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No.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, July 6th, 1909.

Dr. S.A. Knapp,  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Knapp:-

When I last saw you in Cleburne, I called your attention to the Dry Farming convention which will be held in Alpine, Brewster county, on Sept. 1st and 2nd. This will I think, be an important meeting and a large attendance is expected from the towns in that section of the state, and from more distant localities. Our road is putting on a half rate from all points, and the people of Alpine are making great preparations to entertain the visitors. There is as you know, great interest being taken in so-called dry farming methods, and we hope that the meeting will be the means of producing good results for that territory.

Mr. G.A. Martin, Editor of the El Paso Herald, who was appointed Executive Committeeman for Texas, at the Cheyenne convention, has asked me to assist him in preparing a programme. I shall feel much gratified if you can arrange to be present at the time mentioned, and I am sure that those who will attend the meeting would very much appreciate a talk from you. <sup>also</sup> I also feel sure that you would be much interested in that particular region and its agricultural possibilities and development.



COPY.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Burkeville, Va.

FARMERS' COOPERATIVE  
DEMONSTRATION WORK.

July 7, 1909.

Mr. Arthur Knapp,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of recent date, in regard to the burning of the Creamery at Burkeville, Va. I had intended writing Dr. Knapp fully, in regard to this, but I have been so worried and busy trying to get things a little straight I have neglected it from time to time.

We were able to save very little from the burning building, as the fire had gained great headway before it was discovered. The ice plant needed some repairs, consequently the night fireman was laid off for a few nights. The fire in the boiler was all put out before the Creamery was locked for the night. From what we can judge from circumstances the fire was smouldering in the roof even then. We were insured for only three thousand dollars. A small house, in Burkeville is being altered some, to use temporarily until we can determine what is best to be done. The people in and around Burkeville have responded liberally and are very much more anxious to rebuild than they were to commence the enterprise. I consider it a great loss to our farmers. We had a stockholders meeting yesterday but did not have the necessary amount of stock represented to be able to make definite arrangements. Another meeting will be held on the 20th. I had so thoroughly canvassed, in my travels, within one hundred miles of Burkeville and even much further in some instances, getting up stock that I feel I would not be justified in solisiting the support of these people again, though I have had letters from several men



Mr. S.A.Knapp -2-

expressing their regret and offering to be of use, if possible.  
I will refer you to my last report, in regard to the great interest two of the stockholders of Richmond have taken in the matter.  
I trust something can be done, but, of course, can not say positively now.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) T. O. Sandy

State Agent.



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
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BOTANIST IN CHARGE.

SEAMAN A. KNAPP,  
SPECIAL AGENT.

Denny, Tex July 8/08  
~~Lake Charles, La.,~~

Mr Knapp  
Des Moines Iowa  
Dear Sir

Yours of July 5 recd.

We have had no rain except  
one shower this day after you  
left & it was not enough to  
let us plow but it did grow  
We have not had any hot  
dry winds since you left  
We have cut 3 acres of Denny  
prolific corn & 2 acres of Denny  
Real. The rest of these varieties  
will have a fair crop. The  
haguna corn look as well as  
~~the~~ it did when you were  
here. it is eight ft. tall and  
beginning to tassel

I have the material on the  
ground for the carpenter  
house.



and will begin to repair it  
next Monday

The pasture is not quite as  
good as when you were here

Yours Truly

Fred Stockwell



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Lake Charles La. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1909

Mr. Prof. S. A. Knapp 2838 Fond Drive

Dear Sir:

Des Moines, Iowa

We have your favor of 10<sup>th</sup> July

enclosing your Order No.

1 Car Mixed Barn Lbr

For Shipment to Dining Hall Aug 1/09

We will mix the Shingles as requested & correct  
them of 1x3 to read 2x4000 Lbr

Many Thanks for order

Same has been entered and will have prompt attention.

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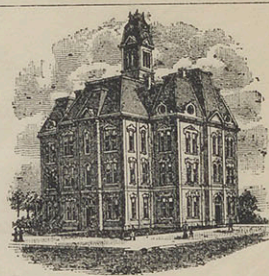
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M. J. POOLE, SHERIFF



MARLIN, TEXAS, July the 25<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dr S A Knapp  
Washington DC

Dear Sir

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst. Concerning the surveying of your land will say that my time is engaged from now to the last of August I can do your <sup>work</sup> at any time after that. with reference to the land lying between your land and Pringles will say that I have been talking to our County Attorney about bring suit for the Taxes on this land and he says that he will bring suit this fall in time for our next District Court, I will communicate with you before the land is sold and represent you in purchasing it.

Yours Truly  
W. H. Hummick  
Co Surveyor Falls Co Texas



08

Denny Tex July 24  
Wm Knapp  
Dear Sir

We have been  
having some good  
rains lately, it seems  
so late to sow  $\frac{1}{2}$   
our Laguna corn but  
the other half ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> sown  
is good, the peas  
are putting on fast.  
I have been through  
all the fields to day  
and cotton is holding  
it over the best  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  of Carpenter's  
cotton has dropped  
off, his cotton was  
mostly on stony  
land



Meador's cotton has  
considerable fallen  
but not near as bad  
as carpenters.

The rains did not  
put any water in  
the tank.

Carpenter will  
not stay next  
year but I have  
rented his place  
to another man  
who is just as  
good a worker.

We are making  
concrete lumbering  
for the well, it  
will not cost more  
than 50cts per foot



including labor,  
the moulds to make  
it in cost \$4.

Truly Yours  
Frederic Stockwell



1  
Derry Tex Aug 24/09

Wm Knapp

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

The weather  
continues dry

In digging the well  
we are 38 1/2 ft. deep,  
we are now in a  
solid rock with  
good indications of  
water under it;  
we will try and  
blast it out today  
We can get nearly  
enough water at



2

The Carpenter  
well and the one  
at the log house  
for the stock but  
they are getting  
lower,

I will inclose  
statement of expence  
~~As~~ you said to  
notify you when  
you get in the  
bank got low, I  
expect it to last  
till Sept,  
I have contracted  
for 10000 posts.



Denny Tex Aug 8/08  
Mr S Knapp  
Dear Sir

I have just recd  
bill from J. B. Bell  
lumbered but the  
car is not here yet.

