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OUR FLORIDA FRIEND
Gainesville, Fla.

November 23, 1912.

Mr. W. H. Owen,

Henderson, Tenn.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Your letter of November 18th asking for information in reference to Florida has been received.

You are not to be blamed for not believing many of the fabulous stories told by unscrupulous land agents and promoters in reference to some things in Florida. The fact of the matter is, Florida land does produce and bring wonderful returns when properly cultivated and marketed. It is a fact, however, that every acre of land in Florida will not do what is generally said for Florida by these promoters; therefore, it is very necessary that in choosing location the soil and close proximity to markets, climate and other things be taken into consideration. There is a vast difference between different parts of Florida, as there is in other States. The Gainesville territory leads in truck farming in the State of Florida. Alachua County is the leading agricultural County of the State.

The five-acre truck farm tracts which we are offering in Dixieland Park are, I believe, the best to be found in the Gainesville area. On two acres of this same tract, which was irrigated from the Creek - said irrigation to be used in case of drouth - and covered with canvas to protect from cold, was produced by Mr. Nimrod Wells who cultivated it nearly \$11,000.00 in two years. This simply shows the possibilities of the soil. Mr. Wells lives close to Dixieland Park. It has been truly said, however, that "There is more in the man than there is in the land", and you know as well as I that everybody will not succeed as well as this man has, but I mention this to show the possibilities of Dixieland Park truck farms.

I cannot tell you what percent of those engaged in the business make it pay well because I have no statistics on that subject, but I could point you to many successful truckers here. Usually the man who does not succeed cannot charge it up to the land. As many as three crops per year are possible here; therefore, if there happens for any reason to be a failure on one there is a chance to make up on the other crops.

I believe that you could take \$1000.00 and start you up a pretty good truck garden. The price of our five-acre tracts is \$1000.00 each, \$200.00 down and \$200.00 per annum until paid for, with interest at 8%. Some of our land is already in high state of cultivation, and if you decide quickly you will be able to secure some land that is already in cultivation.

We do not grow citrus fruits in Gainesville. There are some good groves, however, on the Lakes in different parts of the County.

We have an excellent Public School system in this State, and the pay of teachers is very good, I believe; that is, for

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men teachers; the ladies do not command as good salaries as they should. I do not believe that it would be difficult for a competent, experienced teacher to secure a good position in Florida. I know, as a matter of fact, that many are secured from other States, and a man of ability can, I am sure, succeed in getting a good position.

I am sending you under separate cover a special edition of our local paper, which gives some information about this locality. I will be glad to hear from you further in this connection.

Fraternally yours,

Business Editor.