

PROMOTING FARMING EFFICIENCY

Federal Scheme to Increase Output of Fields With Less Work

(Literary Digest)

The Agricultural Extension Bill, fathered by Representative A. F. Lever, of South Carolina, and Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, chairman of the House and Senate committees on agriculture, promises, according to its finds, to provide the much-needed link between the sources of helpful scientific information and the farming people "It carries out to the farm," says P. H. McGowan, Washington correspondent of the Columbian State, "the approved methods and practices of the agricultural colleges, experiment stations, the Department of Agriculture, and the best farmers, and demonstrates their value under the immediate environment of the farm itself, thus providing the means by which the organized agricultural institutions of the country may be made to serve all the people, as should be the case, rather than a limited and privileged few." The Philadelphia North American, commencing on the bill when it passed the House a few days ago, said its final enactment is "of transcendent importance." The Philadelphia paper thinks it is by no means certain that the bill is thoroughly understood by the congressmen who gave it their support. "Most of them," says The North American, "have been rather bored by the enthusiasm with which Mr. Lever has pursued the subject during the last few years." But, while many Congressmen have not gone deeply into the subject, Washington news dispatches indicate that there is strong sentiment in both houses for legislation looking to the promotion of better farming. The North American gives us this explanation and indorsement of the measure:

"The Lever Bill at the beginning would grant \$480,000, \$10,000 going to each State complying with the requirements, the total being increased by \$300,000 yearly for nine years, with a permanent annual appropriation of \$3,000,000 thereafter.

"These funds are to be expended cooperatively by the Government and the various State agricultural colleges. Bulletins will be issued presenting the practical form the vast resources of knowledge gained by agricultural scientists through laborious experimentation, and experts will be sent into each rural district to demonstrate to the farmers the most improved methods of soil treatment, cultivation, fertilization, crop rotation, and marketing, and to the farmers' wives and children, the principles of scientific economy in dairying, poultry-raising, and home-making.

The argument does not imply that farmers as a class are ignorant of the requirements of their own calling. But it meets squarely the incontrovertible fact that many of them are pursuing wrong or wasteful methods and giving arduous labor without due return. The author of the bill, and others who have studied the system of agriculture, declare that by such means the crop yield can be increased 100 per cent, without a largely increased expenditure of human energy.

"Nor is this mere theorizing. The judgment is based upon conditions in Europe. Long ago the peoples of those countries were driven by the economic pressure, now just being felt in this country, to adopt scientific methods of agriculture, and the Lever Bill aims to adopt to American use such of the principles employed in Europe as are fitted to American conditions.

"With older and poorer soil, denser population and primitive tools, the European farmer has distanced the American in nearly every crop. Our average yield of potatoes is 80 bushels an acre; Belgium's yield is 226; France's 190; Russia's, 135; Our average wheat crop is 13.7 bushels per acre; in Europe it ranges from 20 to 40. The average there of all crops is about two and one-half times the average of the United States.

"If we 'go to school' to the European peasant it will be no radical in-

novation, for it was in Europe that we found our models in methods of conserving forests and other natural resources, and also for conserving our human resources, through scientific measures looking to social and industrial justice.

"It is a healthy sign that the promoter of the bill is a Southerner. The Middle West and the Far West have their Holdens and their Colburns their astonishingly successful corn clubs and agricultural colleges and cooperative creameries, elevators, mills, and marketing associations. But the South is coming forward with giant strides, and it is on record that in Congressman Lever's own State of South Carolina demonstrations of scientific methods have increased the cotton production from 584 pounds an acre to 1,315 pounds.

"Progressive as the West is, it still has need of the practical, coordinated application of scientific principles provided in the new bill. Between 1900 and 1910 the gross receipts per acre from the cultivated lands of Iowa were \$11.40, while densely populated Denmark not only fed its own people, but exported \$9 worth of farm products of every acre under the plow. During the same period the United States exports of foodstuffs fell from \$251,000,000 to \$135,000,000, and our imports of foodstuffs showed an increase of \$13,000,000. While our unequaled area of arable soil, and a singularly favorable climate, this country is rapidly approaching a condition where it will be unable to feed its own population.

"But the greatest agricultural development of this and coming generations will be in the South. No section of the country is comparable to it in fertility."

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