Our water for stock  
is getting scarce &  
I have started to dig  
a well in the pasture,  
there is several other  
wells near the place  
The deepest claimed  
to have only been  
25 ft, we are 15 ft  
and in solid rock  
so we have to blast,



it is raining a little  
to day but I think  
it best to finish the  
well even if it should  
put water in the  
tank, we can curb  
it with concrete at  
very little expense  
& then it will be  
there for all time  
We have made 20 ft  
of concrete well curbing  
at a cost of \$450 for  
cement and \$400 for  
the pattern, that is  
all the cost except  
labor, here after it  
will be cheaper as  
the breakag will  
over



be left since we  
have learned to make  
it, and the pattern  
would last for years

Truly Yours  
F. C. Stockwell



Derry Tex Aug 14.  
W. Knapp

Dear Sir

Find inclosed

bill for the lumber  
I suppose you have  
received a copy but  
you may not, I  
understood there  
was to be some  
shingles but there  
was none. The  
lumber over runs  
their count except  
the 1x3 which were  
mixed so bad we  
could not get the  
exact number of  
each length  
over



but will sort it  
later,

We are still digging  
on the well when  
we can, we are now  
24½ ft deep, we struck  
coal at 18 ft and  
are still in it, it  
is a fair grade of  
lignite, or about  
such as is used on  
the Rail Road here.

Your letters received  
with plans for  
summitation for barn  
& field notes for  
surveying.

We have the concrete  
curbing for the



bayhuter well, but  
it will be several  
days before the  
man is ready to  
go in the well,

We are having light  
showers nearly every  
day but not enough  
to give any stock  
water which is  
beginning to be  
scarce,

Truly Yours  
Fred Stockwell



Derry, Tex Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1899

Wm Knapp

Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug  
& recd.

I could not agree  
with Moore on the  
price of his goats.

On the Carpenter  
house we refastened  
the roof to main  
part of Kitchen to  
the main part  
of house, we lowered  
the lower line so as  
to make the roof  
steeper, put new  
floor in kitchen  
over



we tore out the little  
room in the S.E. corner  
+ extended gallery  
across it, placed  
old floor of kitchen  
on gallery floor,  
we used all stone piers  
We have not got the  
system yet, nor  
moved the log house  
but we have hauled  
the two sheds  
to log house home  
for hen house,  
Crabb the man  
who has rented



the carpenter  
place for next year  
agree to do  $\frac{1}{3}$  the  
labor on moving  
log house,

I expect Mr. Hinnick  
to do the surveying  
this week,

I will send you  
set of expense in  
a few days.

Truly

Fred Stockwell



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
SEED DISTRIBUTION.

Washington D.C. Aug 20/1909.

Dear Mr. Knapp:-

In accordance with our conversation of this morning I wish you would have the Luke Moore tract of 640 A. owned by myself surveyed and I will gladly reimburse you for any expense incurred. It is agreeable to me that the tract owned jointly by you and me be surveyed also and if you have it done I will repay my portion of the expense.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter I am  
yours truly.

J. C. Wray



*McC. Knapp*  
COPY FOR DR. GALLOWAY.

SAK-EV

August 11, 1909.

Hon. H. D. Flood, M. C.,  
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 9th received and I scarcely know what to make of it.

Apparently you insist that we are to put a man into each county. Now there is a difference in understanding between you and me directly. I do not recall that I ever promised to put a man into each county and I think I could not have promised that if I was in a sane mind, for we have never had the funds to do that in any state. In the cotton states we have worked some counties intensively and after they became acquainted with our work we have required, in Mississippi and other states, that the local people should put up a certain amount of money to aid in the work if they wanted it so intensive as to require a man for each county. In the State of Mississippi this year many thousand dollars have been contributed locally in this way. Now, we are glad to have the Congressman ask us to work certain territory that they think should be worked but we totally object to anyone insisting that certain men be appointed, and I tell you frankly, that



Hon. H. D. Flood, M. C., #2

rather than accede to that I would drop the whole work in the state of Virginia. I will not <sup>consent</sup> ~~sent~~ to anybody dictating to me or insisting that certain men be appointed. The very essence of our success is that we go in ourselves, knowing what we want to accomplish, and select non-political men who are philanthropic and want to do their work, and get the work done to the best advantage we can. If we find that they have failed we then, without responsibility to any man, can remove them promptly and appoint others in their places.

This is said in all kindness, for I appreciate your help. I recognize your ability, and believe in your good intentions but it is well to have a square understanding and a plain one. We withdraw now all implied promises in regard to the appointment of particular men because we never intended to make such promises and we will not in future, either directly or indirectly, obligate ourselves in any way to appoint certain men to positions. Nor must we be held to appoint a man for each county for we can not do it with the money at our command. To show how a misunderstanding may arise:

You speak of working your territory from the Congressional appropriation. It was my own suggestion, and I never intended to use any of that beyond the 1st of October, that is, till I could get other funds, because it <sup>would be</sup> ~~is~~ contrary to arrangements that have been made between the New York Board and the Department of Agricul-



Hon. H. D. Flood, M. C., #3

ture, and I only secured a temporary consent purely to accommodate you because I thought a little work could be done during this year. Nor have I ever thought it possible that we could put one man into each of the twelve counties you named.

In looking over the Virginia work we have decided that it is a great deal better to put a higher class of men who can devote their whole time to the work and give them more territory, than to appoint local men at a lower wage for part of their time. This is the plan we are pursuing in a portion of all the states, depending on the territory to be worked. When we commenced in Virginia I rather favored the County plan because it had proven so successful in the cotton section, but in Virginia, with grass and corn, it is not necessary that the farmers be visited every month. The best plan is to build up certain centers in every county and start a body of influence that will effect the whole county. Another reason why the appointments must be left absolutely in our hands:

It is the desire of the Department of Agriculture and the New York Education Board that we should cooperate with the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural College at any time they are prepared to cooperate with us and put up part of the funds to defray expenses. This would immediately modify our plans and we must be at liberty to modify them without accountability to anybody excepting the Department of Agriculture. It is impossible for two or three parties to handle the same thing. If you are to make the appointments and take over the whole thing, why, very well. I shall



be glad to withdraw from Virginia. Or if Mr. Sandy is to take it it is satisfactory to me. But evidently Mr. Sandy can not make the appointments, nor can you as long as I am held responsible for the work. Suppose we had a tri-party arrangement and each was at liberty to make pledges, there would be constant conflict just as there has been and instead of maintaining a most excellent understanding between you and me there would always be trouble. With one exception I think the state of Virginia is the only state that has assumed that the Congressmen should appoint men. After the 1st of October not one dollar of Congressional money will be used in the state of Virginia because it is the understanding with the Department of Agriculture and with the Agricultural Committee that Congressional money shall be used only in the boll weevil section and in adjacent territory to prepare the people for the advent of the weevil. This Virginia proposition is an entirely different one and if money is to be granted for Virginia on general principles then it should be granted to every Northern state and we would fail to secure an appropriation by reason of the volume of the money required.

