

THE OBISPO RUBBER PLANTATION

Receives the Unanimous Indorsement of the Inspection Party of Stockholders which recently visited Mexico.

For the purpose of affording stockholders an opportunity of personally ascertaining the facts at first hand in reference to tropical agriculture, the cultivation of rubber, and of substantiating the statements made in connection with the Obispo Rubber Plantation, it was arranged that a party, which was practically a committee representing all of the stockholders, should visit the property.

This party numbered twenty-five and was made up from various parts of the country. Each member either personally held or represented an investment of from \$5,000 to \$25,000 in this property. The thought was that a careful examination into every detail of management would, from the various minds of so many investigators, cover every particular feature and determine beyond question and to the satisfaction of all concerned the value of this plantation as an investment.

This party has just returned (March 11th) and make unanimous report to the effect that the property *far exceeded their expectations and that every statement made by the company has been more than verified.*

THEIR REPORT IN FULL.

TUXTEPEC, OAXACA, MEXICO,
March 1, 1904.

MESSRS. MITCHELL, SCHILLER & BARNES,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:—

We arrived at Obispo, the Plantation Station on the Vera Cruz & Pacific Railroad, on February 28th, and spent three days going over the property. The entire tract is gently rolling, perfect drainage, is admirably adapted to modern methods of cultivation, and every acre of it is available for planting. The northern man is most struck with the extraordinary fertility of the soil, as indicated by the luxuriant vegetation and the enormous growth of such common crops as corn, beans, etc. The soil is deep, and so rich, it produces two crops of corn and a third crop of beans in a single season. The growth of corn is simply astonishing. We saw hundreds of acres twice as high as a man's head. Everything produces so prolifically that, measured by northern standards, the land if devoted to only mixed farming, would easily pay from 25% to 50% annually on a valuation of \$300 an acre.

We saw a great number of wild rubber trees scattered over the whole tract, many of which we tapped to make comparison between the flow of rubber in the wild and cultivated states, and a number of fine samples of rubber were obtained. But what impressed us most was the magnificent growth of the cultivated rubber trees. These trees are of all ages up to three years, in immense groves. We rode over two miles through these rubber trees; there were thousands and thousands—beyond all calculation. While even the largest trees are not yet old enough to tap, the incisions we made brought out a copious flow of rubber, even greater than from the wild trees, which would seem to confirm the belief, held by many producers, that cultivation does produce a greater amount of rubber. There can be no question, judging from a comparison of the various sizes of wild trees tapped, but what a year's yield will be even greater than estimated after eight years' growth.

The work that has been accomplished in this tropical jungle, in three short years, is almost incredible, and shows untiring energy and perseverance.

The management placed at our disposal every convenience and facility for a thorough investigation; and after

going over the entire property there can be but one conclusion, and that is that the Obispo Plantation is a splendid property; that nothing can prevent large profits, even if rubber were left entirely out of the calculation; that it is perfectly located as to evenness of ground, soil, climate and accessibility; that the rubber growth has exceeded expectations; and that every statement made by the company has been more than verified. It is certainly a magnificent investment. Your literature does not do the enterprise justice.

Very truly yours,

- (Signed) G. F. KELLY, Scottsdale, Penna.
- " J. E. KEITH, Canton, Ohio.
- " T. A. CHENEY, Ashtabula, Ohio.
- " F. M. HOOVER, Pittsburg, Penna.
- " ARTHUR B. LOUCKS, Scottsdale, Penna.
- " G. S. MOORE, Sussex, N. B., Canada.
- " P. S. FRANK, Ravenna, Ohio.
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- " DR. E. L. NORTON, Madison, Ohio.
- " R. O. YOUNG, Cleveland, Ohio.
- " ROBERT J. LINTON, Belle Vernon, Penna.
- " H. L. ROSCOE, Rochester, N. Y.
- " CLARENCE A. HACKETT, Cleveland, Ohio.
- " REV. W. D. ATKINSON, Norwalk, Ohio.
- " J. A. SCHAUWEKER, Cleveland, Ohio.
- " H. BIEDER, Ashtabula, Ohio.
- " MATTIE NORTON, Madison, Ohio.
- " CLARA E. KELLY, Monessen, Penna.
- " ANNA K. SMITH, Monessen, Penna.
- " W. H. HENDERSON, Belleisle, N. B., Can.
- " C. G. WAINT, Marion, Ohio.
- " O. O. STILLMAN, New Brunswick, N. J.
- " J. M. OTTERBACHER, Wellington, Ohio.

While traveling in Mexico we incidentally fell in with the above party and with them visited the Obispo Plantation. We heartily endorse every feature of the above statement.

W. S. FORD, Washington Court House, Ohio.
D. F. McLEAN, Washington Court House, Ohio.

Cultivated Rubber a Legitimate Investment.

There is no greater, brighter or more promising field for investment than in the cultivation of rubber and other tropical products in the nearby States of Mexico. The purpose of the Obispo Rubber Plantation Company forms one of the most legitimate and profitable opportunities in this class of investment and is more than ordinarily attractive on account of the location of the property, character of the soil, abundance of labor at a low price, perfect transportation facilities, a strong experienced organization and, more particularly, because it is already on a dividend-paying basis. Its greatest recommendation, however, exists in its exceeding simplicity—no machinery, no patents, no secret processes, no enormous manufacturing plants, no skilled labor, no large and high salaried executive force—just a simple agricultural proposition.

The demand for rubber is still increasing, but the supply is now decreasing, caused through the destruction of the forest trees by the native method of tapping. Conditions in the far-off wilds where the bulk of the supply is now gathered, absolutely preclude any change in these methods. The cultivation of rubber has passed the theoretical stage, and is a demonstrated existing fact in the form of cultivated groves of matured and producing trees, in addition to which are the statements of experts, dealers, importers, manufacturers, governmental reports and all known authorities connected in any manner with the industry, who also admit and assert that before many years CULTIVATED TREES MUST FURNISH THE SUPPLY. Further, no wild product can compete with intelligent cultivation, either in quality, quantity or economy of production. Finally, there is not even the remotest possibility of overproduction, because cultivation on the most enormous scale could hardly hope to keep pace with the destruction now being accomplished.

POSSIBLE PROFITS.

The Company has already paid dividends of 25 per cent in less than three years.

Possible yearly profits on an investment of \$600—\$1,030 Possible yearly profits on an investment of \$3,000—\$5,150
Possible yearly profits on an investment of \$1,500—\$2,575 Possible yearly profits on an investment of \$7,500—\$12,875

These earnings are based on actual results already obtained, and the figures and experience of practical men of unquestionable authority covering every possible branch of the industry, and making the most liberal allowances for all conceivable contingencies. All estimates are figured on Gold Standard basis.

Ask for particulars as to the safety and certainty of this enterprise. You will find it superior to many other forms of investment. The plan is, in a measure, co-operative in character, and because of the method of payment a good sized block can be gradually acquired without any particular effort.

No full-paid subscriptions accepted. Payments can only be made as the money is required for cultivation. \$60 on each share annually, payable in advance or at the rate of \$5 per month, \$15 quarterly, or \$30 semi-annually at the option of the purchaser.

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