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New Yorker's Personal Contact With Lincoln and the Later Presidents.

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(Continued from Monday.)

Lincoln as Lucid Talker.
When the room was clear he threw himself on the sofa, pulled up his long legs, clasped his knees with his hands, and, leaning backward and forward for a long time, freely discussed the war. He told eleven stories illustrating his ideas. With one exception these stories were not parlor stories, but they were immensely effective in either illustrating or clinching or striking home the point he was making.

Mr. Lincoln was the most direct and lucid talker I ever met. He had then been president nearly four years, and was more perfect master than any of the tried statesmen of the country of the home and foreign situation, of the complications with other governments, of the dangers of intervention, of the situation of the army and of the treasury and of the needs of both.

I have had more or less intimacy with all the presidents since his time and most of the cabinet members. No public man ever knew so instinctively and intimately what the people wanted. If they had not yet expressed it in any form he knew what would meet with their approval. Mr. Lincoln was the saddest man I ever saw, because he was the most tender-hearted and sympathetic, and yet he felt that to save his country he had to sacrifice tens of thousands of men who would have to be recruited or sent to the front to be sacrificed by his order. It seemed to press upon him and to weigh upon him with a load that he could not shake off.

His one absorbing thought, relieved only by his story telling, was that he must save the Union, and that it could only be saved by eliminating slavery.

Lincoln's Story Telling.

You ask me of his method of talking. He had a peculiar cadence in his voice, which made his sentences rhythmic. One who reads that gem of American orations, his speech at Gettysburg (it was improvised), will get an idea of his style—that of an unconscious poem. Mr. Lincoln was a man of marvelous genius and singular power of expression. He had upon him the weight of the future and its possibilities to his country. He talked of the criticisms on his story telling, which used to amuse Seward and offend the dignified Chase.

With this singular cadence he said. I remember: "They say I tell a great many stories. I reckon I do, but I have found in the course of a long and varied experience among the plain people," then repeating with great emphasis, "the plain people take them as they run, are more easily influenced by a broad and humorous illustration than in any other way. What the hypercritical few may think I do not care."

I think it is generally admitted now that the greatest misfortune which happened to the south was his assassination. He was the one man who had the hold upon the country and the power to have accomplished what was done twelve years afterward under Hayes. He would have reconstructed the south without a carpet-bagging government or any of the horrors and mistakes of the reconstruction period, because the north, the Union army and the loyal people would have absolutely trusted his judgment as they did his patriotism, and the question of the two sections would have been settled by him, free from many of the difficulties which affect us still.

Old Ways of Campaigning.

The methods of campaigning before the war, during the war and for several canvasses afterward were different from those we have now. The press was not nearly so universal or powerful. The political speaker, though, was more universal and more powerful.

There was no possibility of organizing such complete campaigns as was done by Mr. Hanna. Money did not exist in the country to create a machinery of literature, of speakers,

of porters, of military companies, of organizations of every kind, which were the educational processes of the last three or four canvasses.

The series of speeches which Mr. Seward, after being defeated at Chicago, made for Lincoln, almost unequalled in their versatility and frequency, were the features of Lincoln's first campaign, and their influence was incalculable. There has been nothing in the canvasses of the last twenty years which was one man's oratory that could be so effective.

We are a strong people, masterful, aggressive, self-confident. We are a world power for the first time in presidential elections. We need a masterful, strong, self-reliant and transparently honest man for president, a man who dares do things which are closely criticised in their inception and action, and receive crowning praise when the results come about; a man who does not stop to feel that the problem of the ages like the construction of the Panama Canal, which is to unite the two oceans and meet all the dreams of American diplomacy and statesmanship for generations, is to be balked by scheming dictators; but when Panama reasserts its independence and proclaims itself a republic, before anybody else has seen the point he discovers that there is a power to treat with, and he does it.

Roosevelt "Does Things."

Mr. Roosevelt is charged with violating the constitution in assumption of executive authority and with being dangerous to the liberties of the people because of his autocratic temper, but the country hails with delight two facts, one that when there was fighting to do he ran a hundred feet ahead of his regiment up San Juan Hill and scared the Spaniards out of their trenches, the other that when there was a canal to be dug he solved in sixty days the insolvable problem of four hundred years, and while a French ship was carrying millions of gold to pay the French canal company an American ship was carrying dredging machines and spades to the Isthmus of Panama.