In the case of the men appointed in compliance with your insistence,- Mr. Adams, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Guerrant. Mr. Campbell is a lawyer and does not meet our requirements at all that he should be a practical farmer and have proven on his own farm that he understands the work. He has a practice of about \$2,000 a year and admitted to our Agent that he could not



carry out the work as we required. Mr. Fitzpatrick has a large mercantile interest and other interests and has only been able to work about half his time, excepting in the month of July. In July he failed to send in his reports and we were obliged to hold up his account. We consider that his appointment was a mistake. He may be ever so good a man but he can not do our work as we want it done. Mr. Guerrant has practically sent in his resignation, as he has stated to the Office that he can not give the time that we require. It is perfectly evident that these men did not understand that we required all their time for the months they were employed, and certain specific duties were to be performed. Mr. Adams seems to be doing fairly well. Where we make the appointments upon our own investigations and with a full explanation so that the parties understand exactly what their work is, it is different; we have very few failures. For the reasons above stated we are obliged to discontinue three of the four men appointed at your suggestion. In order to aid the sections that you were so solicitous should be occupied immediately and appoint these men and others, we were obliged to remove their supervision entirely from Mr. Sandy and have a man from Washington visit them, which we could not continue for various reasons. The reason they could not be under Mr. Sandy is that he is paid by the Board and we are under contract not to mix the two. We could not, therefore, pay Mr. Sandy's traveling expenses in this territory worked by Congressional funds.

Permit me to repeat, we are making every effort to work just



Hon. H. D. Flood, M. C., #6

as much of Virginia as possible and to work it in the best way. Everything depends upon the efficiency of the agent and we propose to have the most efficient agents that can be secured in the state. Furthermore, we wish the friendly cooperation of the members of Congress as to the territory to be worked, but so far as the personnel of the Agents that we are to employ is concerned, that must be left absolutely to our judgment and appointment. If this involves the failure of our Congressional appropriation, so be it. Personally it will be many thousand dollars advantage every year if I were to be relieved of the work, but as long as I have charge of it I intend to do it to the best of my judgment and to the advantage of the people whom we are determined to serve. These plain statements are made with the utmost kindness and good will to you and a strong desire to assist you in every way that we can, but the only way that a lasting friendship can exist is to carry on this work along the lines that we have indicated.

Very truly,

(Signed) S. A. Knapp

Special Agent in Charge.



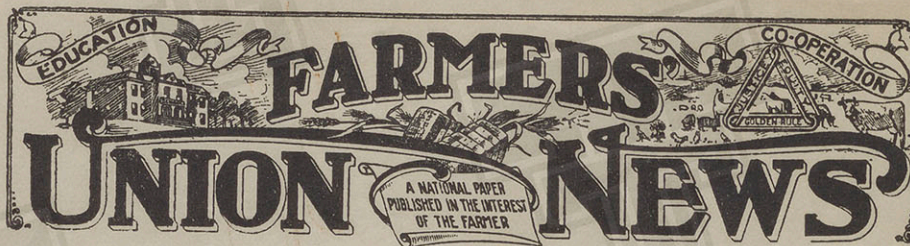
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UNION CITY, GA., Aug. 31, 1909.

Dr. S. A. Knapp,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:- We are very anxious to get some special information before a vast number of southern farmers; information from men of repute, information that the southern farmers know is true when they read it; information from real southern practical and scientific farmers who know of what they say or write, and men who have done so much in the upbuilding of the cause of southern agriculture; therefore, knowing what part you have taken in this work, and also, knowing of your ability of giving such desired information to the farmers, and, knowing how much attention many southern farmers will give to information from such agricultural men as yourself, we do not hesitate, to ask you to send us something on, "WHY WE SHOULD GROW CLOVER IN THE SOUTH," for publication in the Farmers Union News.

We are expecting to get out a special agricultural issue for September on all winter cover crops for the South, their food value in forage or grain, in pasturage for winter and early spring, why valuable for winter covering, value as soil builders in general, best ways of preparing for planting and seeding, best adaptable fertilizers for same and when and how to apply it, best variety or varieties of this special plant for the southern states, proper time for planting and seeding in the different sections of the South, and any other information on the same you think well to mention.

Yours very sincerely,

Farmers Union News.

(Per S. M. Cown.)

*P.S. We wish to get this National issue out at the earliest possible opportunity; so if you can give us this article at once we shall appreciate it.*



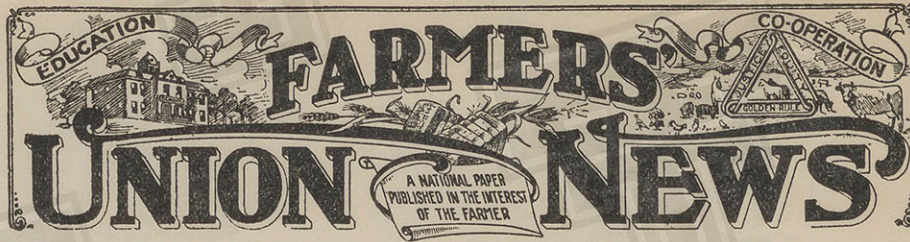
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UNION CITY, GA. September 6, 1909.

Dr. S. A. Knapp,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago we wrote you a letter requesting you to write us an article on WHY WE SHOULD GROW CLOVER IN THE SOUTH for publication in the Farmers Union News. Knowing your desire to aid the farmers in any way possible, and realizing that you would be greatly helping many thousands by so doing, we again beg you to give us this article at your earliest convenience, as we wish to get ~~xxx~~ out this special issue on September the 22d, and to do so, we would be pleased to receive your article by September 13th or 14th. We are working for a number of articles on all the winter cover crops that can be grown in the South, from a number of the best writers of southern agriculture, and we realize that a paper brimming full of such information will be worth almost a short college course to many thousands of farmers.

Very sincerely,

Farmers Union News,

(Per S.M.Cown).



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF FARMERS' COOPERATIVE  
DEMONSTRATION WORK.

IN YOUR REPLY  
REFER TO

SAK-ES

September 13, 1909.

Dear Father:

I asked you just before you left whether Gentry had been notified to meet you in Georgia, and understood you to say that you had written him fully and that he was to be in Atlanta on the evening of the 15th.

Upon consulting our files to-day we do not find any report whatever of notices being sent to him. On August 20th, you wrote him that you would be with him about a day and that you would name the time later. Now, Gentry is at present with Congressman Hughes on an agricultural tour of that District. You remember that Congressman Hughes asked for ten days and then made it almost twenty, and after some correspondence the Secretary decided that ten days was all we could spare Gentry. I see by his itinerary, however, that he expects to keep on through all of this week. The tour started on the 5th instant.

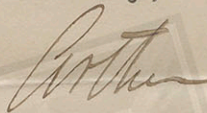
I do not know how you advised Mr. Gentry to meet you and am therefore not writing him but am inclosing his itinerary for the next few days so that if you want to wire him to meet you at any time you can do so. Of course, it is possible that you wrote him personally or that Mr. Campbell told him in some way, but I am writing this for fear no word has gotten to him.



