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When Teddy Came to Town ~ a novel by Tyler R. Tichelaar

SYNOPSIS

"Roosevelt lies and curses in the most disgusting way; he gets drunk, too, and that not infrequently, and all of his intimates know about it."

— George Newett,

The Iron Ore newspaper, October 12, 1912

WHEN THE above words appeared in print, they resulted in one of the most famous libel trials of the early twentieth century. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was on campaign on the Progressive "Bull Moose" ticket, but his break from the Republican party had caused him to have many detractors. When a small town Michigan newspaper editor accused him of being drunk while campaigning, Roosevelt decided to make an example of him.

MATTHEW NEWMAN, reporter for the New York Empire Sentinel, should have seen his assignment to cover the trial as the opportunity of a lifetime. But Matthew is also a native of Marquette, Michigan, where the trial will be held. Matthew left Marquette long ago and does not relish returning to deal with a distant sister and her drunkard husband, or to attend his niece's wedding, set for the weekend after the trial begins.

