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A COMMENABLE SELECTION.

In sharp contrast to the Raleigh aldermanic embroglio over the dispensary commissioners was the recent aprointment of commissioners for the dispensary in Kinston.

The aldermen appointed a committee to make selections and report to the full board. The report of that committee shows the work to have been done very wisely and efficiently. No better commissioners could have been selected than those chosen. Messrs. L. P. Tapp, Carl Pridgen and M. C. Holland possess the confidence of the community, and will undoubtedly conduct the dispensary as the people wished it conducted when they voted it in to replace open saloons.

In view of what has occurred recently on the Isthmus of Panama the facts and figures given out by the department of commerce recently are of spenial interest

It is shown that the commerce of Panama amounts to about three miltion dollars per annum, its population to about 300,000, and its area to 31,571 square miles, or nearly equal to that of the state of Indiana. The principal ports are Panama, on the Pacific coast, and Colon, on the Atlantic side, and these ports are visited annually by more than one thousand vessels, which land over one million tons of merwhandise and nearly one hundred thousand passengers, chiefly for transfer over the Panama railway; 47 miles in length, connecting the Pacific port of Panama with the Atlantic port of Co-

Colon, or Aspinwall, as it is some times called, has a population of about 3,000 persons. The city of Panama has a population of about 25,000. It was founded in 1519, burned in 1671, and rebuilt in 1673, while Colon is of much more recent date, having been founded in 1855.

The population, which, as already indicated, amounts in number to about 300,000, is composed of various elements Spanish, Indian, Negro, and a limited number of persons from the European countries and the United States, especially those engaged in commerce and transportation and the operation of the Panama Railway. A considerable number of the population is composed of persons brought to the Isthmus as laborers for the construct nal, and of th ants. Since the abolition of slavery in Jamaica a considerable number of blacks and mulattoes have settled on the Isthmus as small dealers and farmers, and in some villages on the Atlantic side, they are said to be in the majority, and as a result the English language is much in use, especially on the Atlantic side. Some of the native population have retained their cusoms, speech, and physical type, especially those in the western part of the province, and claim to be descendants of the natives found in that section by the Spaniards when they discovered and conquered the country. Of the commerce of Panama, the United States supplies a larger share than any other country. Panama is connected with San Francisco by a weekly steamer schedule operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and with Valparaiso by a weekly steamer schedule operated by the Pacific Steam Navigation Compamy. Two passenger and two freight trains leave Panama daily for Colon and Colon daily for Panama. The time for passenger trains over the 47 miles of railway is three hours. From Panama there is one cable line north to American ports, and one to the south. The actual time conand in communicating with the Uni-of States and receiving an answer is failed by the consul to be usually about four hours: There are also ca-ble lines from Colon to the United States and Europe.

His Experience as a Publisher Didn't Lart Very Long.

[Copyright, 1908, by C. B. Lewis.] THEN I first became a diiapidated gentleman." said the C. O. D. man as

he received his fee in advance and bowed his thanks, "I decided to take in the glorlous west. I was doing some tramping, some mining and a great deal of starving and cussing in Montana when I struck a frontier town one night to find a good deal of excitement. The editor of the weekly paper had been lynched for protesting against the free and easy manners of the citzens, and his body had not yet been cut down. I stood gazing at it wh n the leader of the lynching party came up and slapped me on the shoulder and said:

"'Say, tenderfoot, are ye lookin' fur a job?

"'I am,' I replied.

"'Hey ye got any brains in yer bend?

"'I hope so.'

"'Te look to hey, but ye must also hey common sense mixed with 'em of ye'll come out as that feller did. D'ye think this town is too rough?

"'Not at all. It's just a lively town. "'Would ye go in fur hevin' law and

order? "No. sir. I should leave every man free to enjoy himself in his own way.

"Then ye are the kyote we are lookin' fur,' he continued as he grasped my hand. 'We want a new editor in place of that critter up thar. Jest ye go right down to the Eagle office and take possession, and I'll pass the hat around among the boys and rake in a few dollars."

