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EM-TEES

OUR JUNIOR OFFICE BOY.

on my grandpop's farm, mundy—
well here I am on the farm again,
which is the 1st time since last sum-
mer & I am here because it is vaca-
tion time & I grab off a couple of
weeks with full pay.

this year I didnt make no mis-
take like I did last year and come
here urley enuff to help granpop with
the work & that is why I waited
until this late for the urley summer
work is done & the fruit on the trees
aint ripe enuff to pick, so you see
that makes it purty soft for yures
troobly.

this is the 1st year grandpop has
got a mule which looks like a horse
with his maine cut off and his tail
clipped short, but it aint no horse &
it has got a disposishun which I
wood hate to carry around with me.
the other horses last year I cood
ride and have a lot of fun with, also
I tried to teach them tricks, which
they didnt lern very well, but this
mule is so mean that the wont even
try to lern.

grandpop says you had better steer
clear of that mule, Johnny, because
he has a habit of standin up on his
front legs.

so I goes out in the pasture lot by
the barn yesterday a. m. 7. I says I
wood like to see a mule stand on his
front legs & maybe I could teach him
to stand on his head, but that was
before I knowed how mean a mule is.
I got back of him, that's the mule,
& said stand on your front legs &
give him a good sized rap with my
hand.

he stood up all rite, but he kicked
all the daylight out of my hand & if
grandpop hadent of come then, I
guess he wood have kicked the rest of
me out the lot.

now Johnny, grandpop says to me
after grandma had tied up my hand,
dont ever monkey with the hind legs
of a mule, for that's the only animal
that's more dancercout in the rear
than in front.

woodent you hate to be a critter
like that Johnny.

NATURE-PARKING.

A Long Island teacher was recount-
ing the story of Red Riding Hood.
After describing the woods and the
wild animals that flourished therein,
she added:
" Suddenly Red Riding Hood heard
a great noise. She turned about and
what do you suppose she saw stand-
ing there, gazing at her and showing
all its sharp white teeth?"
"Teddy Roosevelt," volunteered
one of the boys.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Martins Ferry, Ohio, July 16.—
In one day this city used 6,000,000
gallons of water. The town has a
population of 12,000.—Fairmont
(W. Va.) Times.

"I thought you were going to move
into a more expensive apartment?"
"The landlord saved us the
trouble," replied Mrs. Plimlett. "He
raised the rent of the one we have
been occupying."

It is easier for a man to be the
architect of his own fortune than to
be the builder.

THE WORST POSSIBLE.

Jones (to his grocer)—"You seem
angry, Mr. Brown."
Brown—"I am. The inspector of
weights and measures has just been
in."

Jones—"Ha, ha! He caught you
giving 15 ounces to the pound, did
he?"
Brown—"Worse than that. He said
I'd been giving 17."

GOOD STUFF BY THIS TIME.

Wanted—Boys to distribute sam-
ples between the ages of 10 and 15.
Ask for McAdoo, 222 East Sixth
street.—Erie (Pa.) Daily Times.

Springfield Republican Out for Wilson

(From the Springfield, Mass., Re-
publican).
Mr. Wilson, in the face of difficul-
ties and criticisms such as have con-
fronted no president since Lincoln,
has accomplished much. To declare
his foreign policy futile is idle. The
conclusive answer is contained in the
bitter protests of the radical factions
in Germany that the German subma-
rines have been caught in "a net of
notes." The outstanding fact is that
Mr. Wilson, without bringing the
United States into war, has forced a
recognition of neutral right.

With relation to Mexico, Mr. Wil-
son has grasped the underlying prin-
ciple that we shall not have a perma-
nently peaceful neighbor to the houth
of us until the most patent wrongs
under which the masses of the Mexi-
can people have suffered are righted
through their own efforts. The recog-
nition of this principle in the long
run, means the minimum of evil to
this country from the Mexican prob-
lem. It is to Mr. Wilson's everlasting
credit that, in spite of difficulties,
discouragements and possibly of in-
cidental mistakes, he has not wavered
in his endeavor to apply this prin-
ciple to the changing circumstances of
the times.

