

A DISGRACE TO THE STATE AND COMMUNITY.

In a recent issue of the News-Observer Dr. H. D. Harper, Sr., of this place, called attention to what he characterized as a "damnable shame," and rightfully characterized too. The immediate cause of his complaint was the fact that a demented woman who will at times make herself perfectly nude by tearing off her clothes, is confined in our county jail with the common transgressors of the law.

Not only this but a crowd of young men and boys who have nothing better to do frequently congregate about the jail and gloat over the indecent exposition of this poor demented female, consigned to her present state of confinement by the indifference of people living in a community thus high up in the scale of civilization.

Only a few days ago the country from one end to the other was set ablaze by a story of the whipping by the prison authorities of a female prisoner in the Georgia State prison. But right here in our midst is a much more shocking affair than the mere whipping of any female convict.

In the name of common sense, where has southern chivalry gone when we can treat an unfortunate woman like this? It matters not that she is bereft of her reason. As long as she bears the stamp of womanhood she is entitled to be treated as a woman.

The effect of her exposure is damnable all around. It is brutalizing to her, if she has lucid intervals. It is demoralizing to the common prisoners confined in jail. It is fraught with the lowest and most vicious consequences upon those who congregate to witness the indecent exposures and it reflects upon the good name of the community that such proceedings be permitted.

Something must be done to remedy this state of affairs. If the State has not room enough for such unfortunates within its homes and asylums and if the woman's relatives—if she has any—are unable to provide decent care for her, the county should see to it that she is confined elsewhere than in her present quarters.

It is high time the proper authorities were taking decided action in this matter. Common decency demands that they should do so.

THE CANAL TREATY.

We learned yesterday that the Colombian senate on August 12th unanimously rejected the Panama canal treaty as presented by the United States senate. The great objection seems to have been that the terms of the instrument as offered seemed to, in effect, bind Colombia to relinquish title over a wide strip of territory through which the proposed canal was to run. Then it is alleged that the Colombians did not relish the fact that the French company turned over their interests to the United States without a previous reckoning with the little Latin republic.

Nevertheless the action of the Colombian senate may not after all be detrimental to our best interests. Especially may the south and southern interests be promoted by the abandonment of the Panama route and the adoption of the Nicaragua and Costa Rica route. The isthmian canal act provides that the president shall make the necessary treaties and force to construction along this latter route provided he is not able to secure the necessary concessions from Colombia.

As to this point the Charlotte News says:

This news is not unexpected. Senator Morgan has been prophesying it for some time. We earnestly trust that President Roosevelt will take the alternative that has been placed in his hands and conclude matters for the digging of the Nicaragua canal. The selfish forces that had the Panama project substituted for the Nicaraguan at the last moment have evidently carried their opposition to any canal to the point of bribery and corruption in the Colombian senate. Certainly every southern newspaper should aid in forming the public opinion that will now compel the choice of the Nicaragua route. It will mean infinitely more to the south than the Panama ditch and it is time a little national legislation were coming the south's way.

We believe that this Nicaragua route is really the choice of the American people. It is much nearer to our coasts, it has a number of advantages and is not, at the same time, open to the possibility of legal and international entanglements arising from the purchase of the defunct French company in the old Panama route.

For some reason Senator Hanna worked in season and out of season to secure the adoption by our congress of the Panama route. But now that the Colombian senate has turned us down, the people of this country will expect the president to proceed immediately to secure and develop the Nicaragua route.

STRONG ON FINANCE.

THE MONEY QUESTION IS SENATOR ALDRICH'S LONG SUIT.

Even as a Youth He Was Noted For Business Acumen—Expected Result of the Summer Session of the Senate Finance Committee.

Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the senate finance committee, which is to meet at his summer home at Warwick Neck on Aug. 10 to prepare a new currency bill, is one of the most influential men in congress and is considered a strong probability for the Republican vice-presidential nomination. Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich is a native of Rhode Island and is nearly sixty-three years of age. He attended public school and early in life displayed an aptitude for mathematics. He was one of those lads who want to know the "why and wherefore" of things. This characteristic has remained with him throughout his career. When he was sixteen he entered the academy at East Greenwich, R. I.

After graduating from the academy he went to Providence and entered the employ of a large wholesale house. Describing their clerk in later years, a partner said: "Aldrich had a knack of smoothing over debtors better than any one I ever had experience with. A customer behind in his accounts would be informed that immediate payment was necessary. He would come to the office in an excited state of mind and would perhaps threaten to pay up and cease all dealing with us. Aldrich would take him in hand, and the two would talk together a few minutes. The young clerk would never descend to cheap cajolery or flattery, but in simple language would explain the firm's position and point out its necessities. Before long the customer would shake hands and go away satisfied, and we would have his business as before. Aldrich was a born financier and always a student."

