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Why the Appointment of an Agricultural Secretary is a Solution to the Weed Question

When speaking of a solution to a question it is understood that the so-called solution is a system of outline of work that will accomplish maximum results in a minimum amount of time. All will agree that the weed question is a good farming proposition. Numberless suggestions and schemes have been put forth, but each is inadequate. Consider some of them.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

People say, "Enforce The Weed Act." Suppose we do; it will not be a solution to the weed question. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. Farming is a personal equation; weed control is a personal matter between a farmer and his fields. Law enforcement will never make good farmers out of poor ones any more than you can legislate to make men Methodists or Mormons. Law will help, but it will not cure.

EXTENSION WORK

People say, "do educational work." How are you going to do it? In the first place no man can tell me through a book or from a platform how to till my fields so well as that same man out in my fields with me can. Again, although there is a vast amount of knowledge that can be gleaned from literature, a great proportion of our people do not read. Farm papers do not reach them, and government literature they do not use or seem to demand. There is no adequate connection between the man on the farm