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FORTY YEARS AGO.

The Widow of President Polk Describes the Election of 1844.

[New York Telegram.]

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 3.—The issues in the present canvass are so near allied to and akin to those pending forty years ago in the memorable canvass when James K. Polk was elected to the Presidency that your correspondent obtained to-day from Mrs. James K. Polk, widow of President Polk, some of her reminiscences of the contest in 1844. Mrs. Polk, during the life of her husband, passed many years in Washington, while he occupied positions of honor and fame and finally became an inmate of the White House itself and the head of the Nation. During his administration Mrs. Polk was his Prime Minister in everything in counsel, and was such a helpmeet as was fitted to stand by the side of the first man in the Nation. It was her custom to daily read the newspapers, interesting herself in all matters pertaining to national affairs, and such articles as she felt that her husband should note personally she marked for his perusal, in this way keeping up with all the political issues of the day and uniting herself to her husband by all the ties of congeniality which a loving, noble and intelligent woman could form for herself.

Mrs. James K. Polk passed her eighty-first birthday in September last, and still has left to her that mental vigor which has always characterized her. In health she is somewhat feeble, though she occupied her few yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church of this city, of which she is a member, and united with the congregation in the communion of the Lord's Supper. To see her one would declare her in perfect health, and the probabilities are that her days will yet be long. She has a horror to be interviewed, though she will always talk readily to your correspondent whenever asked to discuss any important question of the day. She entered her handsomely furnished parlor with a firm step when your correspondent called on her that refuted her fourscore years, and extended her hand in a hearty greeting that told of the warm cordiality that won her friends in the White House and wherever she is known.

In answer to a question relative to the political excitement now and that of the canvass which preceded Mr. Polk's election, she said: "So many years have elapsed since that important event that the facts have almost faded from my memory, and then, too, being the wife of one of the parties most interested, the excitement was kept far away from me. You are aware at that time our home was in Columbia, Tenn., a small village, and we had no railroads and no telegraph system."

"What were the questions then agitated; do you now remember?"

"Oh, yes; the question then, as now, was largely about the tariff. In that particular, the two canvasses forty years apart are very similar. Then another point of similarity I remember was that without the vote of New York Mr. Polk could not have been elected, and we were naturally very anxious to hear from that State. The ticket was Polk and Dallas, and the battle cry was, 'Polk, Dallas and Texas.'"

"Yes, the acquisition of Texas was another issue of the canvass. Of course there were some opposed to it—there is always somebody opposed to everything. There was never another canvass, save perhaps that immediately preceding the war, that equalled it in fervor."

"Was there more excitement than at the present time?"

"Well, all the information I have of the present canvass is what I glean from the newspapers and from what my friends tell me, and I judge that the feeling now is as calm as May morning to the turbulent restless storm of excitement in those days. Every district had its political military company of organized troops, which, if seen now, would alarm the people to the very verge of madness. Since the candidacy of Mr. Buchanan the canvass has always been too one-sided to create any excitement, except when Mr. Tilden and Mr. Hendricks were candidates and perhaps now."

"You see, my increasing age has toned down my ardor in such matters, though I always take an interest, a deep interest, in State and National affairs."

NEW YORK HAS TO BE CARRIED.

"Even then it was necessary to the success of the ticket to carry New York. Pennsylvania was secured by the nomination of Mr. George M. Dallas for Vice President, and he carried his own State. I regard the acquisition of Texas and the results following the Mexican War—that is, the adding of California and New Mexico in the territory of the United States—as among the most important events in the history of this country, and that fact is becoming more and more apparent. The country was advanced by these acquisitions, and has ever since reaped benefit from them."

"Was the tariff the leading question in that canvass?"

"That was one of the questions; a tariff for revenue only was what the Democrats desired, while the Whigs contended that the higher the tariff the cheaper the goods. Another question was concerning United States Banks, which it was desired to displace with in favor of State Banks."

"How did Mr. Polk receive the news of his election?"

