

A COMMENABLE SELECTION.

In sharp contrast to the Raleigh aldermanic embroglio over the dispensary commissioners was the recent appointment 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.

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 special interest.

It is shown that the commerce of Panama amounts to about three million 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.

Colon, or Aspinwall, as it is sometimes 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.

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.

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 Company.

From Panama there is one cable line north to American ports, and one to the south. The actual time consumed in communicating with the United States and receiving an answer is stated by the consul to be usually about four hours.

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Trial of the C. O. D. Man

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

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WHEN I first became a dilapidated gentleman," said the C. O. D. man as he received his fee in advance and bowed his thanks, "I decided to take in the glorious 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 citizens, and his body had not yet been cut down. I stood gazing at it when the leader of the lynching party came up and slapped me on the shoulder and said:

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

"I am," I replied.

"Hey ye got any brains in yer head?"

"I hope so."

"Ye look to hev, but ye must also hev common sense mixed with 'em or 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 hev'in' 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 things. 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-

positors who were half scared to death and who gladly welcomed me as editor and proprietor. The man who had

recruited me on the street raised \$100 in cash for me to go ahead on, and I

filled myself that I got out four very fair numbers. The fourth, unfortunately for me, contained an item to the effect that Bloody Hill, a rival town

five miles away, was doing a little some slapping than our own. This was

looked upon as a bit of flagrant disloyalty on my 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?"

"'Cause I've no rope," I answered.

"What ye goin' for?"

"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 silence and said:

"All in regular order, boys, and no

burry about it. This yere individual is the editor of the Banner. His paper

seems to be all right fur this town of Carson Flats, whar they are ready to

get up with most anything in the literary line, but it don't satisfy us as

never at Pine Hill, and we are here to

gin this kyote a chance—that is, he's

got to sit or hang, and I don't think

we care which he does. What will it be, mister?"

"What fault do you find with my

paper?" asked the editor, who was far

cooler than would have been looked for.

"That ain't 'nuff whoop to it, and

we don't believe ye are the right sort of

critter to put the whop in. With ye

times and how far and her place or will ye lay down yer cares and burdens 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 him 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 month's."

"Ten minutes later I was in full

possession 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 of 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.

"Oh, nuthin', only ye've got to git, and git I did, and that ended my editorial experience and completed my

dilapidation." M. QUAD.

Suitably Impressed.

"Yes, mam," 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."

"My dear young lady," said Mrs.

Spudlong, with a happily smile, "there is never any question of compensation

when anybody appears at my house in the character of an entertainer. It

establishes one's standing, and the honor of so appearing is a sufficient remuneration."

"I beg your pardon, Mrs. Spudlong,

for not thinking of that," rejoined the other. "It is a privilege, indeed, to be

asked to read at your home, where only the best people ever come. I can

readly see how it gives one entire into 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't it?"—Chicago Tribune.

And Now They Don't Speak.

"They say that Brook, 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 experience," answered the Chicago girl.

"Some girl friends of mine in Chicago

and I were there not long ago, and 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, dear, you're not

looking at all well. I don't think you're fit to go to the office today.

Mr. Bright—I do feel tough. I think I will stay home.

Mrs. Bright (an hour later)—I 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 futility of it?"

"Of course," replied the married man.

"but I have to allow her a little pleasure once in a while."—Syracuse Journal.

A Reminder.

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