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## PROFESSIONAL.

**L. D. LOWE,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
BANNER ELK, N. C.  
Will practice in the courts of Watauga, Mitchell and adjoining counties. 7-6-'04

**Todd & Ballou,**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.  
JEFFERSON, N. C.  
Will practice in all the courts. Special attention given to real estate law and collections. 6-15-'06.

**J. E. HODGES,**  
Veterinary Surgeon,  
SANDS, N. C.  
Aug. 6. 1y.

**F. A. LINNEY,**  
—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
BOONE, N. C.  
Will practice in the courts of the 13th Judicial District in all matters of a civil nature. 6-11-1906.

**EDMUND JONES,**  
—LAWYER—  
LENOIR, N. C.—  
Will Practice Regularly in the Courts of Watauga. 6-1-'06.

**J. C. FLETCHER,**  
Attorney At Law,  
—BOONE, N. C.—  
Careful attention given to collections.

**E. F. LOVILL,**  
—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
—BOONE, N. C.—  
Special attention given to all business entrusted to his care. 1-1-'04.

**A. A. Holsclaw,**  
—ATTORNEY AT LAW—  
Mountain City, Tennessee.  
Will practice in all the courts of Tennessee, State and Federal. Special attention given to collections and all other matters of a legal nature.  
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—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
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Prompt attention given to all matters of a legal nature. Abstracting titles and collection of claims a speciality. 1-1-'07.

**W. H. BOWER,**  
—ATTORNEY AT LAW,—  
Lenoir, N. C.  
Practices in the courts of Caldwell, Watauga, Mitchell, Ashe and other surrounding counties.  
Prompt attention given to all legal matters entrusted to his care.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Indications accumulate that this country is going to have a hard time letting go in Cuba. The visit of Secretary Taft to the island has not cleared the situation so much as it might. It will be at least a year before the island can be handed over to the natives, and it is generally feared that when it is there will be only a brief interlude before there is more revolutionary trouble and the intervention of the United States will again be called for to protect American property interests. This country has hundreds of millions of dollars invested in the island, and even this is not as much as the combined interests of the other foreign governments. The experience of the American ad interim government has been that the Cubans are easy enough to govern, but that they will not govern themselves. It is a case of too many of them who are cut out for reporters and insist on being editors. This government has been besought by England, Germany and France not to let go of the island now under American control, the general fear being the island if left to itself, will develop into another Hayti under negro domination. Foreign governments cannot as a rule understand that the United States was sincere in its announcement that it did not want the island originally and was not going to fight Spain for the sake of acquiring it. Preparations are being made for taking a new census preparatory to another election, but it will be six or eight months before that is completed. Then there will be another six months before the elections are held and the new government is set running. Then there will be considerable time required for the evacuation and most observers do not give the natives more than a year and a half after that to foment another revolution. If the United States is forced to go back again and take charge of affairs, it is a serious question whether it may not decide to stay permanently, if not annexing the island, at least keeping such a strict hand on affairs that it will virtually amount to annexation.

It looks now as though the fight in Central America might end in a tolerably permanent for the most of the warring states down there. There have been a number of conferences of South American diplomats at the State Department in the past two weeks and it is believed that they will be able to get Honduras, Salvador and Nicaragua together on the basis of a permanent peace and cement an agreement in virtue of which there will be quiet and internal development in the little republics along the isthmus and to the southward for some time to come.

This government stands to all it properly can for the peace of the world, and an indication of this was given this week by the announcement of the peace indicates to the Hague made from the State Department. The party will sail from this country for Antwerp about the middle of May and will include two more members than was originally intended. The scope of this conference has been enlarged, too, and will take another and more important questions than would have been considered had it met last summer as was intended.

