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Nov. 25, 1912

Messrs. Geo. W. Sturtevant & Co.,

First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,

Chicago.

Gentlemen:

I have had your letter for sometime in reference to sub-division proposition in Gainesville. This proposition includes about 300 acres - the best situated property hereabouts. About twenty acres of it will be devoted to College purposes; the balance will be sub-divided into residence lots, each about 100 by 200 ft., and the more remote parts of the tract will be divided into five-acre truck farm tracts. The truck farm tracts, as a rule, will be adjacent to the creeks that run through the tract.

This is a very fine property, and with the improvements contemplated completed will be good security for a large loan. At present we do not need the services of an engineer, but what we need at this stage of the proposition is a loan of about \$25,000.00, secured by the entire property, free and clear of all incumbrances of any kind whatsoever. If you can arrange for us to get this loan with some client of yours it would facilitate matters considerably at this time, and we would be glad to pay you your commission for services in this connection. With this College building under construction, and the incoming of purchasers for the colonization of the tract, we believe that the property will easily be worth \$100,000.00. We would, of course, want to get this loan at as low a rate of interest as possible, and on long time.

I am sending you a small map of the City of Gainesville, which shows the situation of this property. Also prospectus of

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Our Florida Friend, a paper which will be issued weekly beginning January 1st in the interest of this proposition. We have sent out thousands of these papers and have had satisfactory returns up to date, and are sure that the undertaking will succeed.

We would be glad to throw you what business we could in your special line, and of course would be more inclined to do so if you can secure for us the loan that we need just at this time.

Yours very truly,