

**PRACTICAL WORK FOR THE FARMERS**

**REPRESENTATIVE LEVER HAS GOVERNMENT EXPERTS BUSY**

**Elaborate Soil Surveys—Many Kinds Identified, Capable of Growing All Sorts of Crops—Great Success of the Drug Farm in Florence County.**

Charleston Post.  
Columbia, July 16.—Congressman Lever, who was here today on his way home from Bishopville, talked in an interesting way to your correspondent about the new soil surveys being made in his district by the newly created division of utilization of soil. The experiments are being made by Prof. Frank Bennett and three other experts, the quartet working in two squads.

Heretofore these surveys have been limited to find the type of the soil in scattered sections of the state and issuing bulletins on this information with maps. Now not only the type of the soil is being determined, but the crop best adapted to the various types is discovered to the farmer by actual experiment and the fertilizer that can be best and most economically used is also determined.

"In Lee county we have already discovered twelve distinct types of soil," said Mr. Lever. "With this information we will make a map of the county pointing out where the soils lie, and we will conduct 50 to 75 farms of a few acres each to demonstrate the fertilizer and crop it will be best to use."

"I told the Marlboro farmers, who are using 1,500 pounds of commercial fertilizer to the acre, that I believed that this state, which spends \$5,000,000 a year for commercial fertilizer, more than any other state in the Union uses, is wasting a third of this fertilizer by using too much, and a third more by shallow plowing."

"In my opinion the south has suffered more from politicians talking demagogery and pessimism than from all other sources. The farmer wants to get the idea in his head that he has got to work hard and intelligently and with faith and confidence. The Southern farmer has untold riches in his grasp if he will but get down to work and quit growling about his down-trodden condition."

Mr. Lever and the experts have organized an improvement association among the Lee county farmers, and will organize similarly throughout his district. Next September or October, when the crops are "laid by" he will have representatives of all the principal divisions of the agricultural department come to the state and lecture to country meetings held in the picnic style.

Speaking of the drug farm in Florence county, which the government is conducting in Congressman Ellerbe's district, Mr. Lever said:

"It has been demonstrated by actual experiment that \$75 an acre can be cleared on degitalis and belladonna in that soil. This government imports \$16,000,000 worth of the drug plants that are being successfully raised in Florence, and the investigations already made show that all that this country demands can be grown right here in South Carolina."

**Two Sides of the Question.**

The agent of a building did not like the looks of the man who wanted to rent the second floor flat, says the Chicago Tribune.

"We require the payment of the rental monthly in advance, of course," he said.

"That will be all right," answered the man. "The rooms suit me and I am willing to pay a year in advance if necessary."

"You don't object to music, perhaps? There's a piano on the first floor and a harp and zither on the third."

"We don't take renters who have children, you know."

"We haven't any. My family consists of my wife, myself and a grown son."

"Also we require the best of references."

"Here they are."

The agent looked at them and handed them back.

"They are all right, I'll have to let you in. You are fortunate, Mr. Spondoo, in getting the apartments at this time. By order of Mr. Hunks I have had all the rooms thorough—"

"Does old Hunks own this building?"

"Certainly. As I was saying—"

"Great Scott! the only object I have in moving is to get out of one of old Hunks's apartment houses. I wouldn't live here rent free! \* \* \* No, thanks I can find my way out without any assistance. Good morning, sir."

**An Impossible Task.**

Alexander Graham Bell, the famous inventor of the telephone, was discussing flying machines, says the Chicago Chronicle. Prof. Bell speaks with authority on this subject, for it is his tetrahedral kite that has given the unit upon which flying machines be proportioned, and Santos Dumont's success has been due to his observance of the principle first enunciated by the great American scientist.

"We go very awkwardly about flying," said Prof. Bell. "In all inventions the first steps are taken with an awkwardness that to later generations seem ludicrously incredible. Indeed, at the start we are like the two men with the plank."

"One man asked another to help him carry a long and heavy plank home. Accordingly they stooped down back to back, took it up and, of course, they couldn't make any progress with it."

"No go," said the owner after a while of balking. 'Turn round.'

They both turned round and were face to face. With the plank on their heads they stood in this posture, regarding one another stolidly for some time. Then the first man said disgustedly:

"Leave the beggar down, Jack. No two men can carry one plank. I'll take her home myself."

**A Fashion From War.**

London Standard.  
When the neat man takes unto himself a watch as thin as parchment he little thinks that that thin watch results from army regulations.

Up to the time of the Allies taking Paris the ordinary watch was convex in shape and called from its outline a "turnip." The officers of the Russian and other armies objected to this because of a man on parade looking untidy, whether it was carried in the coat or the fob. Here in Paris, however, they found that the watchmakers of the Palais Royal had contrived a chronometer which got over the difficulty.

Flat watches were the fashion in Paris. The English when they appeared in the streets of the French capital marched in not in gala dress such as the others wore, but in the raiment which they had worn on campaign. Great was the impression which their habiliments created. But they at once adopted the smart flat watch and brought it back to England for our own manufacturers to copy.

**What Tree Would Have Said.**

An alumnus of St. Stephen's college said of the late Bishop George F. Seymour:

"Bishop Seymour founded St. Stephen's and we treasure here many anecdotes about his wardenship."

"The bishop was very fond of trees, and one day, while walking with a young lady, he pointed out to her some of the fine trees in the neighborhood. She professed great interest and delight. She cried:

"How, the noble aspect of beautiful trees stirs up the keenest emotions of the soul.' Then, taking a great rough trunk, she went on, 'You superb oak, what would you say to me if you could talk?'"

"The bishop smiled."

"I believe I can be his interpreter," he murmured. 'He would probably say, "I beg your pardon, miss, I am a beech."'"

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