Dr. S. A. Knapp -2-

At your request I have notified Mr. Duckworth, President Sewell and Branson, and they have all acknowledged saying that they will be on hand.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur", is written in dark ink.

(Inclosure.)

Dr. S. A. Knapp,

c/o Ira Williams,

Chick Springs, S. C.



1  
Denny Tex Sept 17/08  
Wm Knapp  
Dear Sir

Your 2 letters with  
\$50 in each received  
and deposited in  
Bank, find inclosed  
receipts for same.  
We just got the  
wind mill & pump  
connected this evening.  
The wind mill  
was O.K. to start  
with but the pump  
was not sent as  
ordered & had to be <sup>returned</sup> returned



The well at the  
log house will  
furnish more water  
than when we  
began using it  
we are now taking  
about 6 barrel per  
day from it;  
The Markham well  
will only furnish  
a little & that  
we use for the  
house.

We made a fire  
break around the  
lumber but will  
have to make  
another as the ~~leaves~~  
leaves are falling



The cattle have  
not improved since  
you were here, I  
think the grass is  
too dry for them,  
I keep water for  
them all day &  
put them in other  
pastures at night.

Our Denny Prolific  
corn went 17, but per  
acre, The Square  
Deal is yielding  
about twice as  
much but is not  
all gathered,  
We cut for hay  
& about 2 acres of  
Square Deal



5 acres being prolific  
and about  $\frac{4}{5}$  the  
Laguna, of the  
last we only left  
stalks with good  
ears on them.

Our hogs are not  
ready for market  
but will fatten fast  
when we turn  
them in the peas,  
our Spring & Summer  
pigs are doing  
fine, we feed them  
broken peas, peanut  
& corn.

Yours Truly  
Frederic Stockwell  
Owen



5'

We have surveyed  
the Joshua Nelson  
tract - & will begin  
the other tracts.

Sept- 27, it will  
probably take 3 or  
four days to  
finish.

We have found  
another bunch of  
mulberry trees  
where we can get  
from 300 - 500 per acre  
Free



Wenny Tex Sept 28

Wm Knapp

Washington D.C

Dear Sir

Your letter of  
Sept 23 recd.

The wind mill  
we put up is the  
one we brought  
with us from  
North Galveston,  
the only cost of it  
was the raising it.  
The pump I ordered  
through The Korr  
Co. & cost with  
fixtures 24.50, and have  
set it up at the  
log house



by letting the mill  
run night & day  
The mill will water  
all the stock & sewer  
in near six hrs.  
work open day dipping  
water

As for planting  
rye, I have tried  
to get the seed  
in Marlin, Dallas  
& Ft Worth but there  
was none in any  
of those places.

It is so dry we  
can not plow at all.  
I have bought R & L  
Meador's interest in  
the remainder of



The corn less than  
an acre & get possession  
of the place, I pay  
him five (5) dol, there  
is ~~heavy~~ heavy  
Johnson grass in  
the corn that will  
make good pasture.

We are now surveying  
the rest of your  
land,

Truly yours  
Frederic Stockwell



Blenny Tex Oct 25 '09

Wm Knapp

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

Since I last wrote we have had another good shower, it put water in tank & has enabled us to plow a little but only 7 inches deep, it is rather dry to plow so dry.



What do you think  
about selling the  
steer now, or waiting  
till Jan.

I am expecting a  
buyer to look at  
our hog to-morrow.

I will make a full  
statement of the  
crop including  
rental in a few  
days

We will have about  
100 bu. seed corn to  
sell mostly Square  
Deal, what price  
shall I ask for it.

Common corn for  
seed is selling for



80cts per line

We have 1000 posts set  
on the Ruggier Street.

Truly Yours

Fred Stockwell



Denny Tex Oct 28/08

Wm Knapp  
Dear Sir

Your letter dated  
Oct 15 with account of surveying  
returned recd. last night.

I have made it out in  
better form so I think it  
will be O.K.

Yours Truly  
Frederick Stockwell



The Hodge Springs are flowing  
as good as ever.

Mr. Knabb. (on the Markham  
place) has 15 acres cotton + 12 acres  
of other crops, he expects to plant  
3 more acres cotton,

Most of the cotton around  
here has ~~been~~ come up  
the last week.

Truly Yours  
Fred Stockwell



Quincy Tex Nov 2/08

Dr Knapp

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Your letters of Oct 27.  
and 29 I recd last night.

We will have plenty feed  
for the cattle we now have  
for the winter but it would  
not be safe to buy any  
more as feed is so high  
cotton seed meal is quoted to  
me in car lots at 33 dol. per  
ton & other feed is proportion-  
ately as high.

Our cattle have been gaining  
since we turned in the fields  
and there is plenty green feed  
yet for them, so we are  
baling our hay & fodder for  
winter.



We are still having warm weather, no frosts yet.

The windmill + pump are both in working condition but have not been using them for a week as we have water in the tanks enough to last another week.

We have 26 hogs to sell this winter but some may not get in condition without so much corn 15 are ready for market now.

It has been so dry to plant oats, we could only plow five acres and the oats have not sprouted in that yet but I think it safe to plant more if it rains soon.

I am restacking the barn lumber so it will be in as good condition as if in a barn.



I think there must have been  
 one or two of my letters packed  
 with you.

We can build the barn at  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 the expense for labor by working  
 at odd times but if you  
 think best I can get Powers  
 (the carpenter) any time.

We have nearly 2000 posts cut-  
 I think I can boil tar in a large  
 kettle to dip them in but will  
 have to contrive some plan to  
 get the bark off.

The rains have wet up the  
 big tank enough so we can dig  
 it deeper I think we can get  
 it 2 ft deeper than it now is,  
 we have now deepened it 6 inches,  
 the settling tank connected  
 with the big one has  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft  
 water in.

I am inclosing statement of rent-  
 on Carpenter & Meador place.

Truly Yours  
 Fred Stockwell



Derry Tex New 6, 08

Dr Knight.

Dear Sir

I find I made the  
mistake in copying the bill  
for surveying it should have  
been 60 <sup>ft</sup>

one check to W T Lewis for 2 men  
3 days 6 <sup>00</sup> & Wm Allen 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> day  
\$4 <sup>25</sup> should be added.

I am going to Koss to day  
& will get the checks & send  
you if they are all in the  
bank

I will return your letter

Yours Truly

Fred Stockwell

We are still having warm weather  
but no rain.

Our oats are not ripened yet  
Fred



# Surveying

1809

4  
20

Checks drawn on S Knapp. Oct.  
Sept 11 on.

All labor at one dol per day.