"'But I don't own the Eagle.' I protested.

" That don't make a bit of difference Jest walk in and make yerself to home and begin to run tangs. If ye hit it off with the boys ye'll be all O. K.; if ye don't ye'll be hung in spite of gunpowder. Hump yerself along and begin bizness.

"I humped," said the C. O. D. man. "I entered the office to find two com-



tenves and less cur and her place or will ye lay down yer cares and bordens here and now? "'I think I'll travel,' slowly replied the editor.

"Then be a-gittin'.'

"They gave him time to make up a bundle of clothes and then started blin off, and when he had departed the boss turned to me with:

"'Now, young feller, step in and take possession. We may hang ye inside of two weeks or ye may pull along fur two or three months.

"Ten minutes later I was in full pos session of the office and found enough white paper to get out three issues The entire outfit, press and all, could have been packed on the back of a mule. I went to work with the aid n a boy and got out two fairly decent looking sheets, and as each copy sold for 50 cents spot cash it was better than mining. The second number had just been issued and I was patting myself on the back when about fifty men came marching up and halted in front of the office. Only one man came in. and he had a noosed rope over his arm. and he told me it was time for me to move on.

"'What's wrong?' I asked. "'Ob, nuthin', only ye've got to git.' and git I did, and that ended my edi-tirial experience and completed my "Benidation." M: QUAD:

Suitably Impressed

"Yes, ma'am," said the young woman who sometimes gave readings, "I shall be glad to entertain your guests on the date you suggest. My terms for an evening are \$25."

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"I beg your pardon, Mrs. Spudlong. for not thinking of that." rejoined the "It is a privilege, indeed, to be other. asked to read at your home, where only the best people ever come. I can readily see how it gives one entree inte good society and that this is worth more than mere money. I am therefore deeply sensible of the honor you confer in asking a comparatively unknown but ambitious person like me to appear in your parlors as a public entertainer. but my price, Mrs. Spudlong, is \$25, just the same, in advance. Lovely weather we're having this week, isn it?"-Chicago Tribune.

And Now They Don't Speak. "They say that Brock. a little town in Holland, is the cleanest town in the world," said the New York girl. "Do you suppose that's true?" "I know it's true from personal perience," answered the Chicago sirl. "Some girl friends of mine in Chicago and I were there not long ago. In they wouldn't let us go into any of the houses without taking off our shoes." "Yes. I suppose the houses there are rather small," mused the girl from New York .- New York Times.

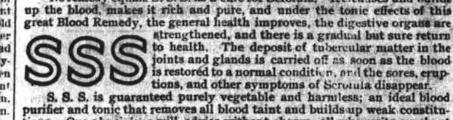
Woman's Way. Mrs. Bright-Really.

## SCROEULA A DISEASE

Scrofula manifests itself in many neck and throat, Catarrh, weak eyes, white swelling, offensive sores scesses, skin cruptions, loss of strength and weakness in museles and joints. It is a miscrable disease and traceable in almost every instance to some

family blood taint. Scrofula is bred in the bone, is transmitted North from parent to child, the seeds are planted in infancy and unless the blood is purged and pu-rified and every atom of the taint removed Scrofula is sure to develop at

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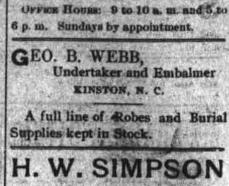
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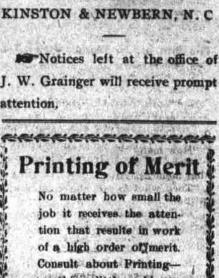


