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Political Murder of

President James A. Garfield

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The Speech

"You build us. Hawaii"

Jay Whittem - do you have
a dog

James - affair with
U.S. Calhoun in N.Y.

"That Old man"

Grant - just former
Pres to campaign for a
national ticket

Roosevelt Conkling of New York vs. James S. Blaine of Maine
over Provost Marshall General James Barnes Fry
Blaine's direct result p 15
Stalwarts vs. Half Breeds

Arthur 468 votes
next 288 for all rest
8 for Blanche Bruce

1880 - Charles Dutton - Boston - 38 yrs. old b. Freeport, Ill.
4th of 6 children - divorced - been preacher, lawyer, debt collector
Omnibus - free love commune - married to Annie Burns - 5 yrs.
beat, punished and tricked wife - slept w. prostitutes for divorce
Reached Grant - 11 June 80 - left Boston on ship, Stonington
collided with Narragansett - 80 die.

Grant in Galena - John Russell Young, a reporter ask Grant to withdraw
P 44 Hayer find Chet Arthur from job of Collector of New York Port

Jun 5, 1880 - Chicago "Glass Palace"

Garfield shared bed with ^{1 brother} other delegate 3/4 sized Grand Pacific Hotel

Garfield's speech against Conkling's unit rule

James Foy nominates Blaine

Conkling " Grant

Garfield " Sherman

19 Batted N.Y. delegation

1st Ballot needed 379 - Grant got 304 Blaine 284 Sherman 93

28 ballots - all times held

30th Ballot - most ever for Rep.

399 Garfield / 306 Grant
42 Blaine

Demr 103 for John Davis in 1924

P 42 - Garfield - * rather he shot to death

Indiana and Wisconsin changed ~~to~~ their votes 3476 and 3576

All debate on nominees behind closed doors in Senate
names never appeared in Record until 1929

Bureau meeting at State Dept with Blaine - "never mentions

Pour consulship' again p 338

Conkling with Kate Chase Sprague
Senator William Sprague had driven him off his
property with shot gun - a drunk

New York 19 Bolters - led by William Robertson (57)

Chet Arthur - never held elective office

6 years collector of New York Port

\$20,000 salary, 1500 employees - million in tariffs
he was fired by Hayes and Sherman
\$100,000 today

Clinton - Garfield vs. Hancock - 3 pages Riches
meets with Chet Arthur the v.p. candidate in NYC
he delivered speech alongside Garfield - next
morning in N.Y. Times

New York City visit during campaign —
big rally 50,000 people Madison Square Park
meeting w/o Conkling with Plat Arthur, Norton - lots
of no record available - supposed promises
for patronage if New York was delivered. P128
Fifth Avenue Summit

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Cooking and Platt resign their senate seats before William Robertson vote.

1880 - Dem. candidate Winfield Scott Hancock
Need 185 elect. votes Solid South 135
New York had 35
Roscoe Conkling controls
New inventions The Typewriter 74'
telephone 76'
electric light 79'

Transcontinental railroad - finished in 69'

Member of Congress since 1863

Ohio Rep. elevated him to U.S. Senate as of 1881

A Dark Horse - first started w. Polk.

William Ledyard

House minority leader

counted votes for 5 yrs.

Garfield 48 in 1880

Chicago had 1/2 million people.

Unit rule favored
by Conkling - Garfield
opposed

John Sherman - Treas. Sec. and former Senator (OH) brother of (57)

General Grant

James G. Blaine - close to him in House

Pro Grant - Stalwarts

Anti Grant - Half Breed

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March 23rd 81'

Garfield sends list of appointments to Senate (p. 294)
Conkling not consulted - his friend - Garfield broke
promise - names William Robertson - Collector of Port of N.Y.

Quintess -

God had chosen him "I acted under an inspiration
of the Society

9 million voted for Pres.

78.4% of those eligible

won a popular majority of under 10,000

elec. 214 - Hancock is 155

In N.Y. Gar. won by 20,000 out of 1.1 million

Hancock 14 solid south - Gen. lost N. J.
CA.

won house

Party ties in Senate 37/37/2

not another tie until 2001

Blaine got nomination in 1884 first ballot 334.5 to
Party refused Arthur in '84' 218

Went on 4th ballot
Bright's disease - died 7 months after leaving White H. (The 85)

Guitkaupsem - p445 - Shot at tumor
he was the most successful assassin - he
got his alleged friend Arthur who changed level Lewis

Blaine vs. Cleveland 9.6 votes cast / majority of 26,000
Electoral votes 219 - 182

(58) Conkling - Great Blizzards of 1888 - collapsed in snow
drift - fever and delirium - brain operations - died
a week later

Blaine - died 1893 in Maine

Grant went to Long Branch, N. J. in summer -
Garfield coming to Elberon for two weeks - Garfield
in private spoke of Grant contemporarily p359
icy standoffs and snub at Hotel Elberon

Conkling's paramour Kate Sprague filed for divorce

Platt and Conkling resigned Senate seat - wanted
re-election in Albany but ran into trouble
Wheeler Hotel June 30 - Mrs. Baldwin checks into
room 113 - Platt goes into room -
step ladder - to look into room p368
20 witnesses saw Platt in bed.
Tam Platt became a national joke

Guitkaup staying at Ridge Home - goes to Potomac
and fires gun before going to train station
shot twice

Arthur - hated Garfield - How was he supposed
to act?

He lived 79 days
after being shot

49 yrs. old

Arthur Sumner in

123 Sat. 51 yrs. old

Arthur and Conkling
blamed by press for
the shooting of Fairfield
never found the bullet
After 56 ballots Conkling
was defeated for Senate