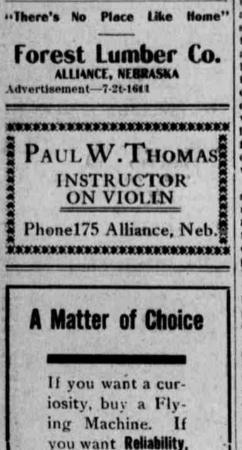
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WOODROW WILSON The Story of His Life

From the Cradle to the White House

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CHAPTER III. Off to College.

HE Wilsons moved from Au-T gusta to Columbia, S. C., in the autumn of 1870, the Rev. Dr. Wilson resigning his pastorate in order to become a professor in the Southern Presbyterian Theological seminary. His chair was that of pastoral and evangelistic theology. He

Tom appears to have retreated here into the more exciting scenes of an imaginative life. He forsook in mind the streets of the commonplace town and the dreary banks of the Congaree and adventured forth in search of exploits in faroff lands. All boys do something of the sort, but there can be no doubt that in the case of this young dreamer the exercise of imagination was constant and vivid and that during a great part of his days he lived. so far as his mind was concerned, in one or another of the various characters which he had invented and assumed. Thus for many months he was an admiral of the navy and in that character wrote out daily reports to the navy department. His main achievement in this capacity was the discovery and destruction of a pest of pirates in the southern Pacific ocean. it appears that the government, along with all the people of the country, had been terrified by the mysterious disappearance of ships setting sall from or expected at our western ports. Admiral Wilson was ordered to investigate with his fleet. After an eventful cruise they overtook one night a pl ratical looking craft with a black hull and rakish rig. Again and again the chase eluded the admiral. Finally the pursuit led the fleet to the neighbor bood of an island uncharted and hith-

ever, he pinyed basecati in anime in the college nine and had the pleasure of hearing the captain say, "Wilson, you would make a daudy player if you were not so d- lazy." He was a great walker and at times seemed to like to be alone, walking the country about apparently wrapped in thought. Still he was, as a rule, a very social animal and a great talker in congenial company. When the fellows repaired to his room they would generally find him curled up on the bed with a book in his hand, reading. He joined one of the literary societies, the "Enmenean."

Once a year, in February, a holiday was given to every student on which he was to plant a tree, so, whether Wilson did it to get the holiday or because he wanted to do something useful, he planted an elm on the campus at Davidson, and it stands there strong and upright today.

Early in the year a small incident in class fastened upon him a nick-The rhetoric class being enname; gaged upon that well known part of Trench's "English, Past and Present," which sets forth (much after the manner of the Wamba in the opening chapter in "Ivanhoe") how good Saxon beasts take Norman names when they come to the table, the professor asked Woodrow, "What is calves' meat when served at table?" and received the aminations. Princeton graduated as hasty reply, "Mutton!" Wilson was "Mousieur Mouton" for the rest of the year.

years' course an average of 90 per Indeed, he did not finish the year, for cent. Not less than forty-two out of he fell ill just before the examinations the 122 graduates of '79 were "bonor came on and was taken to his home, men." Wilson barely got in among then at Wilmington, N. C., to the pas- them. He ranked forty-first. torate of the Presbyterian church to The fact is that this son of clergywhich city Dr. Wilson had just been men and editors hadn't come to school called

Woodrow remained in his father's riculum and fill his head with the house at Wilmington throughout the knowledge prescribed in a college catayear 1874-5. It had been determined logue. He had come to prepare himthat he should not return to Davidson, self for a particular career, and before but should go to Princeton, and he he had been at Princeton three months spent the year tutoring in Greek and a be had finally determined on what that few other studies.

In truth, there was a good deal of play done that year too. The boy had Godwin, celebrating the advent in grown too fast and was hardly fit for Princeton of the members of the class the rigid schedule of college life. So that graduated in '79, declares that on he "took it easy." Wilmington was an arrival "Tommy Wilson rushed to the old and historic place. It was a sea- library and took out Kant's 'Critique port; for the first time Woodrow saw of Pure Reason." a ship and caught the smell of the sea. To the library Tommy Wilson un Talk was still full of the adventures of questionably did rush, but not to read the blockade runners of the war lately of pure reason. If ever there was a ended, Wilmington having been a fa- student who demanded facts, concrete

vorite port of the desperate men and subjects, applied reason, it was this swift ships that then made so many same Wilson, even in his college days. gallant chapters of sea history. What | The truth is that, prowling in the al naginative youth from the interior but would have haunted the docks and new then, one day early in the term made an occasional trip down to the the boy stopped at the head of the cape, to return with the pflot of an south stairs, where the bound maga outgoing ship

For the first time here, too, the young upon a file of the Gentleman's Magaman began to take part in the social zine, that ancient and respectable relife which is so important an element pository of English literature which of existence in the south. He was real. Dr. Samuel Johnson had helped to ly too young for the associations into start away back in the middle of the erto unknown. Here lay the ships of which he was now thrown, Dr. and eighteenth century, with his reports of the outlawed enemy and the disman tled hulls of many of their victims. And it may be believed that the brave American tars, under the leadership city. It was a city of gentlemen of mentary reports, for, of course, they of the redoubtable admiral, played a good company and women who would were "fakes."

