

"A Lesson to Study"

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"The Credit Foncier Company is a colonization Company, based upon the principles of integral cooperation. It numbers among its active members some of the clearest brains and warmest hearts that ever devoted themselves to the betterment of the condition of mankind. x x x

It does not stop with holding to these views it puts them into practice. It invites all to join its ranks to build up a model commonwealth based upon equity and justice thus to demonstrate the feasibility of this higher civilization. The field for its operations was selected by Albert K Owen, whose extensive travels in all parts of the world, added to his complete education and liberal views, as well as his thorough knowledge of Mexico, eminently qualified him for this purpose

He chose the Fuerte Valley, Sinaloa Mexico, on account of the superior climate, unsurpassed in the world; the fertility of the soil; the deep, safe harbor, the best on the Mexican coast; a commanding geographical position; the rich mineral region back of it; and finally, the land.

"In 1886., The credit Foncier Company was organized, a call was issued for 100 men to go to the front and begin the construction of irrigating ditches, building houses, etc; but instead of only hundred qualified men, then was a rush of men, women and children; persons not members of the Company. Others, though members, had no permits, hurried pell mell to an imaginary paradise, paying no heed, in their mad rush (to get something for nothing) to the protests of Mr Owen and the Board of Directors.

"The result was disappointment, hardships, faultfinding, by those who disregarded every counsel, and goin there without knowing what they wanted. Then the Capitalistic press attacked The Credit Foncier, vilified its promoters, denounced its principles and lied about the country. (and have kept it up ever since, E el. "New City") Rival towns decried every effort to found a City at Topolobampo.

"Rival railroads and colonisation Companies intrigued with "the powers that be" to place obstacles in the way of success. Returning Colonists, who had gone for no good purpose, took pains to ruin, if possible, what they could not rule. And yet, notwithstanding all these difficulties, trials and hardships, out leads the noble band of heroes at the front, for three years have not only maintained themselves but

but have built themselves homes, and are daily adding to the comforts of life. More than all, they have demonstrated the correctness of the principles of integral cooperation. The writu has spent several months in the colony, and never has it been his fortune to find a community where the equities of life and the principles of justice were so well observed."

C.B.Hoffman.

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