

ABOUT SOIL SURVEYS.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING FOR FARMERS.

The Work That Mr. Frank Bennett, Of the United States Soil Survey, Who is Located Here, is Doing.

There can be no doubt that the diversification of crops is possible in the South and the farmers of this section are coming more and more to realize that cotton alone is not the only product of this great section.

The facts in regard to the carrying on of this work are obtained through Mr. Bennett and are of interest to not only planters but the reading public in general.

Through the active efforts of southern representatives in congress the agricultural department is now doing more work in the South than in any other part of the country.

Congressman Lever has been instrumental in bringing this about and the scheme is outlined below and is supposed to enlighten the farmer on the subject of the best methods of planting his farm in order to secure the best results financially.

The soil surveys of the counties of Lee, Sumter and Orangeburg have just been completed. Mr. Frank Bennett of the United States department of agriculture, bureau of soils, is in charge of these surveys.

Mr. Bennett is a southern man, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a practical farmer. He has the supervision of these maps which give contour maps showing the character of soil, streams, towns, houses, etc.; this is known as a base map.

In order to make the maps more practical, Mr. Bennett has been put in charge of the fertilizer and crop experiments. Samples of these soils in the three counties have been sent to Washington and have been carried through what is known as the "wire basket test." This test is briefly as follows:

About one bushel of soil is divided into about 15 small baskets and then in these baskets various seeds are sown with various characters of fertilizer. The object of this is to see the result of plant growth and to get a fertilizer formula. When this formula is obtained it will be used in the field whose soil corresponds to the soil tested.

The plan Mr. Bennett proposes to pursue is to get a certain number of farmers in each of the counties named, that are willing to co-operate in these experiments. Two or three acres are to be taken in and every known fertilizer will be used thereon.

Naturally the question now presents itself as to the position of the parties to the suit as a result and following the granting of the motion of the attorney general. According to the ruling of the court of the State of South Carolina can now bring another suit against the Southern and the opinion was expressed by the court that under the terms of the act of 1904 it would be the duty of the attorney general to bring the suit.

The new case will practically amount to a change of the complaint made necessary by the securing of additional evidence by the State through its attorneys. This was one of the reasons of the attorney general for a non-suit in the case as he was not in possession of all the facts that he hoped to obtain by the time the revised case is brought for trial.

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IN THE FAMOUS SOUTHERN MERGER CASE. Judge Klugh Decides That Attorney General's Arguments Were Well Grounded and Dismisses Case. Columbia, Dec. 11.—After hearing the concluding arguments for and against the motion made by the attorney general for a non-suit in the Southern merger case, Judge Klugh yesterday in the circuit court ordered that the motion for dismissal should be granted.

The arguments for and against the motion for a non-suit were begun Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and before the hour for adjournment all the attorneys for the defendant had been heard from except Mr. B. L. Abney. For the State of South Carolina, Mr. G. Duncan Bellinger was yet to speak, those who had been heard from being Maj. A. T. Smythe, Col. George Johnston and Col. D. S. Henderson, for the defendant company, and Attorney General Lyon had briefly stated his reason for asking that a motion for a non-suit be granted.

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THE MISSIONARY SOCIAL UNION. Program For 1908 As Arranged By The Committee In Charge. The Committee on Programme for the Missionary Social Union has been able to arrange the following as the subjects and speakers for the year 1908: "The Missionary Field Studied," China. Meeting to be held in First Baptist Church in January.

1. Geography lesson on China—Miss Mary Alice Michaux. 2. The People of China—Mrs. J. M. Chandler. 3. History and Tradition of China—Miss Janie Mikell. 4. Baptist Missions in China—Miss Mary Brunson. Meeting to be held in Episcopal Church in April.

1. The Great Religions of China—Buddhism, Mrs. Brinkley; Taoism, Miss Helen McLaurin; Confucianism, Mrs. J. L. Nunamaker. 2. The Founding of Modern Missions, 1707—Mrs. L. D. Jennings. 3. (a.) "My Difficulty" in Missionary Work—By every member. (b.) How These Difficulties May be Overcome—Mrs. Epting.

1. The Women of China—Mrs. Healy Scott. 2. Robt. Morrison, First Missionary to China—Mrs. L. I. Parrott. 3. "Breaking the Walls" of China—Mrs. T. E. White. 4. Presbyterian Missions in China—Miss Agnes Richardson. 5. Lutheran Missions in China—Miss Felicia Stouendemire.

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