Much is made, and very properly,
of the fact that Mr. Hughes, if
elected, would take office free from
hampering pledges. But if free from
pledges, he is not free from obliga-
tions. Having courted and gained
the support of Colonel Roosevelt, it
would be impossible for Mr. Hughes,
as a matter of practical politics, to
sign a treaty with Colombia redress-
ing the wrongs done that country,
when Colonel Roosevelt "seized" the
canal zone. Mr. Roosevelt has
angrily and bitterly opposed such ac-
tion on the part of our government,
correctly estimating that it would be
a repudiation of his course and a per-
sonal humiliation to him. Conse-
quently, for Mr. Hughes to support
such a treaty would be to invite an
experience similar to that which be-
fell Mr. Taft. Yet adjustment of
Colombia's wrongs is important for
the United States, not merely as a
matter of national honor, but as a
matter of dollars and cents in our
commercial dealings with all Latin
America, where sympathy could be
gained to so large a degree by no
other one act.

Under Mr. Wilson's leadership the
democratic party is today a better in-
strument of progressive government
than in a generation, if not in its
entire history, and, what is more to
the point, a better instrument, in
the opinion of this paper, than the
republican party promises at this mo-
ment to become under Mr. Hughes.
Various episodes have emphasized the
fact that the democratic party has
had comparatively few outstanding
leaders of national reputation. But
it is one of the chief items of Mr.
Wilson's leadership that during his
term progressive and enlightened
democrats, such as Newton D. Baker,
secretary of war, have been brought
more and more in the front, while
the reactionaries have been sent more
and more to the rear. The party
has been in training and it has
gained. But in spite of any compar-
ative lack of leaders, the Democrats
meeting in caucus, whenever caucus
has been necessary, have threshed
things out and determined to sup-
port, one after another, a long se-
ries of soundly constructive legisla-
tive measures of historic importance
—notable among them the income
tax, the rural credits act, the child
labor bill, the federal unemployment
service, the humanitarian features of
the seaman's act and the provision
for vocational training for civil life
while in the army. To achieve such
a record without leaders, if it were
literally true that the Democrats had
had no leaders, would be in itself a
triumph of democracy and a better
promise than any amount of leader-
ship stamped with the political con-
ceptions of Boies Penrose.

Admirable as was Mr. Hughes'
record at Albany, there can be no
definite assurance that he would be
able to force Penrose and others of
that ilk to a back seat in the degree
to which Mr. Wilson has revitalized
the democracy. Mr. Hughes would
make a good president; it was a mat-
ter of national good fortune that he
was nominated at Chicago. But Mr.
Wilson, by reason of his exceptional
experience in office and his now
overwhelming evident leadership of
his party along progressive lines, is,
in the opinion of the republicans,
better fitted to meet the problems
of foreign relations and social evo-
lution, in the broadest sense, which
the next four years hold in store.

State Prison Scandal Is Aired

(Salem Dispatch in Portland
Journal).
When Governor Withycombe came
into office as successor to West he
flayed West's honor system and told
members of the legislature some of
the things he intended to do at the
penitentiary. The other two mem-
bers of the board followed the un-
written rule and permitted the gov-
ernor to assume the responsibility,
which he seemed to covet.

The legislature appropriated \$50,-
000 for the flax experiment and road
work. It appropriated the largest
sum ever provided for the mainte-
nance of the institution. The gov-
ernor put his policies in effect. He
abolished the honor system. Charles
Sherwood, a man who in the old
prison days, was notorious for his
cruel methods in punishing convicts
under him, was again named deputy
warden and placed over the men in-
side the walls. Joe Keller, a former
captain of police in Portland, whose
many episodes while in office, have
left a question mark over his reputa-
tion, was named as parole officer, a
very reasonable position.

Spoilsman politics submerged the
institution. Competent guards were
dismissed if it became known they
were not of the right political faith.
Only within the last few weeks the
position of farmer was vacant. Otis
Wait, a well known farmer of Polk
county, was engaged for the place.
Before he arrived, however, some-
body told Warden Minto that Wait
was a Democrat. Minto sent word
for him not to come, as his services
were not desired. Not for a minute
would he have a Democrat around the
penitentiary, if he knew it.