The delegates as announced are Joseph Choate, former Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Gen. Horace Porter, former Ambassador to France,

Judge U. M. Rose, president of the Arkansas Bar Association, David Jayne Hill, American minister to the Netherlands, Brig. Gen. Geo. B. Davis, Rear Admiral Chas. Sperry, and William I. Bunchmann, first minister of the United States to the Republic of Panama.

One of the most remarkable pseudo international incidents on record for a long time was brought to a close this week by the departure for New York of Mrs. Ida Von Clausen, who came all the way from Sweden to see President Roosevelt about what she declared was a slight put on her by Minister Graves of Sweden. Mrs. Von Clausen was never heard of except by a limited circle of friends till the present incident arose. She was rich, very beautiful, and elegantly dressed. While in Sweden she wanted to be presented at court, but for some reason, the official one was lack of proper credentials, she was not presented by our Minister. She was very much incensed at what she termed this slight, and came all the way to Washington from Sweden to present her case personally to the President. She took quarters at the most expensive hotel in town and prepared to lay siege to the White House in her latest Parisian gown. But right in the ante-room, her personally conducted embassy bogged down to the hubs and stopped. The President was busy, very; the Secretary to the President was also busy excessively. The secretary to the secretary was busier still, and the most that Mrs. Von Clausen could do was to send in a card by a messenger and he told that there was no use in coming back, and the whole of the White House staff would be too busy to see her at any time. She stayed in Washington three days and tried to get a commission in lunacy appointed to inquire into her own sanity. But the President declined to take any of her demands seriously and she left town this week, vowing that she was going to Germany and renounce her American citizenship. How the Kaiser will make out with this fascinating but imperious subject is a question.

Those interested in the personality and doings of the great and near-great, will be pleased to learn that Secretary Taft, may be Republican nominee for the Presidency, has succeeded in taking 100 pounds off his weight in the past year. He has put himself under the care of a noted physician, taken to a strict diet, cut out sweets, beer and as much of other liquids as he can, and rides horseback as much as possible; that is to say, as much as possible for the horse. The Secretary says he can afford to keep only two saddle horses of the Percheron breed and two horses don't go very far with him yet. But he is happy in the reduction he has already accomplished, and confided to a friend the other day that he really "did not weigh much more than a grand piano."

## Torture By Savages.

"Speaking of the torture to which some of the savage tribes in the Philippines subject their captives, reminds me of the intense suffering I endured for three months from inflammation of the kidneys," says W. M. Sherman, of Cushing Me. Nothing helped me until I ate Electric Bitters, three bottles of which completely cured me. This medicine is a great relief to all weak and nervous, and restores health. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents.

## Good Roads and Rural Mail.

Our attention has been directed to a clipping, taken from the Rural Free Delivery News, on good roads and rural mail, which must be of interest. The clipping is as follows.

"It is announced that the government will look more carefully to the enforcement of its rule regulating the roads over which rural free delivery is established. The present requirement is: 'Roads traversed shall be kept in good condition and unobstructed by gates; there must be no unbridged creeks or streams not fordable at any season of the year.' In many cases the residents along proposed routes have made improvements that enable them to obtain rural delivery service, but sometimes the efforts to keep up the roads are relaxed. But the government has decided that unless the roads traveled by the carriers are properly maintained the service will be withdrawn. The Postoffice Department now calls on the carriers for reports on the roads, and will stop the service where the highways in question are bad.

"The 35,973 rural delivery carriers now employed cover 863,363 miles daily, and it is unreasonable to expect them to contend with neglected roads, or to work for communities lacking the enterprise to keep their common highways in decent shape. Wherever a route is discontinued the inhabitants themselves will be to blame for it, for if alive to their own interest and their duty to the public they would give their roads vigorous and constant attention. The idea that a route once authorized is necessarily permanent is a mistake. Advice on the best road methods is supplied by the Agricultural Department, and a neighborhood that loses its rural delivery must itself bear the discredit for so unpleasant and humiliating a event."

Persons living along rural mail routes should read the above and profit by the suggestion given for their significance cannot be denied.