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About this time Woodrow was reading Cooper's sea tales and Marryat's yarns, and, though he had never seen a ship in his life-never even seen the comers, he found himself in a charm- his life plan was fixed. ocean-he knew every particular of ing old town of maples, elms and catalevery class of type of sailing ship, pas, among which stood the college tary history. There were giants in the name, place and use of every spar, buildings, dating, one of them, back to those days-John Bright, Distant, sheet and shroud.

At Columbia Woodrow, as he began now to be commonly called, attended the school kept by Mr. Charles Heyward Barnwell. But his real education continued to be conducted by his father.

He was now approaching the age for college. In spite of his late start at books, he had rapidly qualified in the seventeen, in the autumn of 1873, he was sent off to college.

Davidson college, in famous Mecklenburg county, N. C., is a prosperous institution now and forty years ago was a stanch school. The fact that Dr. Wilson had been approached in connection with its presidency may have had something to do with its choice for Woodrow.

Living was rather primitive; the boys kept their own rooms, filled their own lamps, for they had only kerosene; cut up and brought in the wood for their own fires and carried in water from the pump outside. Wilson's room was on the ground floor, luckily; it was rather a job to carry arm loads of wood to remote rooms on the upper floors. There still lingers at Davidson the tradition that Tom Wilson established a record in the minimum time necessary to dress, cross the campus and be in his seat when the before breakfast

chapel bell stopped ringing. Instruction at Davidson was rather better than was common at small colleges in those days. Still, it can hardly be said that Wilson received much intellectual impulse here, although he probably added something to his stock of knowledge. His college mates included a score or more who afterward made reputations in the world, perhaps the most eminent being R. B. Glenn, who became governor of North Carolina. His classmates remember nothing unusual about Wilson when at Davidson college. They say he had an open, engaging face, pleasant manners and was very generally liked. They agree that he was not very much interested in games, which then consisted of baseball and shinpy. How-

Now, it happened that in the seventies have been esteemed brilliant the world

It was a chap very different from the about this story: First, the length of raw youth of Davidson who one day is September, 1875, took the "Washington boy lived the greater part of his wak- and Weldon" train for the north to enter Princeton college

CHAPTER IV.

A Student at Princeton

in Princeton early in Septem-10kg ber, 1875, one of 134 new-

The place, full of traditions of the Revolute mary war, had been a favor. of commons had never been more picite resort of southern students up to turesque, the atmosphere more elec-1861. The first war had battered the front of Old Nassau hall, and the secoud had done more substantial if less picturesque damage in withdrawing from the institution a large part of its southern patrouage. The south could ordinary preparatory studies, and at ill afford to send its young men far away to college now. This year, in-

deed, there came twenty men from the southern states. It is remembered that some of these youths needed reconstruction.

Wilson is remembered in no such way. He was known as a Democrat of stout opinions from the day he first opened his mouth on the campus, but no recollection remains of his having

displayed any sectional passion. classmate remembers, however, that on one occasion when a group of fellows were talking of the misfortunes that follow in the wake of war Wilson, suits. who was in the group, cried out, "You who was in the group, cried out, "You "When your back is lame-remem-know nothing whatever about it!" and her the name." Don't simply ask with face as white as a sheet of paper, for abruptly left the company.

All testimony goes to indicate that Tom Wilson immediately took his place as a leader in the class. He appeared as a young fellow of great maturity of character, blended with unusual freshness of interest in all things pertaining to college life. He had the manners of a young aristocrat. His speech was cultured. He soon won the reputation of already wide reading and sound judgment. There is abundant evidence that he was from the start a marked figure among the men who now constitute the "famous class of '79." There have been more famous Princeton graduates than these, but there has never been a class of so high an average of ability. Robert Bridges. one of the editors of Scribner's Magazine; the Rev. Dr. A. S. Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions; Charles A. Talcott, M. C.; Mahlon Pitney, Justice of the supreme court of the United States: Robert H. McCarter, ex-attorney gen-

the editor of the day, feeling round for in attractive feature, hit upon the idea of resuming the parliamentary reports Accordingly there began in the num per for January, 1874, a series of articles entitled "Men and Manner In Parliament." by "The Member For the Chiltern Hundreds,"

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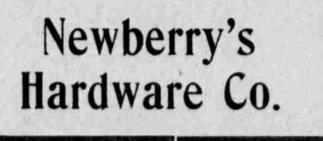
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