

## THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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A. C. HOSMER - Proprietor

### LETTER FROM BLAINE.

In which He Refutes Various Charges Made against His Character as a Citizen.

Hon. William Walter Phelps takes the responsibility of giving to the public the following private letter addressed to him two weeks ago:

AUGUSTA, Sept. 6, 1884.

MY DEAR MR. PHELPS: I have your favor of the 11th, advising me that the continuous invention and wide spread circular of evil reports make it advisable in your judgment not to wait the slow processes of the law, but speak directly to the public in my own vindication in this opinion. Many others on whose judgment I rely, concur. I shrank immediately from the suggestion, although I felt sure I could strengthen the confidence of all who are friendly to me, by bringing in view the simple truth, which is concealed in the endless torture of falsehood. I can imagine how inexpressibly painful it must be to discuss one's domestic life. I think, with you, under the circumstances I could count on the concurrence of the public to publish a statement which otherwise seems objectionable. I can, in any event, commit the facts to you for personal communication to those friends who take considerable interest in my affairs. The leisure hours of to-day, when our campaign is ended and we wait only for the election, give me the opportunity for this prompt reply and for the following essential details. At Georgetown, New York, in the spring of 1848, when I was but eighteen years of age, I first met the lady who more than thirty-four years has been my wife. Our acquaintance resulted at the end of six months in an engagement, which, without the prospect of a speedy marriage, we naturally sought to keep to ourselves. Two years later in the spring of 1850, when I was maturing plans to leave my profession in Kentucky and establish myself elsewhere, I was suddenly summoned to Pennsylvania by the death of my father. It being very doubtful if I could return to Kentucky, I was threatened with indefinite separation from her who possessed my devotion. My one wish was to bring her to myself by an indissoluble tie against every possible contingency in life, and on the 30th of June, 1850, just prior to my departure from Kentucky, were, in the presence of chosen and trusted friends, united by what I knew in my native state, Pennsylvania, a perfectly legal form of marriage. On reaching home I found family, and especially my bereaved mother, strongly discountenanced my business plans, involving too long a separation from home and kindred. I complied with her wish that I should resume at least for a time my occupation in Kentucky; whether I returned in the latter part of August of the same year. During the ensuing winter, induced by misgivings which were increased by legal consultation, I became alarmed lest doubt be thrown on the validity of our marriage, by reason of non-compliance with the law of the state where it occurred, for I had learned the law of Kentucky made license certified by the clerk of the county court an indispensable requisite of legal marriage. After much deliberation and with an anxious desire to guard in the most effectual way against any possible result from our position, for which I alone was responsible, we decided the simplest and at the same time surer way was to repair to Pennsylvania and have another marriage service performed. This was done in the presence of witnesses in the city of Pittsburg in the month of March, 1851, but was not otherwise made public for obvious reasons. It was solemnized openly to secure an indisputable validity of the first marriage, being by my wife and myself held sacred. At the mature age of fifty-four I do not defend the wisdom or prudence of a secret marriage suggested by order and experience of youth, but its honor and its purity were inviolate as I believe in the sight of God and cannot be made to appear otherwise, by the wicked devices of man. It brought to me a companionship which has been my happiness from boyhood years to this hour and has crowned me with what success I have attained in life. My eldest child, a son, was born in his grandmother's house on the 19th of June, 1851, in the city of Augusta, Maine, and died in her arms three years later. His ashes repose in the cemetery of his native city beneath a stone which recorded the name and limits of his innocent life. The stone, which had stood almost an entire generation, has been recently defaced by brutal and sacrilegious hands. As a candidate for the presidency I knew I should encounter many forms of calumny and personal defamation; but I confess that I did not expect to be called on to defend the name of a beloved and honored wife, who is a mother and grandmother; nor did I expect the grave of my child would be cruelly desecrated. Against such gross forms of wrong the law gives no adequate redress, and I know in the end my most effective appeal against the unspeakable outrages which I resist must be to the noble manhood and noble womanhood of America.

Very sincerely, your friend,  
JAMES G. BLAINE.

### Ridpath's Blaine and Logan!

We are in receipt of a copy of that admirable work, "Lives of Blaine and Logan," by John Clark Ridpath, LL.D. It also embodies a history of the political parties of the United States, and a review of all tariff legislation from the beginning of our government. Thus it will be recognized as the best handbook for the campaign, and it should certainly be in the hands of every voter.

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## CASTORIA

Infants and Children

What gives our Children new checks? What turns their faces, makes them pale?

Then babies fret, and cry for tea, What turns their looks, like their voices?

Then babies fret, and cry for tea, What quickly cures Constipation, Fever, Stomach, Colic, Indigestion?

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