

BLAINE'S MEMORY.

NEVER FORGOT A FACE OR THE NAME OF AN ACQUAINTANCE.

The Wedding Notice He Wrote When an Editor—Some Striking Incidents That Were Related by Ex-Governor Cumback of Indiana.

Upon taking editorial charge of the Kennebec Journal Mr. Blaine soon familiarized himself with Maine politics by studying the files of The Journal, and he studied them closely as far back as 1825. By this means he soon became the best posted man in the state on Maine politics, and he was looked upon as authority. His able editorials during the campaign bringing up political matters of the past showed careful research, and they were copied widely. It was while editor of The Journal that he was one day stepped on the street by an old lady whom he had never seen before and asked to write up the wedding of her daughter, which occurred the night before.

Blaine had served his time in congress and went to Maine to speak during his campaign, when at the close of his speech he began shaking hands with the masses crowded around him. An old lady with wrinkled brow and whitened hair, bearing a tube in her arms, approached and offered her hand.

"Why, how do you do?" said Mr. Blaine. "Where's that daughter of yours I wrote up that wedding notice about?"

"Poor Lucy is dead," said the old lady, and her eyes filled with tears. "This is her child."

The man with the big, kind heart reached over and kissed the little blue-eyed girl.

During the Greeley campaign in 1872 ex-Governor Cumback of Indiana spoke with Mr. Blaine in Springfield, O. This was early in the campaign. Just before the election Mr. Cumback was sent up in Blaine's state to make a speech. He was told by the committee that he would find Maine people very stiff and inhospitable and quite different from the western people. Mr. Cumback was surprised, however, at his enthusiastic reception, there being large crowds everywhere, and he never had a more enthusiastic meeting than at Augusta. He told Blaine of the incident and his agreeable disappointment.

"Oh," said the statesman, "they had a man of unusual stuff to get them stirred up! Such a man on a speech as you are would have a good reputation anywhere."

"But what do you know about my speech?" asked the governor.

"Didn't you speak with me over at Springfield?" said Blaine in a way as a reminder. Then he went ahead and told Mr. Cumback all about his speech, of the crowd present and gave promptly all the main points of the speech and even named the party with them. He also remembered at what hotel they put up and what day of the week it was.

Another instance of Blaine's great memory is cited in the following story, as told by Mr. Cumback:

During the Garfield campaign Mr. Blaine spoke in Cumback's town. He was entertained by Mr. Cumback and driven over town.

"There's a sick man in that house there that has been talking you up for president for four or five years," said the governor, "and he thinks there is no one like Jim Blaine."

"Me for president?" said Blaine.

"Yes, you for president. Do you want to stop and go in to see him a minute? Nothing would please him better."

They went in and remained a few minutes. Blaine trotted the children on his lap and talked freely with the sick man, whose name was David Kerr.

Blaine and the governor met at Garfield's inauguration.

"How are you, Will?" asked Blaine. And he asked all about the men he had met in Cumback's town several months before and called nearly all of them by their first names. "Oh, yes," he said, "how is Dave Kerr? Did he ever get well? Poor fellow, he suffered terribly. And those little children, how about them?"

This may be considered a wonderful feat of memory. It was in October when he met these people, and it was on the 4th of March, nearly five months afterward, that he recalled his visit, remembering the name of every person he was introduced to on that day. He had seen a million people since that time and had shaken hands with and met thousands.

Mr. Cumback accompanied Mr. Blaine on his speaking tour through Indiana during his campaign in 1884. It was just ten days before election. Cumback left him at Lafayette, saying that he wouldn't see him again until the inauguration.

"I don't know," said Blaine doubtfully. "I'm afraid it won't be."

He had an unusual, vacant, faraway look in his eyes, and he was very serious. His words came slowly and hesitatingly. Mr. Cumback assured him that there was no doubt, but Blaine shook his head.

"I don't know," said he. "I've had a sort of feeling for the last week that I wouldn't be elected. I hope I will, but the outcome is doubtful, and I feel now as if it were very doubtful. But if I am defeated I will go to work the next day on my book."

And he did. He began the second volume of his "Twenty Years of Congress" the next day after the election. —Chicago Times-Herald.

He Said.

"Don't waste your time in clipping off the branches," said the woodman to his son, "but lay your ax at the root of the tree." And the young man went out and laid his ax at the foot of the tree, like a good and dutiful boy, and then he went fishing. Truly there is nothing so beautiful as filial obedience. —Strand Magazine.

Jefferson's Boyhood Residence.

Jefferson spent part of his early boyhood at Tuckahoe, on the James river, a fine house still in existence about 14 miles west of Richmond, which has not parted with the traditions inseparable from an old Virginia mansion, including a bed slept in by General Washington, a perambulating ghost who wrings his hands before cock crow and stables where a stud of thoroughbred horses consumed annually "1,000 barrels of corn." Near the flower garden, with its box edged walks, stands a little brick building styled the schoolhouse, wherein studied together Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Mann Randolph, the boy heir of the estate, to which his guardian, Peter Jefferson, had removed with his family, the better to watch over his orphaned charge. This Thomas Mann Randolph married, first, Anne, daughter of Archibald Cary of Amplehill, the fiery patriot of the Revolution, known by the sobriquet of "Old Iron." The oldest son of this marriage became Mr. Jefferson's son-in-law. Very late in life Colonel Randolph solaced his widowhood by taking to wife a beautiful young girl in her teens, Miss Gabriella Harvie of Richmond, an event that soon scattered from her husband's home the children of his first marriage.

One might go far without finding advice so kind, so temperate, in such exquisite sympathy with the difficulties of poor human nature in families of diverse elements, as that of the letter written by Mr. Jefferson to his daughter upon the subject of this marriage of her father-in-law in 1790. An odd outcome of the much discussed nuptials was that the new Mrs. Randolph, imperiously ignoring the fact that her oldest stepson was already in possession of the name, bestowed upon her own son also his father's name of Thomas Mann Randolph. From this high spirited and captivating Mrs. Gabriella Randolph descended the Misses Ella and Emily Chapman of Philadelphia, married respectively to the Marquis Louis de Podestad and Prince Pignatelli d'Arago. —New York Ledger.

Little Bessie had been taken in to see her new baby brother for the first time.

"Do you think you will like him, Bessie?" asked her father.

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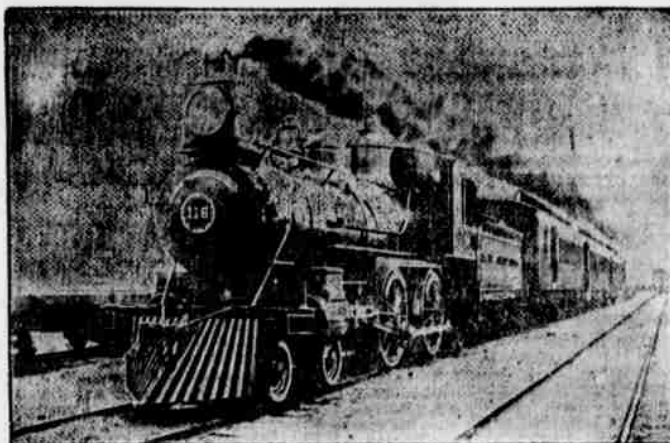
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