J L Robnett  $3\frac{1}{2}$  days Sept 7-8-9 and  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sept 10 @ 1 3 50

T Miler, 2 days Sept 7-8. 2 00

Geo Lyon 4 .. .. 7-8-9-10 4 00

W. Lyon 2 .. .. 9-10 2 00

J H Davis 6 .. Sep 6-11 inclusive

+ 5 days board for surveyor 10.00

Checks Oct 2

J H Davis 4 days. Sept. 28-29-30

and Oct 1 @ 1 4.00

T Miler 4 days Sep 28-Oct 1 4.00

W Lyon 2 men 4 days total

8 days. Sept 28-Oct 1 8.00

W Allen  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , Sept. 7-8

28-29-30 Oct 1

5 50

W A Magee, Sept. 8-9-10.

28-29-30. Oct 1-7.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  days 7.50

Magee check dated Oct 10.09 50.30



Denny Tex Nov 15, 09

Mr Knapp

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

First enclosed statement  
of expense & sales since last  
reported,

The hogs were not real fat  
but I did not think it would  
pay to feed 90 cent corn when  
we could get as much per lb  
as if they were, I sold them  
in Martin

We have 2 fat hogs which I  
will deliver in Koss tomorrow if  
weather permits, I sold them at  
60c per lb.

It is raining here to day  
We have had no frost yet.

Our cattle are getting fat, nearly all  
of them would make good butcher  
stock now

Owen



The feed for cattle in our feedlot  
is extra, there is plenty of grain  
to last a month if not killed  
by frost.

Will you be apt to be in Texas  
soon

We have over 2000 goats out and  
seasoning

Truly Yours

Finest Stockwell



Bought	silver	Aug 21	u8	
Aug 26	cotton	socking	60	✓
Sept 4	barrel		90	✓
" 20	blacksmith		5 00	✓
" 23	mule shoe		.75	✓
" 23	water Reg <sup>for</sup> surveyor		65	✓
Oct 1	gining 1 bale cotton		2.55	✓
" 1	large rope		2 00	✓
" 1	barrel		50	✓
Oct 20	shingle nails		25	✓
" 20	pike		15	✓
" 27	mule shoe		25	✓
Nov 5	horse shoes		50	✓
" 5	horse collar		3 00	✓
" 5	3 trace chains		85	✓
" 5	136 <sup>lb</sup> feed oats		3.10	✓
Nov 9	expenses on delivery hogs		1.50	✓
" 9	100 <sup>lb</sup> rock salt		1 00	✓
			<u>23.45</u>	
			paid	



Sold since June 1 1808

June 8 3 doz eggs .35 ✓  
~~Sept 31 20~~

Aug 20 hog by Carpenter 763 ✓

hog bought Jan 11

" 4 2 pigs (Mammone) 8.60 ✓

Oct 1 1 bale cotton 67.70 ✓

Nov 8 20 hogs  
133 85 ✓  
219.13

paid to  
59 pps



There was five bale cotton raised  
 on the Carpenter place netting you

2 bale	Sold Aug	30	29.40	L
1 "	Sept	18	15.25	v
1 "	Oct	1	14.80	v
1 "	Sept	22	14.65	v
			<u>73.55</u>	

less giving  
 total from Carpenter

from Meador There was a little posted  
 more than two bale

Sold Sep	8	net	15.40	v
"	16	"	13.75	v
"	Oct 1		<u>5.40</u>	v posted

Total from Meador 34.55 net.

We rec'd in rent from Carpenter  
 64 bu corn about 2000 lbs sorghum  
 hay.

At from Meador 34 bu corn  
 This includes all the cotton seed  
 from Meador and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the seed from  
 Carpenter



Denny Tex Nov 27/08  
Wm Knapp  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir

Since I wrote we  
have had one frost; the  
rest of the time the weather  
has been warm,

We are now working steadily  
at the barn, we are working  
on the foundation yet.

My letter to W F Fowler about  
red corn was returned, I  
expect I have his address wrong,  
will you send it to me.

The telephone which we have  
been working for for two years  
has at last reached Denny,  
it is connected with the Kasse  
exchange

Truly Yours  
Fred Stockwell

Over



Aug

Judge Rice has given permission  
for us to work his land to get  
to our pasture & we can cut any  
weed necessary

F8



Henny Tex Dec 4, 09  
Wm Knapp  
Dear Sir

Yours of Nov 30 recd,  
I dont think Pearson  
knows where his lines are  
as they could not find any  
when we went to them three  
years ago & I dont believe  
it has been surveyed since,  
the house in question is the  
one where we ate our lunch  
when you were with us in  
the woods.

We are working on the  
foundation to the barn, it  
is taking more rock & other  
material than I expected,  
we have laid 40 loads of rock,  
have 10 more on the ground & it  
will take about 50 loads of rock  
in all



2

The carpenter will come as soon as the foundation is complete,

Your plans call for shingles on the main part - but I think you intended to change that - to iron. Let me know about it. I can get the best grade of iron roofing in Buena Vista at 450 per square, perhaps by letting them figure on it. They will do a little better.

We have never had the well finished but I have engaged a well digger to complete it.

I have all the drawing necessary for the barn.

I thought best not to push the fencing as the parts are reasoning.

Do you think I better make the fencing with day labor on contract



I think we can clear the fence  
line & build the fence five miles  
for 80 clab.

We have the Markham house  
all fixed, the cistern in position  
on a solid concrete foundation  
& the gutters on the house.  
The barn on that place was  
damaged by fire, it will  
take about two clab. to repair  
it, the cause of fire unknown  
but probably a cigarette caused  
it, no one on the place when  
it started.

I have enough money to  
pay all expenses for this  
month but will need some to  
pay expenses next month if we  
keep the barn & fence going,  
we will not get any money  
from the seed corn till  
Feb.

We are keeping the plow going  
Mr Davis is also plowing on the  
Davidson place

Truly Yours  
Fred Blockwell



Denny Tex Dec 21 09  
Dr S Knapp  
Washington W.C.

Dear Sir

We have been having  
snow for several days, the  
ground is frozen hard,  
I have stopped the men working  
on the barn till the weather  
gets better.

I expect to start the pasture  
fence next week, I have an offer  
from <sup>W</sup> Lewis to build the fence  
for \$15 per mile, I think that  
is cheaper than we can do it,  
there is 2 other men going to bid  
on it.

