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A City of 6,000 People of Wealth and Culture Engaged in the Production of Fruit.

A HERALD reporter who has often taken a hasty glance at Riverside as he has passed it on the cars, or he has driven through the center of the city, spent a day there this week, and made a special investigation of its status and resources. This reporter knew the place where Riverside now stands more than twenty years ago, and remembers well how uninviting was the spot. He met Judge J. G. North in Los Angeles in 1868 or 1869, when that gentleman first came to California in search of a home and a place to bring a colony. He can readily recall the comments generally passed upon the selection made on the plains near the Santa Ana. Droughts had been known in Southern California in the past, and those years in question were dry to such a degree that the stock perished on the plains. These mesas where Judge North invested his money were regarded as about the most unpromising part of the country. The settlements were all along the river bottoms, in the damp lands at San Bernardino, El Monte, Los Nietos, Downey, and along the coast line. Riverside was regarded as peculiarly unpromising because of the heat that poured down on the plains, because of the stiff winds that swept the mesas, and because of the clayey nature of the soil. There were few people in this section who did not think Judge North had made a mistake which would surely bankrupt him after a score of years of fruitless effort. The remoteness of the spot from any center of population, or any means of taking away the products of the orchards, to be started, was also a very discouraging feature. San Bernardino was then a very small place, and there was no other settlement in that part of the country. Los Angeles, sixty miles away, was a town of perhaps 5,000 people, not much more than half of whom were Americans. General Banning was then engaged in building a bit of railroad from San Pedro to Los Angeles, and there was not even any talk of a road to San Francisco, and no thought of one to the east. The Central and Union Pacific roads had just been united at Ogden, but no movement had been begun to extend the line down the San Joaquin valley to this end of the state. To build up a colony of fruit-growers at Riverside under these adverse circumstances was an undertaking few men would have had the nerve to enter in. Judge North was a remarkable man, and the results of his undertaking are among the most remarkable in the marvelous history of the American continent, where astonishing achievements have been the order of the day for three hundred years.

What They Did.

Here then, on this wind-swept plain, in spite of these difficulties, this courageous pioneer set to work, literally to make the desert blossom. The phrase is trite enough, but it receives point and freshness from the status of Riverside as she was then and as she is today. Judge North surrounded himself with a party of congenial spirits as courageous and hopeful as himself. The party consisted of: Judge John W. North, Dr. James F. Greves, Dr. Sanford Eastman, E. G. Brown, Dr. K. D. Shugart, A. J. Twyman, D. C. Twogood, John Broadhurst, James A. Stewart and William J. Linville. Nine of these live to witness the wonderful transformations that have gone on around them in these twenty years. To these others were added from time to time, and there were traits common to them all, to which the success of Riverside is largely due. They came from the east in search of a home, where summer blizzards and winter frosts, where hailstorms and cyclones, where floods and droughts would not be ever-present evils so severe as to make life a burden and the preservation of life a continual struggle. They were all men of some means, of more than usual experience in affairs, and of far more than average intelligence. The people of Riverside have at all times largely possessed these same traits. From the very beginning the plans of the colony were laid on a broad basis, and its foundations were deeply sunk and substantially built. In such an arid region water was the life-blood of the colony. To supply its arteries with this in abundance the Santa Ana river was tapped ten or more miles from the colony, where a stream of 5,000 inches of water was taken out for the use of the colony. A canal was dug through the solid rock, the stream was carried in immense flumes over deep ravines, and in cement ditches along the plains for many miles to where the fruit trees were to be planted. So well was the work done that after twenty years these copious streams are still running in the same ditches and flumes to the thousands of acres of orange trees in which Riverside is embowered. The cost of this water system runs first and last up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. So thoroughly was the work done that while the trees and vines have multiplied in all these twenty years, until now the area in oranges alone is 6,000 acres, yet there never has been a day when any orchardist has had to wait an hour to get all the water he would take for use on his trees. While the city has grown to have a population of 6,000 people, and while the fruit interest has been so extended there is no limit on the use of the water, there is no apportionment of it necessary, but each person takes what he needs as he likes, and asks no one's permission.

