outstanding bonds were retired ten years before maturity at a large saving; Kentucky's long-standing War Between the States claims were collected from the Federal Government; the Capitol was built out of current receipts at a cost which bespoke the thrift of methodical economy, and the State Treasury was turned over to his successor with a surplus.

At the close of his second term Beckham was his party's candidate for the United States Senate and a Democratic majority was elected to the Legislature which was to choose the Senator; but four Democratic legislators violated their pledge and allowed his Republican opponent to win. Notwithstanding that reverse, Mr. Beckham in 1914 had the honor of being the first United States Senator from Kentucky elected by the people, and it was under his auspices that the primary nomination was introduced in Kentucky.

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Every morning then for the term attests the confidence of the electorate that