Then the political appointees fell
out. Strife arose. Each side ran to
the governor with tales. The gov-
ernor has taken the side of Keller as
against Minto and Sherwood. The
governor has repeatedly denounced
Minto's management, although he has
never asked for his removal.

The strife between the two fac-
tions has become so bitter. It is
pointed out, and has so impregnated
the institution with ill feeling and
has so affected the prisoners that
many who have observed the situa-
tion, declare the prison never will be
placed in a satisfactory condition
until a clean sweep has been made
and business and the interests of the

PREDICT FAIR WEATHER FOR COMING WEEK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Weather
predictions for the week beginning
Sunday, August 27, issued by the
weather bureau today are:
"Rocky mountain and plateau re-
gions and Pacific states: Generally
fair with temperatures near or above
seasonal average."
FREE BARBECUE AT
JACKSON COUNTY FAIR
One of the big features of the Jack-
son County Fair this year will be the
free barbecue on Thursday, Sept. 14,
at the fair grounds. The barbecued
meat, coffee and bread will be fur-
nished free. Paper plates will also
be furnished, but people are supposed
to take their cups. There will be tin
cups for sale for those who want
them.

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BABY KNOWS MORE ABOUT DOGS THAN ABOUT TEDDY BEARS



L. RAYMOND FREER, JR.

HINSDALE, Ill., Aug. 24.—Ray-
mond Freer, a chubby little chap of
this city, does not look like it, but
he is a business man, or rather a
business baby.
Raymond is owner of several ped-
igreed Scotch terrier pups and these
form the foundation of his business.

SUPPLEMENT GIVES DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

The Mail Tribune presents to its
readers today, through the courtesy
of the National Democratic Com-
mittee, a supplement containing the
democratic national platform, the
coronation speeches of former Gov-
ernor Martin H. Glenn of New York,
Senator Ollie James of Kentucky,
Judge Westcott and William J.
Bryan and President Wilson's speech
on his Mexican policy, and Secretary
Lane's interview on the Mexican
situation.

BRITISH AUXILIARY STEAMER TORPEDOED

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The torpedo-
ing in the North sea of a British
naval auxiliary with the loss of 23
men, was announced officially today.
Eighty-seven men were saved. The
torpedoed vessel was the armed
boarding steamer, Duke of Albany.
The announcement follows:
The British armed boarding
steamer Duke of Albany was torpe-
doed and sunk in the North sea on
Thursday by an enemy submarine.
The commander and 22 men were
lost. Eleven officers and 76 men of
other ratings were saved.

IMPROPER RELATIONS ALLEGED BY SLAYER OF CAPT. SPRATLING MEETINGS HELD TO STIR PATRIOTISM OF PORTUGUESE

MACON, Ga., Aug. 26.—Accom-
panied by a military escort, the body
of Captain Edgar J. Spratling, F com-
pany, fifth regiment, national guard
of Georgia, who was shot and killed
at the state mobilization camp here
yesterday by Mrs. H. C. Adams of
Atlanta, was taken today to the
Spratling home in Atlanta.
Mrs. Adams, formerly a patient of
Captain Spratling, in civil life a phy-
sician, last night was held by a cor-
oner's jury for the killing. At the in-
quest she said Captain Spratling had
acted improperly toward her.
After several hours in jail Mrs. Ad-
ams became hysterical, but frequent-
ly declared that when she goes to
trial her course will be shown to have
been justified. Her husband, a laun-
dry wagon driver, is expected here
today.
Officers at the camp indicated a
belief that illness due to nervous dis-
orders caused Mrs. Adams to think
Captain Spratling had acted improv-
erly toward her.

BATALHA, Portugal, Aug. 25. via
Paris, Aug. 26.—The first meeting
was held here today in a campaign
for the purpose of stirring the inter-
est and patriotism of the Portuguese
people and explaining the reasons
for the nation's intervention in the
war.
PARIS, Aug. 26.—The national
convention of the Spanish reformist
party, says a Havas dispatch from
Oviedo, has decided to send a com-
mission to Lisbon to express the
party's approval of Portugal's inter-
vention in the war. The commission,
the dispatch adds, will then proceed
to Paris to give the entente allies as-
surance of Spanish sympathy.

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