Besides this domestic water system Riverside has a irrigation system the most complete. This supply is taken from artesian wells, run into a broad, shallow reservoir, where it is thoroughly aerated, and immediately carried in pipes to the residences of the city. It comes under high pressure, so that at the city a stream may be thrown over the house-tops directly by the hydrants. Riverside suffers from no fires.

The Riverside of Today.

Such is a brief sketch of the founding of Riverside, and of the real sources of her prosperity. The results achieved

are quite what might be expected. Water, soil and climate are the elements out of which Riverside has been built. The medium on which they have been used is fruit, oranges taking the lead, followed by lemons and raisins. The orange crop for a series of years is represented in the following figures, in carloads:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Carloads. Rows include 1880-81, 1881-82, 1882-83, 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1886-87, 1887-88, 1888-89.

For the current year by months the figures also in carloads and boxes are:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Carloads/Boxes. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June.

There are probably 50 carloads left, which will run the crop of the current year to about 1,500 cars, or nearly 420,000 boxes. The value of the crop is not less than \$1,250,000. The area planted to oranges is about 6,000 acres, and at least 1,000 acres have been planted this year. Much of this orchard is still to come in bearing, a good portion of it having its first heavy crop now on. The output next year will be 2,000 to 2,500 cars. It will bring into Riverside close onto \$2,000,000. As there are only 6,000 people in the place, or somewhat over 1,000 families, cultivating in all 6,000 acres of land, the significance of these figures is apparent. The crop sells for \$300 to \$750 per acre on the trees. No farming in the country can compare with it, and no farmers are surrounded with signs of such prosperity. The owner of a 20-acre orchard receives an annual income of \$5,000 to \$10,000. No wonder his place is like a fairy bower, or that his house is expensively built and as elegantly furnished as that of a millionaire merchant.

Riverside orchardists pay some attention to raisins, and less to deciduous fruits. The raisin crop last year sold for about \$500,000, and the apricot crop for about \$200,000, but as oranges and lemons pay far greater profits it is not at all strange to find the owner uprooting vineyard deciduous trees to plant citrus fruit trees in their place.

The Demand for Property.

While the times are not so brisk as they were a few years ago, they are not dull in places like Riverside with bearing orchards. There are a great many people coming in here looking for paying investments and they find these in orange groves most to their liking. In six months the sales of land in and about Riverside have amounted to \$1,000,000, and upwards. One sale of the Gage property swelled this a great deal, but at least \$600,000 has been invested in Riverside proper in bearing orange groves by new people from the east. Holders of thirty to fifty acres of trees are sometimes willing to sell ten acres of their place, and for such bits the newcomers gladly pay from \$1,000 to \$1,500 an acre. There are no buildings on the raw places. Raw lands sell at from \$75 to \$500 an acre. There would be a great demand for this sort of property, if trees to plant it could be had. Young orange trees have sold for as high as \$1.75 each, and at that price there were none to get. There will be the same scarcity of trees next year, but the following year there will be plenty of them.

The Press has gathered the following list of sales of real property made within the past six months:

