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A REVELATION.
New Light on Blaine's Career.
He Wanted General Sherman For President.

NEW YORK, December 1.—The North American Review for December contains a remarkable article by General W. T. Sherman, entitled "The Hon. James G. Blaine," in which, among other things, these two remarkable letters are, for the first time, given to the public: "In the year of our Lord 1884, there was to be a sharp contest for the nomination in Chicago for a presidential candidate of the Republican party. The press and people generally believed that Blaine wanted it, and everybody turned to him as the man best qualified to execute the policy and to accomplish the result aimed at. Still, abnegating himself he wrote to me from Washington this letter:

[Confidential, strictly and absolutely so.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25, '84.
My Dear General:—This letter requires no answer. After reading it file it away in your most secret drawer or give it to the flames. At the approaching convention at Chicago, it is more than possible—it is, indeed, not improbable—that you may be nominated for the presidency. If so, you must stand your ground, accept the responsibility and assume the duties of the place to which you will surely be chosen if a candidate. You must not look upon it as a work of politicians. If it comes to you it will come as a grand swell of popular demand and you can no more refuse than you could have refused to obey an order when you were a lieutenant in the army. If it comes to you at all it will come as a call of patriotism. It would in such an event injure your great fame as much to decline it as it would for you to seek it. Your historic record, full as it is, would be rendered still more glorious by such an administration as you would be able to give the country. Do not say a word in advance of the convention, no matter who may ask you. You are with your friends, who will jealously guard your honor and renown. Your friend,
JAMES G. BLAINE.

"To this letter I replied as follows:
912 GARRISON AVENUE,
St. Louis, Mo., May 28, 1888.
Hon. James G. Blaine, Washington—MY DEAR FRIEND: I have received your letter of the 25th, and shall construe it as absolutely confidential, not intimating even to any member of my family that I have heard from you, and though you did not expect an answer, I hope you will not construe one as unwarranted. I have had a great many letters from all points of the compass to a similar effect, one or two of which I have answered frankly, but the great mass are unanswered. I ought not to submit myself to the cheap ridicule of declining what is not offered, but it is only fair to many really able men who rightfully aspire to the high honor of being president of the United States to let them know that I am not and must not be construed as a rival. In every man's life occurs an epoch when he must choose his own career and when he may not throw off his responsibility. Mine occurred in Louisiana, when, in 1861, alone in the midst of people blinded by supposed wrongs, I resolved to stand by the Union as long as a fragment of it survived on which to cling. Since then through faction, tempest, war and peace, my career has been all my family and friends could ask. We are now in a good house of our own choice, with reasonable provisions for old age, surrounded by kind and admiring friends, in a community where Catholicism is held in respect and veneration, and where my children will naturally grow up in contact with an industrious and frugal people.

You have known and appreciated Mrs. Sherman from childhood; have always known each and all the members of my family, and can understand without explanation from me how their thoughts and feelings should and ought to influence my action. I will not in any event entertain or accept a nomination as a candi-

date for president by the Chicago Republican convention, or any other convention, for reasons personal to myself.
I claim that the civil war, in which I simply did a man's fair share of work, so perfectly accomplished peace that military men have an absolute right to rest and demand that men who have been schooled in the arts and practice of peace shall now do their work equally well. Any senator can step from his chair at the capitol into the White House and fulfill the office of president with more skill and success than Grant, Sherman or Sheridan, who were soldiers by education and nature, who filled well their office when the country was in danger, but were not schooled in the practice by which the civil authorities are and should be governed. I claim that our experience since 1865 demonstrates the truth of this my proposition.

Therefore, I say that patriotism does not demand of me what I construe as a sacrifice of judgment, of inclination and of self-interest, and I have my personal affairs in a state of absolute safety and comfort. I owe no man a cent, have no expensive habits, envy no man his wealth or power, have no complications or indirect liabilities and would account myself a fool, a madman, an ass, to embark anew at 65 years of age in a career that may become at any moment tempest-tossed by the perfidy, defalcation, dishonesty or neglect of any single one of the hundred thousand subordinates, utterly unknown to the president of the United States, not to say eternal worriment by the vast host of impecunious friends and old military subordinates. Even as it is I am tortured by the charitable appeals of poor distressed pensioners, but as president these would be multiplied beyond man's endurance.
I remember well the experience of general Jackson, Harrison, Taylor, Grant, Hayes and Garfield. All were elected because of their military services and warned, not encouraged, by their sad experiences. Civilians of the United States should and must buffet with this thankless office and leave us old soldiers to enjoy the peace we fought for and think we earned. With profound respect, your friend,
WILLIAM T. SHERMAN.
"These letters prove absolutely that Mr. Blaine, although qualified, waived to me personally the nomination, which the world still believes he then coveted for himself. For copies of these letters I believe I have been importuned 1000 times, but as a soldier I claim the privilege of unmasking my batteries when I please."—S. F. Chronicle, 2.

Adverse to The O. R. & N. Co.
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The injudicious suit of the Oregon Transcontinental company against the Oregon Railway & Navigation company was decided to-day in favor of the plaintiff. By this decision the Oregon Railway & Navigation company is prohibited from building branch lines, as well as from using money in the hands of the Trust company, or the proceeds of the Oregon Railway & Navigation consolidated mortgage bonds in the construction of the branches in question. As the branches were presumably built in the interest of the Union Pacific, it is considered a virtual defeat of the latter company.

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