

PAN "BILL" GOOD ENOUGH FOR TAFT

Republican Standard - Bearer Tells How He Ceased to Be "Willie."

STORY OF COLLEGE DAYS

Correspondents at Hot Springs See Humorous Side of Candidate's Character—Good News Received From Wisconsin.

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This was Judge Taft's laughing reply when granting an audience to a number of newspaper men, who had gathered around him as "Mr. Secretary," "Governor," "Judge" and "Mr. Taft."

How He Lost "Willie."

"He came back to the entrance and looking up at the outside yelled, 'Oh Willie.' Well, in a second there was a head out of every one of the 40 windows and it seemed to me as though every one yelled at once. At any rate there was one chorus of 'Oh, Willie.' That cured Harry. He has called me Bill ever since."

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On one occasion when young Rayner wandered from the city he telephoned to his family. They asked him where he was and he answered that he did not know. The party on this end of the line heard him ask a stranger, "Is what state am I?"

During his recent disappearance it is said that he called his family by telephone and requested that he be informed of the condition of one of the children of Mrs. Fisher, who was believed to be sick, and when asked where he was he refused to tell. Naturally the information was not supplied.

Denver Man's Long Fast Sixty-Two Days Without Food and Still Starving Himself.

Do you suppose you would be hungry if you hadn't had anything to eat for 62 days?

W. R. Trachsel, a pioneer druggist, who for years conducted the drug store at Eighteenth and Arapahoe streets, is not, and it is 62 days today since he touched food.

He really thought he ought to eat a piece of toast this morning, but it did not taste good, so after consuming a slice about the size of a dollar, he told his wife he guessed he would go to the drug store and walk over to the Lawrence street car.

His fast is well authenticated and was not done for the purpose of notoriety. He has been a chronic sufferer from stomach trouble. His health failed so rapidly that several months ago he was obliged to sell his drug store and retire from business.

Sixty-two days ago he started in to try fasting for a cure. The first week he took nothing but water. The second, third, and fourth weeks he took constantly improved, although he gradually lost weight. He did not keep a daily or weekly record of this, but on the forty-sixth day he had lost about 20 or 25 pounds.

Since then he has been picking up, and now considers that he is a far better man physically than when he started in.

The forty-sixth day he tried to eat a slice of an onion with the lemon juice spread on it, but it did not taste good.

Since that time he has occasionally tried to break the fast by drinking water, but has never craved either this nourishment or solid food. He is not hungry today, and sees no reason why he cannot continue to live with olive oil and lemon juice in teaspoonful meals for some time to come.

FLEET PASSES TUTUILA Natives Gaze on Battleships at Close Range.

SUVIA, Fiji Islands, Aug. 3.—The United States Atlantic fleet at 8 P. M. Saturday was in latitude 16° 43' south, and longitude 178° 15' west, about 150 miles from Auckland 150 miles.

At 6:30 o'clock in the morning the fleet changed its formation from line of battle to single column, and at 7 o'clock passed the eastern end of Tutuila Island, Samoa, and steamed close in along the coast, giving the people of the island an excellent view of the ships.

The station ship Annapolis passed close to the fleet off Pago Pago. The usual hours of the fleet were 10:30 a. m. to 3 o'clock the fleet resumed its course for Auckland in line of squadron formation. It had reduced its speed to nine knots. The weather is near perfect, with a light breeze from the north.

The collier Ajax arrived at Suva yesterday.

HOLD FOR EIGHTY CENTS Umattila Wheat Raisers Satisfied With Crop Prospects.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 3.—With wheat selling on a basis of 74 cents, the crop is apparently steady there is little complaint among the farmers of Umattila County because of the somewhat shorter yield and the prevalence of smut. Many large crops have already passed into the hands of the buyers, but in most instances the growers are holding for 80 cents. If that price is reached it is generally believed that the crop in this county will be sold or contracted for within a very few days.

From reports received up to date, it is evident that the average yield of the county will be in the neighborhood of 30 bushels an acre. This is about ten bushels short of last year's crop.

MANIC KILLS HIS FATHER Also Murders Village Preacher When Refused Shelter.

BERLIN, Aug. 3.—News of a terrible tragedy comes from Chemnitz in Saxony. A young weaver, Ferdinand Oeser, was recently released from an insane asylum as cured, or at least harmless and was living with his parents. The other day he met with an accident, and when a physician would bandage his wound he threatened him with a revolver and killed him.

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