

..... KNAPP, Seaman Asahel, 1833-1911. N.Y. native. 8th child
 ; of Dr. Bradford and Rhoda (Seaman) Knapp. Studied at Troy
 : Conf. Acad., Poultny, Vt. Union Col., Schenectady, N.Y.,
 CUT : honor grad., 1856. Teacher, 1856-1866. In Ia., succes-
 : sively: farmed; pastor 2 yrs., at Vinton; acted as supt.
 : St. School for blind, 5 yrs.; began publishing Western
 Stock Journal and Farmer, Cedar Rapids, 1872; helped or-
 ganize and first pres. Ia. Improved Stock Breeder's Assoc.; at Ia. St.
 Col., first Prof. of Ag., and elected Pres., 1883. Here drafted ~~first~~
 exp. sta. bill for 47th Congress; and thus led to Hatch Act of 1887.
 In 1885 took charge of large colonization project, Lake Charles, La.
 Favorable terms offered northern farmers who would settle, one to a town-
 ship, and demonstrate good farming. Searched for profitable crops.
 Pres. several years of Rice Growers Assoc. In 1898 became U.S.D.A.
 Special Agent to promote good farming in southern states. Twice sent
 to Orient to investigate rice varieties, production, and milling. His
 findings led to greater expansion of the rice industry in the southwest.
 In 1902 surveyed Puerto Rico ag. resources. In 1903 studied control of
 Mexican boll weevil, which had just invaded Texas. Texas, Kaufman Co.,
 citizens asked him to supervise a demonstration of general farming.
 With federal funds, employed men to make like demonstrations there and
 elsewhere. Thus he began the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work
 in the U.S. Dept. Ag. Formulated and directed the development of the
 whole system, including boys' and girls' clubs, until his death. Work
 carried on 3 years thereafter by his son, until merged with the exten-
 sion work of the states by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914. His development
 of several important phases of dirt-farmer education made him, for grate-
 ful remembrance, a pioneer of unique distinction.

-- T. M. Moore, Assoc. Prof. Ag., West Texas State Teachers College,
 Canyon, Texas, Barton Morgan, and R. W. Stimson.



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