I sold a hog to clay for seven  
cts. per lb, it will not be delivered  
till after Christmas

Yours



Mr. Pucketon writes that he can  
sell all our corn for us

The stock is all doing well

Yours Truly  
Frederic Stockwell



Henry Tex Dec 31, 08  
Wm Knapp  
Washington D.C  
Dear Sir

Your letter with  
50- incloses recd. I will  
deposit same to your credit.  
The first time I am in Kusb  
I have a bbl of coal tar  
and a kettle to boil it in  
& will begin shipping parts Mon  
Jan 3 if weathe permits

Hodge Spring which you will  
remember we fixed since you  
were here has been destroyed.  
The concrete walls have been  
broken & the spring filled  
with suler & trash, I have  
offered \$50 reward for the violence  
which will convict the party  
that did it, the laws of  
Tex. makes such act a felony



we are having very cold  
weather the ground is frozen  
every morning

We are plowing all the time when  
the ground is not frozen

Truly yours

Fred Stockwell



Denny, Falls Co, Wex  
Jan, 16, 1909

Mr. S. A. Knapp

Dear Sir,-

He asked me  
to write and tell you that the stock  
is alright. The cold killed the oats  
to the ground but everything else  
is doing well.

Best regards to Mrs. Knapp

Yours truly

Pearl Stockwell



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THE GARDEN  
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January 18, 1909.

My dear Doctor Knapp:

Since our stimulating and interesting Aldine dinner I have been away from town and have not, therefore, written you a hearty letter of thanks, expressing the Aldine's appreciation, as I had in mind to do.

We appreciated so much having you with us, Doctor Knapp. You and your associates stirred us to a realization of what this great movement means. I believe that the magazines, as a result of your coming to the Aldine, will look at this matter from a standpoint of greater knowledge than they have ever had before. Even since the dinner, a great periodical with a half million circulation has asked Mr. Page to write a couple of articles on the conservation movement. I know how much you value this support of the periodicals, and I believe Dr. Holmes, Mr. Pinchot Page, and you helped matters along greatly by coming to the dinner.



The Aldine is sending you  
in a day or two, as soon as the House  
Committee has held its meeting, a  
check for \$25.00, which I hope will  
cover your traveling expenses for the  
trip to New York. If it does not,  
won't you be good enough to let me know  
at once, so I can have the matter taken  
care of?

With kindest regards and every  
good wish, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert S. Houston

Dr. S. A. Knapp,  
Washington, D. C.



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Jany 18th 1909

Dr S A Knapp  
Washington  
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Dear Sir:-

Answering yours of the 15th.

It so happens that we had a meeting to-day of the Rice Committee, at which the President of the Board of Trade attended, and a set of Resolutions were authorized, expressive of our appreciation of the good work done by Secretary Wilson for the Agricultural end of the Rice Interests throughout our Southern country. I will in a day or two draw that up and have it put in proper shape and get its indorsement by the Board of Directors, when we will then take pleasure in seeing that it gets a little publicity.

I will keep you advised as to what is done in the premises.

I am just returned from attending a farmers meeting at Crowley on last Saturday, and I shall take up this week the question of the Philippines Tariff and determine whether or no, and if Yes, when I will make the trip to Washington in order to see the "Powers that Be."

Faithfully yours,

*S. Locke Breaux*

President

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S. LOCKE BREAU  
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WALTER H. PAGE, EDITOR

January 20, 1909.

Dear Dr. Knapp:-

Referring to your last letter to me about the Secretary of Agriculture, this has occurred to me:

To get an article about the Secretary's work, telling, as a man tells a story, just what he has done these twelve years, how his department has been built up, and describing all his activities. That would give him a boost, and it would be worth a hundred times more than anything I could say to anybody. Now, I don't know how to get this. I have been trying to do it for five or six years. I have tried five or six men in the Department. I have tried newspaper correspondents in Washington. The only thing I get is a lot of dull



figures. They have about the animation of our friend Hayes. The result is a lot of slow-moving sentences trying to pull bales of facts that weigh a ton. I want a story-teller to tackle the job. Can you help me in this?

I am wound up pretty energetically this week, because I have got to get enough articles in hand to last for months.

Most heartily yours,

*Walter H. Rags*

To Dr. S. A. Knapp.



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January 20, 1909.

My dear Dr. Knapp:-

I have been accused by some persons of turning our magazine into an organ of your work and activity; and I believe that I am, to a certain extent, guilty of this accusation.

More than that, I shouldn't wonder if I were a little proud of it. You will not be surprised, therefore, I hope, when I tell you that I want to go still further. For, unless I am mistaken, your <sup>"demonstration"</sup> administrative work is doing two things:

(1) It is teaching farming, with better results and to more people, and with quicker results than any method that has ever been found. Is this not true?

(2) It seems to me that your method



is of even greater value, if that be possible, than the actual results that you have worked out in its application to agriculture. For this method, it seems to me, can be applied to a great many other subjects. As a piece of educational machinery, therefore, it seems to me as valuable as a method of agricultural progress. Is this not true?

For example: In trying to write out some definite conclusions for the Country Life Commission, I hit upon this idea - the public schools throughout the country might be made better exactly as you have made farming better. That is to say, if the Government, national, state and county or what not, were to send to these schools men who did demonstration work in the school-house, they could revolutionize them. I know, of course



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that there is a system of county superintendents and of school visitation and such things, which generally amounts to going around and making a speech <sup>as</sup> to the children on Faith, Hope and Charity and the like; I don't mean that. What I do mean is that skillful demonstrations should actually show how to do <sup>the</sup> jobs. Would the principle not apply to school work?

Again, would it not apply to road-building? Again, would it not apply to the better organization of sanitary and health work in all the States? To what else would it apply?

What I want, therefore, is a double-barrel article. One barrel is to tell very systematically and thoroughly what we have not yet told of the results that you have accom-



plished - actually to describe the method in the field; to take one of your best men and follow <sup>him</sup> it for a week; to make the reader feel as if he had been engaged in this work himself. That kind of an article has not, so far as I know, yet been written.

Then, the other barrel of the article would be an explanation how this method may be applied to these other subjects and to more.

Now, I want to have that done right away. I don't think you ought to do it yourself, because if it is done in the thorough-going way that I wish, some things will have to be said about you and your work that you would not be willing to say over your own signature. But I want you to tell me who can do it? I have a mind to take the time to do it myself. Of course, it would mean running down



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South somewhere to see one of those  
good fellows you have in South Caro-  
lina for instance, or some other man  
actually doing his job.

Won't you let me hear right away  
your suggestions about the best means  
of getting this, with the least time?

Very heartily yours,

Walter H. Page

To Dr. S. A. Knapp.



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FEB 1 1909  
B.P.I.  
FARMERS' COOPERATIVE  
DEMONSTRATION WORK

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Marshall, Texas, Jan. 27, 1909.

Mr. S. A. Knapp,

Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of January 23, I would say:

The Winter months of 190~~8~~ were very mild and in the Spring of 1907 the boll weevil appeared in great numbers, for the first time, in Harrison county, Texas. They were so numerous that they could be seen every where, and very few if any cotton fields escaped them. The farmers and business men became panic-stricken, which caused a stampede from the cotton fields. Some of the merchants who furnished supplies to farmers commenced to cut off rations, and some of the larger planters furnished their tenants called in their teams and put the men to cutting cross-ties for the railroads to "hedge" on the supplies already furnished. In some instances the negro women and children were left to cultivate the corn and cotton <sup>fields</sup> and peanut and potato patches. Some of the small farmers left the country, and those who could, got employment at the saw mills and other public works. Several cotton fields were abandoned entirely and were permitted to grow up in weeds and grass.