- List of property sales including names like F. T. Pember to Mrs. Sprague, E. T. Pember to R. H. Pulley, J. T. Pember to E. Lacy, S. B. Bliss to J. E. Todd, Griffin & Skelley to Mr. Osborne, Mr. Horton to Wolverton & Van D., J. T. Lavelle to H. H. Herr, J. C. Miller to Louise Bacon, J. Nelson to D. P. Chapman, W. W. Kirk to S. M. Fassett, D. H. Gillan to C. H. Scott, Barber to F. W. Hutson, C. C. Hunt to P. H. Rice, H. E. Perley to C. F. Johnson, Matthew Gage to Riverside Trust Co., John T. Jarvis to Judson House, Riverside Land Co. to J. W. Roberts, Hutchins & Allen to Mr. Neely, F. T. Field to Mrs. Lucy Williams, W. Crosby to J. O. Cuttle, W. S. Collins to J. A. Davidson, Dr. H. Graves to Geo. Runkle, R. L. & I. Co. to W. D. Halpin, Riverside Trust Co. to L. Langley, Orrin Backus to H. O. Evans, W. H. Bushell to Robt. S. Roe, Riverside Trust Co. to D. Nicol, Riverside Trust Co. to Eastern parties, R. L. & I. Co. to S. S. Sanker, R. L. & I. Co. to Cuttle & Gould, R. L. & I. Co. to H. G. Redfield, G. M. Skinner to M. J. Daniels, Geo. H. Fullerton to Saml. J. Ford, Oscar Ford to J. L. Murphy, A. G. Duncan to J. L. Murphy, John Evans to J. E. Baird, F. T. Pember to S. H. Herrick, F. T. Pember to J. A. Simms, Mrs. J. E. Patterson to T. B. Stephenson, J. A. Simms to J. Hawkins, Jr., W. H. Howard to G. M. Morse, W. G. Gregg to W. H. Ball, Russell & Roberts to S. L. Spencer, R. L. & I. Co. to F. W. Harburt, R. L. & I. Co. to Martha Cuttle, C. W. Fleming to John A. Sweet, R. L. & I. Co. to George Duncan, Riverside Land Company to R. W. Meacham, O. M. Sheldon to W. S. Collins, R. L. & I. Co. to C. S. Burgess, R. L. & I. Co. to F. S. Starke, R. L. & I. Co. to George Duncan, Brierly Ranch to J. P. Hart, G. M. Morse to C. E. Grosvenor, Mrs. R. R. Price to Mrs. J. L. Butler, R. L. & I. Co. to John Robertson, Cook, estate, Thos. F. Titus, Twogood & Herrick to James Heath, W. J. Wallace to W. C. Eames, W. J. Wallcutt to Perrin E. White, A. Great Syndicate.

An English syndicate has made a purchase at \$1,000,000 of the lands and canals in the Matthew Gage system, reaching seven miles from Colton to nearly South Riverside. Already there are 3,000 acres under the ditch, and there

are 10,000 acres in all. These lands are valued at \$400 an acre in their raw state. The company has bought \$200,000 of orange stock, all in the county, and will plant 1,500 acres of oranges next year. This syndicate will expend at least \$200,000 next year in improving their lands. The system of canals already stretches twenty-two miles.

An Endless Story. But a newspaper article must come to an end. One might write of Riverside fifty of these columns and then have something left to say. Riverside sprinkles daily twenty-one miles of streets, and has a main street, eight miles long, at least 200 feet wide, aligned all its distance with palms, grevelias, pepper and eucalyptus trees. A street car system extends its entire length, the cars running all the way under the thick foliage of the pepper trees. Riverside has gas works, electric lights, fine level streets, cement sidewalks, and all the marked features of a city.

All the churches are represented in Riverside. The Congregational edifice cost \$25,000. The Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Catholics, New Church, Universalists and others have organizations and buildings. The secret societies are also well represented. Riverside has one of the finest opera-houses in the state. It is the new California in miniature—and not so very small either. It seats 800 people. It is a gem of the Irving block, in which it is, would rank with the best blocks in San Francisco.

Riverside has several fine hotels, the Glenwood, kept for years by Frank A. Miller, being one of the cosiest, most romantic and best kept houses in California. It is surrounded by large grounds, beautifully adorned with fine trees, shrubs and flowers. Its wide verandas are the nicest in the world to lounge on and enjoy the climate of the sea-breeze.

Riverside has the finest school building in the state. It is of solid brick, and rivals in its substantial and artistic features the piles erected in the east by the great universities of the country. Riverside has a board of trade governed by the following officers and directors: D. L. Wilbur, president; Joseph Jarvis, vice-president; W. H. Morrell, secretary; Thomas Bakewell & Sons, treasurer; D. L. Wilbur, Joseph Jarvis, M. D., A. S. White, T. H. E. Chamblin, W. M. Collier, Thomas Bakewell, J. L. Koethen, H. L. Purdy, E. P. Sargent, Bradford Morse, D. W. McLeod.

