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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The indictment of the cotton grafters in the Department of Agriculture seems to be an approaching possibility. In view of the fact that it reported that Holmes made half a million out of his crookedness, it would seem that a trial of some sort is in order. It is quite likely that the Secretary of Agriculture would have been satisfied with Holmes' dismissal from the service, but he has been prodded by the Executive and the acting Attorney General and the Attorney for the District of Columbia have been in ponderous conference and now "think" they may be able to proceed with a criminal prosecution that may include more people than Holmes. A Washington broker who knows the ins and outs of the cotton market, said in an interview today that if he had had the advance information in the possession of Holmes he could have made a million for himself in the market and given another million to his informant. He added with an unctious smile that of course he would not have been guilty of any such crookedness but the possibilities open to Holmes are patent from his statement and it is probable that public opinion if nothing else will force a criminal prosecution of the case.

One of the results of the cotton leak has been a reorganization of the Agricultural Department as far as the statistics are concerned. The preparation of the crop reports are to be placed in the hands of a board. As soon as the returns from the field come in, they will be looked up by the Assistant Secretary, who will be the chairman of the board. On a given day he will hand the reports to the other members of the board who will be four division chiefs and let them figure averages. An average will then be taken of their averages and the report issued. The work will be done in an inside room of the Department, and Secretary Wilson is responsible for the assurance that a leak of any sort will be "absolutely impossible. The late Statistician Mr. Hyde, has been giving that same sort of assurance for at least five years past. Possibly, however, the Secretary's assurance will be more assuring.

The government is on the point of opening bids for the importation of the coolly laborers to the isthmus to work on the canal that will be built sometime with the permission of the Chagres River and the Trans-Continental railways. There will be between five and ten thousand able bodied coolies and the like lauded by the contractors on the isthmus. The laborers will be selected in their homes and shipped to the isthmus by the contractor. He is expected to make his profit out of the transportation of the laborers, which ought to assure the laborers

of palatial accommodations en route. The deal will be shorn of any semblance of servitude by the coming of each laborer coming up to the pay shed and asking in a wondering tone whether the builders of the canal can give him a job. The probabilities are that after being brought three or four thousand miles for that particular purpose that a job will be found for him, and he will thereupon make an individual contract with the government. After his contract term is over, if he is not dead in the meantime, which is a probability also, he will be returned to China or wherever he came from by the contractor, that is if he does not immigrate to the United States by way of the Texas border. The chances of a Chinese importation over that border are large and remuneration are fully proportionate to the risks.

China has sent an identical note to the powers on the subject of Manchuria. No one cares particularly what China says on the subject of Manchuria, but the note has arrived in Washington and has been forwarded to the President at Oyster Bay, China declares that she will not be bound by any agreement into by Russia and Japan at the coming peace conference that does not recognize her sovereign rights in Manchuria. This is chiefly interesting from the fact that Japan has loudly proclaimed that she did not intend to do anything with Manchuria but return it to China. China's note seems to indicate a lack of faith in Japan's assurance and it is just possible that if any result is reached at all by the Russian and Japanese envoys at Portsmouth it may be of such a nature as to awaken the fears of all the powers, including the United States that have the territorial integrity of China at heart. Chinese diplomacy is not usually asleep at a critical juncture, and it is just possible that she may have gotten a hint of the proposed Japanese terms before anyone else outside of Japan.

The will of the late Secretary Hay has been submitted for probate in the District court. It is a short document and with the exception of three personal bequests leaves the whole of the estate to Mrs. Hay. The amount involved is said to be well over a million dollars.

The question of tariff revision at the coming session of Congress is retiring further into the background as the leader of the two houses intended it should. There must be some legislation to meet the growing deficit of the Treasury, but it is probable will be of a makeshift character, such as a reimposition of the Spanish war taxes or an increase in the tax on beer. The threats of the administration seem to have had no other effect on the standard patters than to make them stand pat. The talk of buying isthmian canal

plies abroad was intended as a scare for the protected manufacturers but while it showed up plainly enough the need for tariff revision, it was without any other effect and will be used most cheerfully by the opposition as campaign ammunition when the issue of tariff reduction can be postponed no longer by the Republican leaders in Congress.

## INDIGESTION CURED

There is no case of Indigestion, Dyspepsia or Stomach Trouble that will not yield to the digestive and strengthening influence of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. This remedy takes the strain off the stomach by digesting what you eat and allowing it to rest until it grows strong again. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure affords quick and permanent relief from indigestion and all stomach troubles, builds up the system and so purifies that disease can not attract and gain a foothold as when in a weakened condition. The constantly increasing sales of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure by physicians of hospitals and general practice of itself tells how this most wonderful modern discovery has proven to be the greatest digestant for the alleviation of a suffering humanity. Its many cures of both children and adults grows larger day by day. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

A rice planter of the North Carolina coast has found he can grow the finest quality of celery in his rice fields. Like the rice growers of this State, the North Carolina planters have been at a loss to know what they shall do with their no longer profitable rice fields. The Wilmington planter in question experimented with several acres of celery and the results are said to be entirely satisfactory.—Columbia State.

The pills that act as a tonic, and not as a drastic purge, are De Witt's Little Early Risers. They cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, etc. Early Risers are small, easy to take and easy to act—a safe pill. Mack Hamilton, hotel, clerk at Valley City, N. D., says: "Two bottles of these pills cured me of chronic constipation. Good for either children or adults. W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., says: "For years I have used Little Early Riser Pills in my family. No better pill can be used for constipation, sick headache, etc. than these famous pills. Scores of testimonials prove their worth. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

Most men feel like giving good measure when malice is in the market.

