

8,000,000 BUNCHES OF BANANAS RAISED EACH YEAR IN COSTA RICA

LITTLE BAND OF AMERICANS WITH AN ARMY OF 7,000 MEN
PRODUCES WEALTH IN TROPICAL LAND WHERE
HEALTH IS PRESERVED AND COMFORTS
ARE ENJOYED.

New Orleans, March 2.—By six o'clock Saturday morning all hands were awake on the Anselm, and peering through the rain in an effort to see if the banana plantations would be sufficiently visible through the mist to permit of proper inspection, writes a Port Limon correspondent of the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

By way of introduction Mr. Schweppes gave the visitors some of the larger facts connected with the industry that sends from Port Limon alone each year eight million bunches of the best commercial fruit grown in the tropical lands of Central America or elsewhere.

He told of the three great districts that are controlled by the United Fruit Company—the Banana River district, the Santa Clara district and the Zent district. In these three districts are now about forty plantations, each under a manager or an assistant manager, and each from five hundred to one hundred acres. The managers, chiefly Americans, with a sprinkling of English, German, natives, &c., all report to the district superintendents, who in turn report to Manager Schweppes, in Port Limon.

These tracts produce about one-half the bananas that are shipped from the country. The other half is purchased by the fruit company from the various estates, great or small, that border the lines of the Costa Rica Railway, the Northern Costa Rica and the smaller branch lines of road that have been put into operation since the company gained its control of the entire system on the Atlantic side of Jan Jose.

It was raining when the party started. It rained all day long. The train soon left Port Limon behind and for some time swept along under over-arching tropical trees and palms down the valley leading into the great Zent banana district. The roadbed, planned and laid with a degree of engineering skill said by experts to be second to none in the States, was in beautiful condition, and never a jar or a jolt disturbed the sightseers, even on the branch lines running through plantations. A man and half per day, per mile, is the way the company estimates what it costs to keep up the system from end, swamp and mountain. On the Costa Rican or the Northern Railroad of Costa Rica, which was the American built road first controlled by the United Fruit Company, the maximum grade is three per cent, while a 20 foot curve is the greatest on the road. Wooden ties are used, the road being ballasted with a gravel obtained from a great pit back on the foothills.

On the main Costa Rica road that is now owned by the Northern of Costa Rica, leading up through the mountains to San Jose, there is one thirty-three foot curve and three twenty-three foot curves, and there are several places where there are long stretches of four per cent grade. So great is the haulage cost over this road that little hope is maintained that the transcontinental traffic will ever amount to much, even when the fifteen mile gap beyond San Jose shall be completed by the American Bridge Company under the contract with the government which the company has just closed.

Into the Bananas.

For some minutes almost an hour after leaving the town the train skirted through hills, where quaint palmetto thatched huts, boarded up with bamboo, or packing boxes, or tin cans, as the case might be, housed the jamaica negro laborers. Red clay

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a young fellow not two years from Dartmouth College, boarded the train and was introduced to the party. A Down East Yankee, over six feet tall, with bronzed face, yellow hair and a boyish smile, he is now at the head of the finest district of the finest banana region in the world, and has about seven thousand acres of land under his supervision, as well as 2,700 acres of new land being brought into cultivation.

After a further trip up the Zent Valley, the party of twenty-odd returned to Zent, where breakfast was served at noon in the railway eating house, but served in a manner, and with a menu rather to be expected in the best Central American private country homes.

After breakfast the train began its return swing toward the city over another bit of road and through a new stretch of banana country on the up coast side. Through miles on miles of valley the scenery of the morning was repeated, the vista extending down the track between the bananas and the forests.

Out of the Zent district the train ran into the coast country, then along the strip of rugged coral, above the city, where is Smugglers' Bay, and Pirates' Cove, and other quaint tropic reminders of the days of the buccaneers. One little point of land was passed, where old Casa Nova lives, the man who brought Minor C. Keith to Port Limon in 173, paddling him down the coast in a native canoe.

Casa Nova is an ancient citizen now, who lives in his hut beneath the cocoanut palms and draws his money and his rations from the "company" and gets whatever else in reason he may want.

MILTON

(Palladium Correspondence.)

Milton, Ind., March 2.—Miss Helen Coyne, south of town, entertained Misses Mildred Waren, Lora Beeson and Irene Crook in honor of her ninth birthday, Wednesday evening, with a slumber party.

Miss Carie Walker entertained Miss Blanche Hale to supper Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church met with Mrs. Henry Hussey Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ellen Callaway and Miss Emma Izor were the guests of Mrs. Will Higham Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Beck is attracting large audiences to the M. E. church where he is assisting Rev. A. R. Jones in a revival meeting. Mr. Beck is a pleasing and forcible speaker.

On the other side could be seen the squads of two or three working with a single mule or pony cutting fruit, one man armed with a long pole, with cross-knife at the end, "killing" the stalks until they should bend gradually toward him, and then cutting the bunch with his machete, his companions binding the bunches in paniers on the mule's or pony's back and carrying six or eight at a time to the platforms along the track. Each bunch removed, the cutter could be seen chopping the stalks to the ground.

For this work, all were told the negroes receive from two and three-quarters to four cents per bunch, according to the distance from the road with three and a half cents as the average. Each squad is said to be capable of cutting under contract three hundred bunches a day. The yield on a good banana plantation is five hundred bunches per hectare, per annum, with some instances where 750 bunches have been raised, this in the banana river district.

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Leave Cincinnati	10 10	6 30	8 10
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	8 A. M.	1 P. M.	8 P. M.
Leave Richmond	10 15	7 10	8 55
" Muncie	12 00	8 25	9 50
Arrive Marion	12 57	9 19	11 05
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