This was the year that Dr. S. A. Knapp had instituted the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work, and had distributed 1500 bushels of improved cottonseed and 100 bushels of corn seed in the county. I was placed in charge of the work and commenced to visit the farmers before planting time. Very few of the farmers had made any extra preparations for planting but placed the seed in the ground in the usual haphazard way. When the cotton came up the boll weevil



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appeared in great numbers, and as the season advanced the numbers increased. In the latter part of May and first of June the great fright came which caused the panic and the abandonment of so many crops. At this time in my rounds, I was assuring the farmers that by continued and thorough cultivation a fair crop of cotton could be made--notwithstanding the boll weevil. I told these people of my work in Central and Southern Texas, where the weevil had been just as numerous as they were here; that we had fought them to a finish and made fair crops of cotton.

Of the 1500 bushels of cotton seed furnished by the citizens (or Department of Agriculture), which planted about 2000 acres, fully one-third had been abandoned by June 1st. So many people were talking against me that I was somewhat discouraged, but being in the position I was I could not back down, I renewed courage and worked harder than ever. I called on Mr. W. F. Proctor, our State Agent, to come and give our people a talk and sent out notices for a meeting of our farmers. They came to Marshall and after a spirited and reassuring speech from Mr. Proctor many returned home determined to continue the fight. The majority of the farmers who heard Mr. Proctor were negroes and the talk made my work somewhat easier, because I had been backed up in the arguments I had used. After the meeting I made visits as fast as I could and encouraged every one I found at work. The yields of cotton that year were surprising, not only to our farmers but the merchants also. The county produced nearly 8000 bales of cotton, when 3000 or 4000 would have been considered a good yield. About <sup>18</sup>11,000 bales were produced in 1906.

/ The year 1907 was a great factor for the Cooperative Demonstration work, for the fact that it demonstrated beyond a doubt that cotton could be made in a district where boll weevil were as bad as



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they were ever known anywhere. Our people became easy in their minds about the boll weevil and THERE WAS NOT A FARMER IN HARRISON COUNTY AFRAID TO PLANT COTTON IN 1908. The year 1908 was one of unprecedented rainfalls and great floods, which ruined many fields of corn and cotton, and boll weevils were almost as numerous as they were in 1907. With an increased acreage of probably one-third over 1907, more than 17,000 bales of cotton of the 1908 crop have been *produced* *according to* the last ginner's report. It is *estimated that* said the ~~the~~ yield of cotton in Harrison county <sup>for 1908</sup> will reach 20,000 bales. )

While I was making the great fight to encourage the farmers in 1907, one H. L. McKnight,, who had been sent to assist me in the work, went into Mr. T. A. Johnston's place of business and said: "You just as well close your store. The farmers of Harrison county will not make 500 bales of cotton this year." Mr. Johnston was furnishing a number of farmers, and the words of a man who was supposed to be encouraging and helping in the work were so discouraging to Mr. J. that he was want to cut of the supplies of the farmers. He told me of the conversation, and this placed our work in a bad plight. Mr. McKnight was removed from Harrison county shortly after he made this talk. I took Mr. Johnston with me on several trips and he saw what I was trying to do , which helped to reassure him that his debtors had a chance to pay him. Mr. McKnight had a bad effect on our work, as I was told later that he talked to other merchants as he had talked to Mr. Johnston.

( In 1907 R. R. Scott, of Scottsville, a large planter who furnished his tenants, did not believe we could make cotton and fight the boll weevil. He called in all the men he could from his farms and had them cut cross ties to pay for the provisions already furnished. The same thing was done by J. M. Furrh, at Elysian Fields, who is about the



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largest planter in Harrison county. These men and others who took the same course are working with us now, and they never mention the boll weevil with any fear.

The prices of lands in Harrison county in the Spring of 1907 were at the lowest ebb, ranging from \$4 to \$20 per acre. Since the successful fight against the boll weevil and the general advancement in agricultural work lands have advanced from 100 to 500 per cent. )

You never hear the boll weevil discussed with any fear now, and with the preparations being made the prospects are we will make 30,000 bales of cotton in the county in 1909.

Tom O. Plunkett.

Special agent, Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work, B. P. I.



TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALABAMA.

Feb. 9, 1909.

Mr. S. Arthur Knapp,

Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work,

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 6th is at hand referring to the One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from the John F. Slater Fund, which has just been sent here to be used in connection with the Agricultural Demonstration work, being conducted under the direction of Dr. Knapp. This money will be subject to Dr. Knapp's requisition. I understand that it is to be used in financing the work in Wilcox Co., Ala., and Mound Bayou, Miss., but that it will not be sufficient for this purpose, and that whatever further amount will be needed will be paid by the General Education Board for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

I shall promptly honor orders from your office for payments from this fund until same is exhausted.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

Warren Logan

Treasurer.



February 6, 1909.

MEMORANDUM FOR MCLAUCHLIN.

Attached you will find copy of a letter from Dr. Wallace Buttrick in regard to \$1,000, which, I understand is to be used the same as the \$1,000 was last year, that is, divided between Wilcox County, Ala., and Mound Bayou, Miss.



T H E J O H N F. S L A T E R F U N D

2 R E C T O R S T R E E T

N E W Y O R K .

February 5, 1909.

Mr. S. Arthur Knapp,

434 Agricultural Building,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Knapp:

I enclose herein carbon copy of a letter which I have just written to Warren Logan, Treasurer of Tuskegee Institute. You are authorized to make requisition the same as was done last year.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Wallace Buttrick.



THE JOHN SLATER FUND

2 RECTOR STREET

NEW YORK.

February 5, 1909.

Mr. Warren Logan, Treasurer,  
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Mr. Logan:

Herewith I send you a check of the John  
F. Slater Fund for \$1,000, payable to your  
order and designated for the support of  
Jesup Wagons, subject to requisitions of  
S. A. Knapp of Washington, D. C. on account  
of agricultural demonstration work. You  
understand, of course, that this is in ad-  
dition to the other \$1,000 and is in your  
hands as a similar amount was last year for  
the purpose named.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Wallace Buttrick.



# Foundry M. E. Church

WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Mch. 19* 1909

M<sup>r</sup>. *S. A. Knapp*  
*1410 Euclid St., N.W.*

Dear Friend:

The Pew Committee hereby informs you that in consideration of your subscription to current expenses you have been assigned *2* sittings in pew No. *208* for the conference year commencing April 1, 1909. If this is not just what you asked for, it is the best the committee could do, and if not satisfactory kindly let us know at once.