Mr. Aldrich's first political office was membership in the Providence city council, and later he became president of the board. Then he went to the state legislature and served as speaker of the house in 1876. Three years later he was elected to the Forty-sixth congress and was re-elected to the Forty-



SENATOR NELSON W. ALDRICH.

seventh, resigning during the session to succeed General Burnside. Since then he has been regularly re-elected, his present term expiring in March, 1905.

Senator Aldrich is known in Rhode Island as a rich man. In the early days in the senate he used to say: "I cannot afford to remain in public life. I must earn money for my family." The opportunity came when his attention was directed to the Union Street railway of Providence, a small affair with horses. With several associates he secured possession of the road, and the investment proved a gold mine.

There are dozens of finer residences in Providence than the old colonial home of the senator, but his country seat on Warwick Neck, ten miles down the Providence river, at the point of its junction with Narragansett bay, extends along the edge of the bay for nearly half a mile. The grounds are beautifully laid out, and there are miles of driveways and footpaths. A quaint clock and watch tower over 100 feet in height rises above the stone stables. The residence is the old fashioned wooden house occupied by a former governor of the state. It is soon to be replaced by a new one more in keeping with the elegant surroundings. On the water front are a long private landing pier and a large building of stone and wood, with balconies, exterior galleries and other picturesque devices of architecture. This is the tea house, where guests and visitors are entertained and where the festivities attendant on the wedding of Senator Aldrich's daughter to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., took place a couple of years ago.

In early life Senator Aldrich married a Miss Greene, the daughter of an old time Providence merchant who was connected with the family of the Revolutionary hero, General Nathaniel Greene. There are eight children. Mrs. Aldrich cares little for society, is domestic in her tastes and is devoted to the welfare of her large family. When the conference of the senate finance committee ends it is expected that the final draft of the currency bill will be ready for presentation to the special session of congress in November.

COWLES OF THE NAVY.

The President's Brother-in-law, Who Is to Command the Missouri.

Captain William S. Cowles, assistant chief of the bureau of navigation, who is to take command of the new battle ship Missouri as soon as she is ready to go into commission, is President Roosevelt's brother-in-law, having married Miss Anna Roosevelt, the oldest sister of the chief executive.

The fact that he is related to the president does not save him from the requirement of sea duty. He was recently promoted from commander, and as the Missouri is one of the finest ships in the navy the assignment is in every way desirable.

Captain Cowles has long been well known as an officer of high standing in the navy and a man popular both afloat and ashore. He has been a fa-



CAPTAIN WILLIAM S. COWLES.

vorite at the navy department through several administrations and recently celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his entrance into the service, which occurred on July 12, 1863, when he was appointed to the Naval academy.

During his long career in the navy Captain Cowles has seen a variety of service—in Alaska, the Mediterranean, the West Indies and on the coast of Africa. In 1891 occurred the only piece of bad luck in his career. He was in command of the Dispatch, a small gunboat which was used as a means of communication between the navy yards on the Atlantic coast. While proceeding from New York to Norfolk the Dispatch went ashore and became a total wreck. A thorough investigation, however, resulted in the exoneration of Captain Cowles from all blame.

In 1893 Secretary Herbert gave him the important detail of naval attaché at the United States embassy in London. It was while on this duty that he met and married the lady who is now Mrs. Cowles. At that time Miss Anna Roosevelt was at the head of the household of her cousin, J. Roosevelt Roosevelt, who was attached to the American embassy to the court of St. James.

During the Spanish war Captain Cowles was in command of the gunboat Topeka, in which capacity he rendered notable services during the operations against the Spanish vessels in West Indian waters.

A NOTED STATISTICIAN.

W. S. Waudby, Who May Be United States Commissioner of Labor.

William S. Waudby, special agent of the United States bureau of labor, who is being advocated as the successor of Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, has been connected with the bureau since its organization in 1885.

He is a recognized expert on labor statistics and as agent of the government has visited every state in the Un-



WILLIAM S. WAUDBY.

ion as well as Great Britain and Ireland, where he was sent to investigate industrial conditions.

Mr. Waudby is a native of Ohio, a printer by trade and in 1880 was the representative of the International Typographical Union of North America to the Paris labor congress. He has written numerous pamphlets on subjects connected with the labor problem and is a frequent contributor to the magazines. Mr. Waudby is warmly indorsed for the commissionership by organized labor.

A Red Letter Day.

Daughter—Papa went off in great good humor this morning. Mother—My goodness! That reminds me. I forgot to ask him for any money.—New York Weekly.

MOTHER AND FLIES.

Sometimes a door is left ajar Or there's an inch of space Between the window and the screen That ought to be in place, And every time that this occurs A lot of pesky flies Improve the chance and sail right in For household exercise.

Now, if there's anything on earth That mother hates to see It's just a fly that soars around And in the house makes free. So when she sees a bunch of them She glances in sad surprise; Then loudly she ejaculates, "The house is full of flies!"

There's something doing right away, For mother grabs in haste A dusting cloth or some such thing, And then those flies are chased. Around the room and up and down, From ceiling to the floor, They go, with mother in pursuit, No matter how they soar.

