

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY.

WONDERFUL IMPROVEMENT IN BRIEF SPACE OF TIME.

Fresno and Vicinity—The Colonies—Extensive Vineyards and Orchards—Beautiful Homes, Etc.

(Correspondence of the RECORD-1878-1879.)

Little more than a decade has passed since a single small cabin stood on the site of the now numerous and growing town of Fresno in the southern portion of the great San Joaquin plain.

THE MINERS' STATEMENT.

A Reply by the Miners' Association to Appeal to the Governor.

We have already published the application of the Board of Supervisors of Yuba county, to the Governor, asking that a sufficient force of the militia of the State be employed to enforce the decisions of the Courts, enjoining the working of hydraulic mines.

THE ADVENT OF RAILROADS.

But after a time the railroad, the great vehicle of modern civilization, came southward through the plain and placed it in direct communication with the world. People followed the construction train, and the rough, cheap buildings of the early days marked the location of future farms, and their plowshares destroyed the homes of the lizard and the owl, and fields of grain waved above them in seasons of drought, not unknown in that region, the cattle whose bones were not left to rot on the sands.

THE COLONIES.

The improvements made in the several colonies about the valley have been such, and to those who know the valley before the days of irrigation and railroad communication, it must seem almost incredible that so little has been done.

GRAIN, VINEYARDS AND ORCHARDS.

The growing of grain in Fresno and adjoining counties is still the chief branch of agriculture. The grain fields are gradually being divided into smaller ones for fruit growing. But there are also vineyards and orchards in Fresno conducted on a gigantic scale.

THE PIKE'S PEAK RAILWAY.

The Pike's Peak Railway is expected to be in operation this year, and will be the most notable piece of track in the world. It will mount 2,000 feet higher than the Lima and Oroya Railway in Peru.

GENERAL VIEW.

Higher in the mountains, where the climate is cooler, very late fruits do better than in the warm valley. This whole section is naturally a most fertile fruit country, and the industry is receiving much more attention than formerly in Tulare and Kern counties, where "small farming" is practiced.

EDUCATIONAL.

AN ARTICLE BY PROFESSOR W. W. ANDERSON.

Why Should Every High School Scholar be Obligated to Take a Thorough English Course?

The word "thorough" is here to be understood in the limited sense in which alone it is applicable to high schools and high-school scholars. It is strange that in this limited sense anyone should question the advisability of sending a young man to a school where he will be required to take a course in English.

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