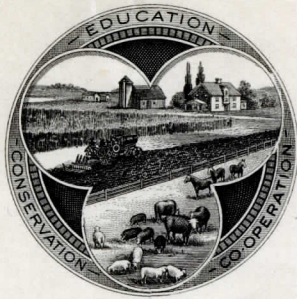


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Mr. W. J. Cameron, Editor
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Dear Mr. Cameron:

I have been interested, and somewhat amused, by the recently published statements and articles on the identity of J. Wilkes Booth. I notice that you now intend to take this matter up and settle it, if possible.

I was editor and publisher of the "Enid Daily Eagle" at the time of the suicide of the man who claimed to be J. Wilkes Booth, and happened to know a good deal about that case. The undertaker who embalmed the body was one of my close personal friends and I not only wrote the news articles, but personally witnessed the "curing" of the body after it was embalmed. My friend, the undertaker, kept it around his shop for a couple of years, as I now recall. It became mummified and he kept it standing in a box in the back part of his establishment, to which point he frequently led unsuspecting friends, for the purpose of suddenly showing it to them in order to ascertain the effect upon their nerves.

I am not writing you this letter for publication, but if you want it, I think I could get copies of the articles written at the time, from the files of the "Eagle" and in case you need any further data concerning the Enid incident, I might be able to supply it to you.

Very truly yours,

W. I. Drummond

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