At times a fearful crash is heard While mother's chasing flies; A vase from shelf or mantelpiece Is knocked and shattered lies. But there's no time to waste in grief Or ornament thus lost Because those flies must be expelled, No matter what the cost.

So up and down and all around The room proceeds the chase, While mother tries to "shoo" the flies Where there's an open place. At last that spot is reached, and then 'Tis hard to hide a grin. For while one fly goes soaring out From three to five soar in.

Some think there's no excitement round A house in summer time. That life is then a dull routine As sluggish as the clime. But that they've made a big mistake They soon would realize If they'd drop in about the time When mother's chasing flies.—Theodore H. Bruce in Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Stubborn.

A little girl was heard talking to her rabbit. "Five times five," she said. "Six times six, seven times seven." Between times she shook the rabbit violently. "Dorothy," said her mother, "what are you doing to your rabbit?" "Well, papa says," replied the child, "that rabbits multiply rapidly and Bunny won't do it."—Town Talk.

Unremitting.

Ethel said: "Algernon seems devoted to Madge with unremitting constancy." "Yes," George answered. "That is his great speciality." "What is?" "Unremitting constancy. He has owed me \$10 for two years."—Brooklyn Eagle.

For Protection.



Bobby—Oh, Mr. Bristles, I wish I had a mustache just like yours! Mr. B.—Ah! Then you think it's becoming, Bobby? Bobby—Now! But if I had that thing on my face none of these old ladies 'd be allus tryin' to kiss me!—New York Evening Journal.

Browning.

Miss Beacon (from Boston)—I suppose you encouraged your daughter to study Browning? Major Wick—The practical kind. Miss Beacon—Practical? Major Wick—Yes; browning beef-steak and potatoes.—Philadelphia Record.

In the Vague Future.

"At that rate," said his friend, "there is no telling when the monument will be unveiled." "I should say not," replied the collector for the fund, somewhat despondently. "At present we have hardly enough to pay for the veil."—Puck.

On the Jump.

Citizen—I suppose your neighbors are no worse and no better than mine. The general run of men is the same most anywhere, I guess. Subbubs—Well, the general run of men at our place is for the 7:49 a. m. train.—Philadelphia Press.

An Unfortunate Citizen.

"I hear dat de rheumatism got Bro' Williams in his good leg." "In his 'good' leg?" "Yes. Wen dar's his wooden leg leenin' 'gin de wall, des ez healthy en wholesome ez kin be!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Summer Man.

Jack—How are you going to spend the summer? Tom—I'm going to spend it traveling from one seaside place to another until I find a girl worth a million or two who wants to be loved and married for herself alone.

Not a Game For the Pigeon. "So you're learning to play chess," said Maud. "Yes," answered Mamie. "The moves must be very difficult." "Yes. But the worst part isn't the moving; it's the keeping still."—Washington Star.

Harvesting at Home.

It cheers my soul, old college chums, To read about your toll, Gleaning sheaves of ripened wheat From mellow Kansas soil. No laggard I! From eye till morn, As summer days go by, While you are reaping through the corn I'm running through the rye.—New York Times.

GOOD BLOOD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF



You know when rich, red blood is coursing through the veins, for it shows in the brightness of the eye, the beauty and clearness of the complexion, the smooth, fair skin, and robust, healthy constitution. It is good blood that imparts strength and energy to the body and keeps it in a state of healthfulness and vigor. Good blood is the foundation of good health, and to be physically and mentally sound it must be kept pure and untainted.

People with good blood possess strong, steady nerves and are blest with good appetites and digestion, and enjoy sound, refreshing sleep. If we could always maintain the purity of the blood then we might enjoy perpetual health, but it becomes infected and poisoned and most of the ills that afflict humanity and undermine the constitution are caused by an impoverished or polluted condition of this vital fluid.

When the blood is diseased the skin loses its healthy appearance, and the complexion, its freshness and beauty and becomes red and rough and full of pimples and splotches. Itching, scaly eruptions, blackheads, boils and rashes break out upon the body when the blood is too poor or too thin and acid, and is not supplying proper nourishment to the system. Debility, poor appetite, bad digestion, restless sleep and nervousness more often come from sluggish, impure blood than any other cause. To build up the blood, restore its lost properties and make it rich and nutritious again is the only rational treatment, and the proper way to get rid of skin troubles. There is no remedy like S. S. S. to accomplish this and it does it promptly and thoroughly. S. S. S. antidotes and removes from the blood all poisons and humors, and restores to a normal, healthy condition, and invigorates and tones up the general health. When rich, red blood is again flowing through your veins all skin eruptions disappear, the appetite improves, the complexion clears and you get rid of those miserable depressing feelings and nervousness, and enjoy once more the blessings of good health. S. S. S. is nature's remedy for all blood and skin diseases. It contains no minerals whatever, but is guaranteed purely vegetable. Write for free book. No charge for medical advice or other information desired.

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