"There being neither railroad nor telegraph, naturally the news was not flashed to us nor all over the Union as soon as would now be the case. The news was received here at Nashville at night, and a party of friends took buggies and drove to Columbia, a distance of forty miles, and arrived there about 2 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Polk was at home when he received the intelligence, and there was afterwards a grand demonstration; of course, not at that hour, as it was late."

SAVING GRACE IN MONTANA.

[St. Paul Herald.]

The other day a St. Paul minister answered a ring at his door-bell and found there a brawny frontiersman, wearing a buckskin suit and a white Mexican sombrero. He was invited into the study, and after seating himself, said:

"Pardner 'I'm tryin' to case up a sky pilot to ladle out the savin' grace to the boys in Rawson's Gulch. Montanny the barkeeper down to the Merchants' Hotel told me you slung about the heftiest jaw in the holy line in St. Paul, an' I thought I'd drop in an' size you up."

"If I understand you, sir, you desire to secure a pastor for your church out there."

"That's our little game exactly, pard, and the boys constituted me an executive committee to come in 'yar an' run one down. We want the best heavenly mouthpiece in the country, an' we've got the dust to put up for 'im."

"Who was your last pastor?" asked the minister.

"Never had one. You see, the boys out thar never stood in much on the religious racket, but we're agoin' to bank big on savin' grace in the future, an' play 'er clear up to the

limit. Glad tidin's o' great joy's the winnin' card at Rawson's from now henceforth an' forever more, pardner, an' don't you forget it!"

"You say you never had a minister? What, then, has caused this sudden awakening—this new desire for light?"

"I'll tell you, pard. It's just like this. Thar's a big rivalry atween Rawson's Gulch and Rocky Bar, about five miles furder up the creek. The two camps hev bin fightin' fur the lead fur a year, an' we've alleys downed 'em on every pint. Las' week one o' the boys went up thar an' cum back an' reported that the Rocky fellers had a preacher an' that salvashun were a runnin' loose in the camp, an' amazin' grace war growin' on the bushes. He said he heard the holy-bloke preachify 'imself an' that he dished up the livin' word like a ten-times winner. Wal, that sort o' paralyzed us, so to speak, an' we called a meetin' to see what war to be done. At first it war perposed to go up thar of a Sunday an' clean out the congregashun an' hang the preacher, but we want quite sure o' the fightin' abilities o' the meek an' lowly worshippers up thar an' mout get licked, so it war finally decided to tree a Gospel sharp, an' that's what 'I'm yar fur now. The boys'll treat you white pardner, an' if you kin do up the Rocky Bar capper in the heavenly game, an' put it all over 'im a soundin' the glad tidin's, yer fortune's made. I like the cut o' yer jib, pard, an' I believe you'd shout salvation at us in a way that'd make the Rocky Bar galoots powful weary."

"What denomination is in the majority out there?"

"None at all. You can play yer cards ter suit yerself an' come out jest as you think the hand order be played. But say, pard, I reckon I wouldn't ever give the boys a Baptist lay out to stay up to."

"Why not?"

"Wal, yer see, we ain't much stuck on water out thar only from a business pint o' view. waters all good enough an' mighty vauable fur washin' out dust, but aside from that tain't much account. Still, if that's yer lay, pardner, come right along. We'll take turns an' keep you baptizin' half the time, just to down them Rocky fellers. Thar's a gang of twenty Chinamen workin' a placer claim below us, an' we kin run them up an' let you souse the hull mob two or three times a week, if it'll make the Rocky crowd think the good works movin' right along."

The minister was forced to decline the call, and the old man said as he rose to go:

"All right, pardner; no harm done. I'll keep up the hunt till I tree my man. We'll down Rocky Bar on salvation if it's in the pins. Good day, sir, an' if you ever come out our way stop off an' give us a little wad o' off-hand redeemin' grace, an' we'll treat you squar. Good-bye."

An old negro woman, praying for a certain slanderer, said: "O, Lord, won't you be kind enough to take the door of his mouth off, and when you put it on again just hang it on the gospel hinges of peace on earth and good will to men!"

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