

The "Devil."

Who comes to the printshop with learned air,
With clean-washed face and parted hair,
And applies for a job, of the "manajair?"
The "devil."

Who, when his task is at last assigned,
Of cleaning type a "Jonah" does find
And wants a job of another kind?
The "devil."

Who, when at last he has some grit,
For setting type he is surely fit,
And vainly imagines "I am IT?"
The "devil."

Who makes the fires and brings the wood,
Does a thousand chores that are just as good,
And just as well as others could?
The "devil."

Who gets his face all smeared with ink,
And of mischievous things does often think?
Whose money (he has none) never gets "kerchink?"
The "devil."

Who for more knowledge does often seek?
Who gets his head skinned twice a week,
And when he's older a drunk does seek?
The "devil."

Who helps the editor put up a fight
And gets his eyes blacked—left and right—
Never says his prayers, day nor night?
The "devil."

Who puts a pin on the editor's chair
And makes him climb the very air,
And sings, "I'll meet you over there?"
The "devil."

Who makes the preachers laugh and grin,
And school teachers take their signs all in?
Who makes the world go 'round and spin?
The "devil."

The world does freely go for him,
He's truly suited for every whim,
And when he's gone we'll mourn for him—
The "devil."

To blissful heaven he will surely go,
And the trip he'll make will not be slow—
All printers get a free pass (?) you know—
This includes the "devil."

—By B. D. Daulton, Editor Clay County Newsboy, Rector, Ark.

PUBLIC OPINION.

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Senator Cummins, an early and original progressive, has taken a stand against a third party movement. Senator La Follette, it is declared, also will make known very shortly that he too proposes to remain a Republican. Senators Works, of California; Jones, of Washington; Kenyon, of Iowa; Brown, of Nebraska, and Gronna, of North Dakota, are supporters of Roosevelt for the nomination, decline to join with him in a movement intended to defeat the Republican party. If Roosevelt had heard from the people before he decided to bolt he ought to let this message be known. Most of his associates do not seem to have heard the same news.

Some of them, indeed, are waiting for more light and refuse to decide for or against a bolt until they have heard from home. The movement should, indeed, have one good effect in compelling Roosevelt men who have been made Republican electors to vote the Republican ticket or join the bolters openly. Otherwise their treachery and double-dealing would be too odious to be tolerated in any quarters.

The bolt is not merely factional, but personal. Its object is to put Roosevelt in nomination for the presidency. Colonel Roosevelt has won many distinctions. If nominated in August as proposed he will have the additional distinction of being the first man in the history of American politics who being beaten for nomination at the national convention of his party, refused to abide by the result and headed a movement to defeat his own party.

An Aggressive Campaign.

Every day that passes witnesses the strengthening of the forces of the Republican party. This progress of the destinies of Mr. Taft to the conclusion of success it is believed will continue with

accelerated pace as the campaign develops. The reaction of the country from radicalism is everywhere apparent. The men who stand for the overthrow of the foundations of the country's prosperity are losing influence with the masses of the people. The fact there are two candidates in the field who represent only panaceas, and each of them is preparing to exploit his wares with the vociferousness of an Indian nostrum vendor has had the effect of alienating great masses of the thinking voters. Had Roosevelt and Wilson come into some form of agreement, pooling their interests in any manner indicative of mutual confidence in the theories they advance, the effect would have been to convince their unstable followings that they might count with assurance upon the progress of radicalism in a definite direction. As the matter stands, the radical positions and undefined and inharmonious, as proposed by the other two leaders of the radical parties. They are in need of clarifying, and lacking the ability to give them clearness Roosevelt has simply reiterated his cry of stealing from the people. Wilson seems to be as devoid of resourcefulness in initiative. His platform is a plain straddle upon every important subject and lacks the ringing earnestness of vision and inspiration. There is no substance in it for a really successful exploitation of radical positions. It is simply Democratic hodgepodge. Buncombe is the essence of its phraseology.

The third party advocate sees that he must play the part of a paratire in order to make anything like a respectable showing. He sees that it is up to him, so to speak, to break up the Democratic party, if, his scheme of having the old parties divided into radical and progressive shall prevail. He perceives that it is only through the faculty of being a first-class trouble maker and a spoiler that he can save himself from being utterly submerged. Hence the real prop of Roosevelt will be Wilson and not Taft. The President has a position. He has a party. He has a record. He has a history behind him. He has the industries of the country for his support. He has the wageworker on his side. Despite the rising prices that go along with prosperity the wage-worker is better clothed and housed than ever before in his life. The farmer is with the President. He has his farm cleared of mortgages and is reaping in the best range of prices for his produce ever received in the history of American agriculture.

The Republican party is in the mood and has the opportunity for an aggressive campaign. It will reap simply by the thousands the votes that Roosevelt and Wilson will fail to secure through their divisions, and the advertisement thereby of the unstable and untenable nature of purely radical propositions and parties. Democrats and Republicans alike who stand for the conservation of capital will vote for Taft. They only need to have displayed to them the fact that the Republicans by an aggressive campaign are bent upon safeguarding industry. The wage-workers looking to the operation of the manufactures of the nation for their continued employment will shy away from the man who wants to bring free trade havoc among them—the theoretic Wilson—and they will equally shy away from the man who confesses he knows nothing about the tariff—the impulsive Roosevelt. The wageworker wants work. He does not want rainbows. He wants continued employment at a living wage. He does not want an empty dinner pail begirt with radical ribbons. Capital and labor were never closer and the general economy of the country was never so well fitted to the betterment of the social state of the masses of the people. Every improvement in industrial processes, every great invention in the field of production tends to greatly increase the volume of popular wealth, even though these things inure to the good of their exploiters.

With the farmers and the wageworkers contented and with capital bent upon protecting the sources of earning the field for a campaign of discontent cannot be regarded as hopeful. The Republican party however, may not rest upon the increments to their strength from the impossible positions of their opponents. They must work like beavers and speak out with confidence and further the process of disintegration of radicalism that is already going on. Taft and effective nationalism must win the day.

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