It is common enough to find men forging their way to the front in business or public life when they have the temper, the mind and the spur of necessity behind them. But when a man born in the lap of luxury and subject to the temptations which we men all know so well of the boy born to wealth and its surroundings, its clubs and seductions in the City of New York, breaks out and beats the cowboy and the rancher in their own territory, the miner in his own field, the politician on his own platform and the coffee holder in his own sphere, and has always in every vocation and relation and position in which he has been placed easily been the first by the common consent of his associates, whether they be men of action or brains, and in his forte has become president of the United States by a tragedy, and in the presidency has met so gloriously the need of the country and the hopes of the people, such a man is entitled to the chief magistracy by the votes of his fellow citizens.

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BOSTON.
Memorial Day exercises will be observed at the M. E. church in this place, Sunday afternoon, June 5. A special program has been prepared. Exercises begin at 1:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Misses Luella Druley, Florence Parks and Gertrude Fouts attended the county Sunday school convention at Greensfork, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. They report a pleasant time.

Quite a number from this place attended the annual Wrenly Orphans' feast, east of Richmond, last Sunday.

Rev. Godwin, of Hanna's Creek, held services at the Christain church, Sunday evening.

Glenn Druley, of Elwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. Levi Parks, last week.

Rev. Jones, of Fairfield, Ind., preached at the M. E. church Sunday morning to a large and appreciative audience. At the close of the services, a class of ten members were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Wimmer, and taken into full membership of the church.

Miss Jessie Beard spent Sunday with Miss Anna Bennett, in Richmond.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley will deliver the memorial address at Knights-town, next Sunday.

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THE BASE BALL SITUATION NOW

IT DON'T LOOK AS THOUGH RICHMOND WOULD HAVE BASE BALL THIS YEAR.

THE BASE BALL PARK

Being Used for Horse Training—All Hope Seems to Have Gone Glimmering.

Richmond fans' hope of having this city represented in a base ball league of major character this year seems to have gone glimmering. The only hope that remains is that the new movement to classify into a league all of the ball teams within a radius of seventy-five miles of Cincinnati may embrace a Richmond team and thus give the fans a little base ball, even though it may be of an inferior variety. This movement has been "working underground" for some time and from reports is about ready to commence operations openly, all of the desirable teams having been organized and having been taken into the list. It is not definitely known whether Richmond will have a team in this list or not, the local authorities and the officials of this league both having said nothing as to this matter. If this proposed league does not "pan out," base ball will have been effectually killed in this city, as far as professional and semi-professional ball goes.

Rumor of Local Team.
A short time ago a report gained currency that the Richmond baseball team would be reorganized and would play games at the Driving Park for the remainder of the season.

Clarence Jessup was to have charge of the team and was to have made it a success such as he made of the team two years ago. The proposition was taken under consideration and seems to have been refused. The Driving Park is being used for horse training and the authorities there "kicked" against the using of the park for a ball ground.

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SPLENDID RECITAL

To Be Given by the Ladies' Musical Club of Greensfork.

The people of Greensfork are to have a fine musica l program next Saturday night, June 4. It is a musical recital and is to be given by the Ladies' Musical Club at the First M. E. church. Great preparation has been made for the event and a large audience will be present. Following is the program:

The Bells—Orchestra—Jennie Hatfield, Ladoska Nicholson, Cora Gaynor, Lenora Fox, Blanche Kerr.

Vocal Duet—"The Gypsy Countess," Stephen Glower—Misses Lulu Linderman and Lenora Fox.

Piano Solo—Valse Arbesque, Lack—Echo Jones.

Vocal Solo—"When the Wheat Has Turned to Gold"—Mrs. Ladoska Nicholson.

Vocal Solo—"With You"—Lenora Fox.

Piano Solo, Fifth Nocturne, Op. 52, Leybach—Mrs. Maude Woodruff.

Double Duet—Vocal—Lulu Dean, Cora Gaynor, Jennie Hatfield, Lenora Fox.

Piano Duet—"The Sunflower Dance"—Mabel Squires, Jennie Hatfield.

Vocal Solo—Selection—Blanche Kerr.

Music—Orchestra.

Solo—"O, Loving Heart Trust On," L. M. Gottschalk—Mrs. Maude Woodruff.

Duet—Violin and Piano—Ladoska Nicholson, Jennie Hatfield.

Piano Solo—Selection—Jeanette Lamb.

Solo—"I'll Be With You When the Roses Bloom Again"—Echo Jones.

Piano Duet—"The Arena March," Op. 608, Engelmann—Jeanette Lamb—Mabel Squires.

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