## THE DIAMOND CURE.

The latest news from Paris, is that they have discovered a diamond cure for consumption. If you fear consumption or pneumonia, it will, however, be best for you to take that great remedy mentioned by W. T. McGee, of Vanleer, Tenn. "I had a cough for fourteen years. Nothing helped me, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, Coughs and Colds, which gave instant relief, and effected a permanent cure." Unequaled quick cure, for Throat and Lungs Troubles. At M. B. Blackburn's; price 50c and 1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Most people are satisfied with what they have. It's what they haven't that causes their dissatisfaction.

## FORCED TO STARVE.

B. F. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years I suffered agonies, with a sore on my upper lip so painful, sometimes that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it with Bucklen's Arnica Salve." Its great for burns, cuts and wounds. At M. B. Blackburn's.

**In Memoriam.**  
Died in her home at Banner Elk, N. C., on the 7th day of July, 1905, Mrs. Pattie Banner Proffitt, aged 43 years. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. A. Newell, assisted by Rev. Edgar Tufts, after which her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the grave yard at Banner Elk. A large congregation and many floral tributes spoke eloquently of how she was appreciated and loved by relatives and friends.

Born in Forsyth county N. C., on July 21st, 1861, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Markham Banner, moved to Watauga county when she was a mere child. Early in life she gave her heart to God, and united with the Methodist church. On the 6th day of March, 1880, she was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas J. Proffitt. The Lord brightened their home with seven children, six of whom are still living.

It would be hard to find a life that daily bore more "fruit of the Spirit" than hers did. Her love for her home, family and neighbors was free from all selfishness. If she had an enemy no one knew it, for she was never heard to speak evil of any one. During her long illness, she was never heard to complain or murmur. Fresh in the memory of many a traveler is the cordial hospitality that always characterized her home. But her love for home and the things of this life did not quench her love for God. She fed upon His word and often communed with Him in prayer. Over and over again did she tell the loved ones around her bed, that she was not afraid to die, for her Savior was with her. At times she was heard to quote precious passages from God's Holy Word, and once while the cold hand of death seemed upon her, she sang in a clear, sweet voice, "I am going home to die no more."

It ever the life and words of a person bore record of a true Christian character, such was the gentle, affectionate life and dying words of the one whose body we have recently laid to rest.

"Put by her work and empty chair;  
Fold up the garments she used to wear;  
Lift down the curtains and close the door,  
She will need the garnished light no more;  
For the task assigned her under the sun  
Is finished now and the garlands won.  
Tenderly kiss her, put out the light  
And leave her alone—she will sleep tonight.

Weep for the days that will come no more,  
For the sunbeam flown from the hearth and door,  
For a missing step, for the name less grace  
Of a tender voice and a loving face;  
But not for the soul, whose goal is won,  
Whose infinite joy has just begun—  
Not for the spirit enrobed in light,  
And crowned where the angels are tonight."

FRIEND.

No man with a torpid liver can be a successful optimist.

The Tennessee Tomahawk voices the sentiment often expressed by us in the following paragraph:

"The Tomahawk is not owned and operated by angels, however, those connected with the paper do not have to carry whiskey add to 'keep the wolf from the door.' A proposition to carry an ad of this nature was turned down Tuesday. We have no patience with an editor and have no confidence in what he says in behalf of temperance when at the same time and often on the same page of his paper can be found a display ad for some saloonist."

It sometimes happens that a man lies when he smiles and says nothing.

## Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble had become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a Home of Swamp-Root pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake; but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

## NOTICE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed to the undersigned by James Tester and wife, Rachel Tester, on the first day of January, 1904, to secure the payment of the sum of four hundred dollars, (\$400.00) \$150.20, having been paid, leaving a balance due to this date of \$249.80. Now, therefore, by virtue of said power contained in said mortgage, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Boone the following described lands on the 4th day of September, 1905, at the hour of 12, M. Said land known as the John A. Woodring lands, lying and being in the county of Watauga on the waters of Baird's Creek. Beginning on a Spanish oak, E. 20 poles to a chestnut oak, S. 40 P. to a hickory, E. 20 poles to a chestnut, S. 80 poles to a birch, W. 80 poles to a chestnut oak, N. 60 poles to a chestnut at the head of a drain, W. 70 poles to a Spanish oak, N. 160 poles, crossing two branches, to a dogwood, E. 70 poles to a maple, then to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less.

Second tract: Beginning on a chestnut N. 10° E. 60 poles to a chestnut, N. 55° E. 20 poles to a hickory, S. 55° E. 40 poles to a chestnut in the fork of a branch, S. 14° E. 24 poles to a black oak, S. 24 poles to a water oak, W. 60 poles to a hickory, N. 40 poles to a chestnut oak, thence to the beginning, containing 100 acres more or less. The lands above described lands will be sold for cash in hand on day of sale to satisfy said debt, interest and costs, and deed in fee executed to the purchaser. Reference is hereby made to said mortgage, which is registered in book "D," page 585, in the office of the Registered of Deeds of Watauga county. This July 5th, 1905.

A. M. WOODRING,  
DORA WOODRING, Mortgagees.