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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

THE QUESTION ANSWERED AS TO FIVE MEN OF NOTE.

They Are Clarence Seward, Joe Manley, J. H. Mitchell, John R. Thomas and Henry C. Payne, Who Were Once Better Known Than They Are Now.

New York, May 27.—Reputations which are made in political life are perhaps the briefest of all. Of all the men whose names occupy the public's attention today, probably less than half a dozen will remain conspicuously in the public eye ten years hence.

If we take at random four or five men who were famous in the past and who are now almost unheard of, although some of them are still in public life, we shall get a fine illustration of the brevity of political fame.

Occasionally a man is to be seen at one of the famous New York clubs who, a quarter of a century ago, was much in the public eye, and who did good service for the country as acting secretary of state.

This is Mr. Clarence Seward, who is still by many supposed to be the son of Lincoln's secretary of state, William H. Seward, but who is in fact the nephew of that great statesman.

Frederick Seward was badly and almost mortally wounded by the assassin Payne when he undertook to carry out his part of the plot and to murder Secretary Seward.

When his uncle returned to the state department Clarence took his former place, and subsequently returned to New York, where he was received into a law firm of which Samuel Blatchford, who is now a justice of the supreme court, was the head.

The career of Mr. Manley, whom every one who knows him calls Joe, is very likely still in the future. At present he is less talked about than he was some ten years ago, when he suddenly attained great prominence, because it was believed that upon his broad shoulders Mr. Blaine faced the political responsibilities he had so long carried as chairman of the Republican committee in the state of Maine, and into his sympathetic and trustworthy ear Mr. Blaine was believed to have whispered secrets such as he imparted to no other man.

Mr. Manley came conspicuously into notice about ten years ago, although before that time his name and face were familiar to all the politicians in the state of Maine. He it was who was regarded as Mr. Blaine's next friend and personal representative, and the reflected luster which so great a man as Blaine was able

to shed upon his chosen friend was sufficient to make Mr. Manley a man of consequence. With a genial manner and a cordial disposition, even toward his political enemies, Mr. Manley was known to be one of the most secretive of men, and he possessed to a great degree the art of concealing thought by language.

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For the four years during which Mr. Cleveland was president Mr. Manley was quiet, so that he was almost forgotten; but with the return of Mr. Blaine to power as the head of the cabinet Mr. Manley again became the chief man of the Republican party in Maine, so far as its machinery and organization are concerned.

Although J. Hipple Mitchell is now a member of the senate and is serving his third term, yet he seems by no means so conspicuous as he was when he was first a member of that body. He has had a most romantic career, and while still in the prime of life can look back to days of trouble, despondency and threatened ruin, as well as to splendid victories, both political and financial.

During his first term in the senate Mr. Mitchell was aggressive, and attracted some attention because of his abilities as a speaker. He was looked upon also as one of the coming men of the northwest. Political misfortune followed, however, and at the end of his term he was succeeded by a Democrat, and many thought his day of prosperity was over.

Some ten years or more ago there appeared in Washington, as a representative from Illinois, a bright and brainy young lawyer, who was in some respects the ablest of the representatives from the Mississippi valley. He was an impetuous and brilliant speaker, a very hard worker, a genial companion and a devoted party man.

In the heyday of his fame Mr. Thomas gave up his congressional career, and was seen no more in public life. It was said that he found political honors too costly, and that he could not afford to give the best years of his life to the government for the salary which he was receiving.

Some fifteen years ago one of the most influential of the politicians of Wisconsin was Henry C. Payne. His party in the northwest looked upon him as a man who had a great future before him, and his popularity in his own region was something any politician might covet.

When Postmaster General James resigned his office a very strong pressure was brought to bear upon President Arthur to appoint Mr. Payne postmaster general, and for a time he was disposed to grant this request. But considerations of an important nature compelled the president to appoint ex-Senator Timothy O. Howe in the place of Mr. Payne, and after this appointment was made Payne somehow seemed to drop from public view.

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The Champion Lazy Boy. Mrs. Fizzletop, not being satisfied with the progress made by her son at the University of Texas, called on the teacher. "Professor, how is my son Johnny coming on in his studies?" she asked anxiously.

Near Enough. Mistress-And how do you like the new house, Mrs. Whiffin? Weekly Charwoman-Oh, it's very nice, mum. It's so 'andy 'avin' the bathroom contiguous to the bedroom, I think.-London Judy.

Answering the Farmer's Question. By invitation I made a speech not long ago at a farmers' barbecue in a neighboring county, and I spread myself in encouraging our people to keep up with the age, and I pictured the innocence and honesty and independence of a farmer's life in multitudinous language.

Why Man is the Superior Being. "There, I've come away and forgot my gloves," said Mrs. Buxom to her husband as they started to make some calls the other evening. "You were in such a hurry that I don't suppose I'm more than half dressed."

A Modern Courtship. [WITH VARIATIONS BY THE BAND.] Her eyes beamed through the window pane. And o'er the landscape roaming. A chaise drove past; she sighed "At last!" (And the band played "In the Gloaming.")

Met the Requirements. Queter (pointing to a massive, bushy headed Ethiopian standing on a street corner)-Do you see that colored gentleman over there?

At an Agricultural College. Professor-What is the best time for gathering apples? Young Student-Please, sir, when the farmer's back is turned and there is no dog in the orchard.-Petit Parisien Illustr.

The Doctor Away. Caller-What a terrible cough you have! Why don't you consult Dr. Knowall, the great lung specialist? Invalid-I can't. He's gone south for his health.-Good News.

Good for Mrs. Crossly. Mr. Crossly-I tell you before I go that I want beef for dinner, and when I get home what do I find? Mrs. Crossly-Fault, every time.-New York Sun.

A Modern Business Man. Young Principal (to bookkeeper)-Haw, just you write me a love letter to Fraulein Eulalia Neumann in Munchendorf and bring it me for signature.-Humoristische Blatter.

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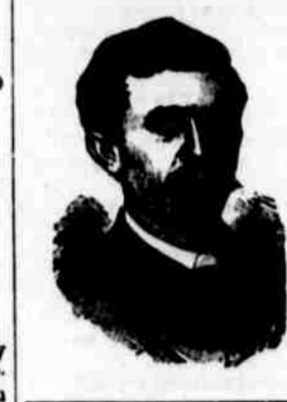
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