It is, as observed above, a blind error to fancy that because a certain rural route has been established, its permanency is guaranteed, unless all requirements are fulfilled. We hear of too many routes being discontinued at different places, where the patrons failed to come up to the requirements of the government, for that.

Therefore, it is important that every condition imposed by the government be complied with.

No community can now afford to be robbed of its rural mail service, nor will any one be if the requirements are fulfilled.

The rural free delivery has passed that stage where it is a mere convenience, a pleasant thing to enjoy. It is now looked upon as a necessity. By means of it the country; the remotest rural vicinities, have been brought within finger touch with the cities. A thousand advantages are derived that were once denied the country folk.

It is an education within itself. As a result of it, citizens of the country are as well, if not better, posted on the affairs of the world at large than those of the city. They get the news when it is news and the value of this is inestimable.

But, no argument is longer necessary in this matter. It is only necessary to repeat that there is a duty levying on every person on these routes, to see to it that these routes are made permanent.—Charlotte News.

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## OBITUARY.

Sister Susan A. Presnell, the subject of this sketch, was the daughter of John and Susan Gragg, and twin sister of Caroline Gragg, who still survives her. She was born June 14, 1837, and died Feb. 12, 1907, aged 69 years, 7 months and 28 days. She was married to Brother W. W. Presnell March 17, 1861, and was the mother of 11 children, four of whom had gone on to the better land.

She professed faith in Christ and joined the Brushy Fork Baptist church in 1859, soon after it was organized and while the meetings were held in the old school house near where J. F. Wilson now lives, and during the many years of her Christian pilgrimage did she greatly honor that profession, walking uprightly before the world in the footsteps of the Savior she loved and served. She was always faithful, when in health, to attend the church, and was deeply interested in its work and welfare. She was always faithful to reprove and rebuke sin and was often admonishing sinners to turn from their evil ways to the Savior of sinners, and during the many years of her Christian life, so full of troubles and trials and vexations, and so much suffering did that hope in Christ sustain her; often speaking of the blessed home just beyond, and now that Sister Presnell is gone, the church realizes its loss, and doubtless the lonely and bereaved husband and family keenly feel their irreparable loss of a faithful wife and kind and loving mother, but all our loss is not to be compared with her eternal gain. And may this dispensation of kind Providence be for our eternal good.

May we all, like Sister Presnell, try to walk very close in the foot steps of Jesus, the Lamb of God who taketh away our sins and be prepared to meet Him at His coming.

"A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled."

L. M. TRIVETT,  
J. W. HOLSCLAW, Com.

## Doctors are Puzzled.

The remarkable recovery of Kenneth McIver, of Nanceboro, Me., is the subject of much interest to the medical fraternity and a wide circle of friends. He says of his case: "Owing to severe inflammation of the throat and congestion of the lungs, three doctors gave me up to die, when as a last resort, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and I am happy to say, it saved my life." Cures the worst coughs and colds, bronchitis, tonsillitis, weal lungs, hoarseness and la grippe. Guaranteed by all druggists, 50 cts. and \$1. Trial bottles free.

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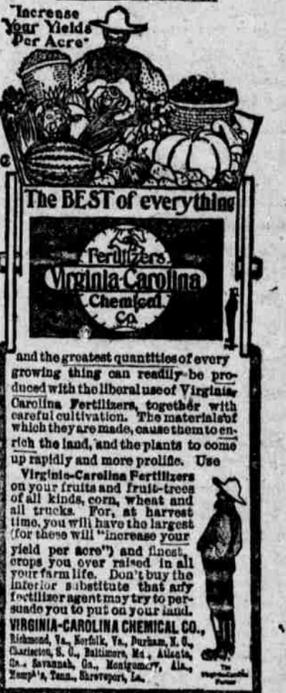
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It's too bad a man can't get into heaven with his tombstone inscription as a passport.

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

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

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