As our current expense payments are made monthly, please arrange to make remittances at least monthly in advance. You may use the envelopes which will be sent you or you can send check direct to the Treasurer.

Please note carefully the following:

1. This assignment is for one year only.
2. Your pew or sittings will be reserved for you until 11.10 a. m. and will not be reserved for the evening service unless you notify the usher so to do.

3. In order that the new plan may be inaugurated with as little confusion as possible, it is earnestly requested that you be at the Church, at least for a few Sundays, before 11 a. m. and make yourself known to the usher on your aisle.

Sincerely yours.

IRVING O. BALL

W. F. ROE

W. S. EICHELBERGER

E. B. ROSA

F. W. BOLGIANO

} Committee.



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Chicago, June 26th, 1909.

Mr. S. A. Knapp,

Lake Charles,

Louisiana.

Dear Sir:--

We are offered in exchange for a piece of central business property in Chicago a tract consisting of 16,000 acres of cut-over land located on the west side of the Kansas City Southern Railroad between Noble and Zwolle in Sabine Parish, Louisiana. We are unable to obtain from the parties making the offer the legal description of this property but their statement is that it is practically a square tract coming up to, or almost to, Noble and that in character it is similar to all the land in the locality.

The statement made to us is that the timber was cut by the Sabine Lumber Company; that the land is high, free from marshes or any wet spots, well supplied with good water, much of it clear from stumps with wild clover growing over a good portion of the property and that it is well adapted for agricultural purposes and can be sold to colonists at from \$10.00 to \$12.50 per acre.

If the description furnished is sufficient to enable you to form an approximate opinion, will you kindly send same to us. We do not care to have an examination made of the property at the present time, although later on if the property seems to have a selling value at approximately the above figures we may ask you to make a careful examination of the property.



Mr. S. A. Knapp

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June 26th, 1909.

We would like to know its present selling value, if it has any; the likelihood of such a sale; future value which might be reasonably expected if the property were held for a series of years, and in a general way, your opinion as to the advisability of taking such a property in exchange. We might say that the building we have is not a very desirable one, consequently we might be willing to take some chances if future development of the property would seem to warrant it.

An early reply, will oblige,

Yours truly,

PEABODY, HOUGHTON & CO.

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Chicago, July 10, 1909.

Mr. S. A. Knapp,  
Houston,  
Texas.

Dear Sir:—

On June 26th we forwarded you a letter to Lake Charles, Louisiana, which we understood from our Mr. Smith was your address. Not having had any reply and the letter not having been returned to us, we secured your address from Mr. Peddie at Emmetsburg, Iowa and are writing you both at Houston and at Washington in order that one or the other letter will reach you and if you can give us a general idea regarding the value of the land described in our letter we will be very greatly obliged.

Yours truly,

PEABODY, HOUGHTELING & CO.

By J. K. Root



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By F. K. Root



Denny, Texas.

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Ans

January 24

Wm S Knapp

Washington D.C.

W.C.

Dear Sir

First enclosed card can  
you furnish the rest of the  
address. 20 bu. corn was shipped  
to I & E Savely in their care and  
this letter contained Bill of lading

Yours Truly

Fred Stockwell

Your letter without date and  
post marked 1/17 just recd

I will ship the corn to C Gentry  
and J C Phelps to move

F.S.



OSWALD WILSON  
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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Prof. S. A. Knapp,

Washington, D. C.



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SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION  
AND DISTRIBUTION.  
A. J. PIETERS,  
BOTANIST IN CHARGE.

SEAMAN A. KNAPP,  
SPECIAL AGENT.

Denny, Texas. Jan 22/08  
~~Lake Charles, La.,~~

On S Knapp  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir

Inclosed is a list of the  
corn shipped as per your request  
for making out bills

Denny Prolific

1/13	H E Savely	for Tate & Steele	10 bu	17.50
"	"	R S Wilson	10 "	17.50
"	"	at Jackson Miss	10 "	17.50
1/14	J A Wack	Alexander City	5 "	3.75
	T M Campbell	Tuskegee	3 "	14.00
1/22	E Gentry	Jonesboro Ga	5 "	3.75
"	J B Phelps	Evergreen Ala	5 "	3.75
				<u>92.75</u>

Square Deal

1/14	H E Savely	for Tate & Steele	10 bu	15.00
"	"	R S Wilson	10 "	15.00
"	"	Jackson Miss	10 "	15.00
	J A Wack	Alexander City	5 "	7.50
	T M Campbell		4 "	6.00
				<u>58.50</u>
	Total of the to kinch			151.25
	your great stockwell			1.00



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Denny, Texas,

1/8/08

Lake Charles, La.,

Mr S A Knapp  
Washington D. C.  
Dear Sir

Will find inclosed act for

As I thought you would be  
sorry I paid J. H. Davis for what  
he worked for you, (8 days) he  
worked the rest of the month for  
me.

We find the weevils back in  
the back side of the crib of Denny  
Prolific corn, so we have to throw  
out a considerable that would have  
been good for seed we are shelling  
& putting high life on it as fast  
as we can, will finish to morrow  
& will then let you know how  
much there is of it



We are now straightening up  
the Davidson place

We have been having more rain  
but expect to plow this P.M.

Yours Truly  
Fred Stockwell



OSWALD WILSON  
*Investments*

July 4<sup>th</sup> 08.

H. Bradley Davidson.  
Pres. U.S. Trust Co.  
City.

Dear Mr. Davidson.

This will introduce  
my friend, Mr. S. A. Knapp.  
who will also introduce  
his father Prof. Knapp.

Any courtesies extended  
will be duly appreciated.

Prof. Knapp is one of the  
incorporators of our Elbermudg  
Audubon Coal Corporation, and will  
appreciate your assistance.

Truly  
Oswald Wilson



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Jan 17/08

Wm B Knapp  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir

Yours of Jan 11 recd  
Hereafter I will deposit all sales  
to our joint acct.

I have the oats to plant  
& the ground ready for them  
as soon as it is warm enough.  
We are having cold weather,  
yesterday the ground was  
frozen all day, it is thawing  
to day & I believe we can plow  
this P. M.

I sent you Bill of lading for the  
corn shipped, all the weevils were  
killed before it left.

I haven't had any orders for  
corn but your Sgt McKnight  
writes he expect to send orders soon



you owe the Kasse that I've  
Jan 17 rolls 2.6 in wire  
" 6 spools barb wire 648 lbs @ 350  
10 gal paint @ 78  
4 paint brushes 220

there was 10 gal more paint ordered  
& may be there now

There is a glut in the wood  
market at present; men are  
cutting wood that never cut-  
before, I am trying to make  
a sale to the Gin at Kasse

Yours Truly  
Frederic Stockwell