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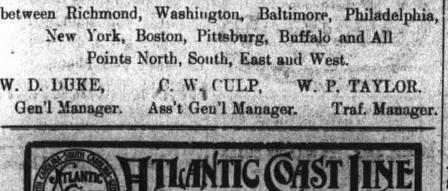
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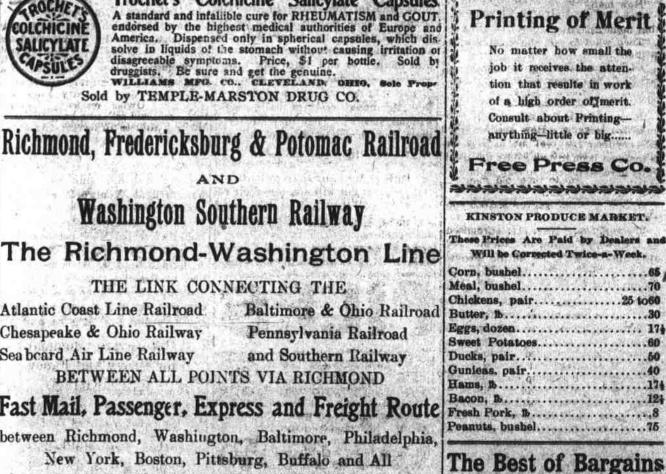
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IN ABOUT TWO MINUTES THEY BRAPPEARED WITH THE EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

positors who were half scared to death and who gladly welcomed me as editor and proprietor. The man who had accosted me on the street raised \$100 in cash for me to go ahead on, and I fint.er myself that I got out four very fair numbers. The fourth, onfortunately for the, contained an item to the effect that Bloody Hill, a rival town ive whee nwey, was doing a little ore shoet ag than our own. This was tooked upon as a bit of flagrant dislo, alty on any part, and I got out of town while a committee was looking for me with a noosed rope.

"My second and last editorial experience occurred two months later. I was tramping in Nevada and eating roots much oftener than meat when I headed for a mining town called Carson Flats. I was within a mile of the town and sitting down to rest when along came about thirty men in a body. They were tough looking fellows, and the leader looked me over and asked: "'Say, young feller, why don't ye

hang yerself? "Because I've no rope,' I answered

- "'Whar ye goin'?
- " 'Down to the Flats.'
- " 'What fur?' "'To hit a job on the Banner.'
- " "Then ye are a newspaper galoot?"

" 'Something of one.' "The fellow consulted with three or four of the others, and I was asked to come along to the Flats in their company. We had hardly reached the town when we came to a stop before the Banner office, and the leader and two of his crowd entered. In about two minutes they reappeared with the editor and proprietor, who had a rope around his neck and was somewhat perturbed. There were cries of 'Hang him?' from various individuals, but the boss waved his hand for allence and

mald: "'All in reg'lar order, boys, and no horry about it. This yers individual is the editor of the Banner. His paper is the editor of the Banner. His paper seems to be all right fur this town of Carson Flats, whar they are ready to put up with most anything in the III-enery line, but it don't satisfy us as liv-over at Pine Hill, and we are sere to gin this kyote a chance—that is, he's sot to git or hang, and I don't thick we ease which he does. What will it be, mister?"

"What fault do you find with my aper? asked the editor, who was fur soler than would have been looked for "Thar ain't 'anif' whoop to it, and we don't believe to new the right sort of

looking at all well. T don't think you're fit to go to the office today. Mr. Bright-I do feel tough. I think

will stay home. Mrs. Bright (an hour liter)-1 don't see why you can't take up the parlor carpet and dust it. You're just hateful! So there !- Philadelphia Ledger,

Willing to Please Her. "Why do you argue with your wife?" asked the bachelor. "Don't you know the futilify of it?" "Of course," replied the married man "but I have to allow her a little pleas ure once in awhile."-Syracuse Journa



"Well?" "Tell me one of them funny stories of yourn-about what a mischievous kid you was."-Chicago American.

"Say, pop!

Not He. "He is dead!" she walled "No, he has merely passed into a bet ter world," said the comforting friend "Oh, you never knew him."-Cincid-nati-Commercial Tribune.

A Modern Witch. She's so demure' With downcoast eyes She seems indeed a model maid. So shy and coy and timoreus And subphily of mess straid. With quiet modesty she moves, And sou would susser she's good pure. If you but glimsed her basel eyes And now their depths She's so demu

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