Riverside has a council as follows, being a city of the sixth class: Aberdeen Keith, president; M. Hoover, A. S. White, H. E. Allatt.

Ad. S. Alkire is city clerk; Bradford Morse, marshal; J. M. Drake, treasurer; W. J. McIntire, attorney; W. B. Sawyer, health officer; W. W. Noland, recorder; J. W. Johnson, superintendent of streets and city engineer; J. N. Keith, chief of the fire department. The board of health is composed of A. Keith, W. B. Sawyer, W. J. McIntire, Bradford Morse, J. W. Johnson. The library trustees are: Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Deere, Prof. N. C. Tining, E. W. Holmes, A. S. White and C. J. Gill. The library is a well-selected one, and contains a large list of books.

Riverside has a daily paper, the Press, now conducted by E. W. Holmes and R. J. Pierson. It is published every evening excepting Sunday.

The Phoenix is a lively weekly paper.

THE IRON HIGHWAYS.

A FREIGHT TRAIN SMASHED ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

Change of Trains on the Santa Ana Line. Vervaine and Soldiers' Home—New Ticket Agent at Santa Monica.

Yesterday morning at 1 o'clock a special freight train was ditched and considerably smashed up on the Southern Pacific line about eight miles this side of Colton near a place called Sansevain. The train consisted of twenty-five cars. It was running westward at a lively rate of speed, when a wheel under one of the box cars broke. Eleven cars were ditched, several of them knocked into kindling wood and their contents scattered about. No one was injured. It took six hours to clear the track, and the Colton flyer was delayed an hour and a half, not arriving in this city until 5:13 p. m. No one was to blame for the accident, but the railroad company will have to charge itself with a loss of eight or ten thousand dollars.

On Sunday the 15th, the Southern Pacific will issue a new time card. The following changes have been decided upon with others probably to follow: There will be two trains daily to Tustin, connecting at Anaheim with the Santa Ana train. There will be only one train hereafter to Whittier.

The name of Vervaine on the Santa Monica line of the Southern Pacific, has been changed to Soldiers' Home, as this is the point at which people usually leave the train to visit the home. The station formerly called Soldiers' Home will hereafter be called Bergamot.

E. A. Ray, who has been serving the Southern Pacific as agent at Santa Monica, has been promoted to be agent at San Bernardino. His place at Santa Monica will be filled by David Smith, formerly assistant agent there.

S. B. Hynes, of the Santa Fe, has returned from San Diego. While in the latter place he had a conference with Mr. Mitchell, of Escondido, the manager of the Lower California woolen mills. The Santa Fe is shipping the product of these mills to the City of Mexico.

Some of the eastern papers have just learned of the derailling of the passenger train at Tehachapi, which occurred on the 7th of last April. It was published in a Chicago paper about a week ago, in this remarkable shape: A Denver, Colo., dispatch of May 31st, says: A thrilling accident occurred recently on the Southern Pacific railroad, details of which were suppressed until yesterday. A heavy passenger train of seven coaches and three sleepers while coming down the heavy grade this side of Tehachapi pass got beyond control of the engineer, and dashed down the mountain at a tremendous rate of speed. The passengers became panic stricken and several tried to leap from the train. Finally the train shot into a portion of road where there was a level space, while to the right there was a descent of 1,200 feet. As it did so it jumped the track. Strange to say, although the train was running seventy-five miles an hour, not one person was killed. One woman was seriously injured. She was brought to Denver and cared for by the company's agent.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

ONE ARREST MADE.

People Who Would Not Give Census Men Information.

A warrant was issued in the United States court yesterday for the arrest of Mrs. Margaret Davis, of 535 1/2 South Los Angeles street, on complaint of Max J. Almens, census enumerator, in the 70th district. Almens charged that on last Monday he tackled Mrs. Davis with the usual list of questions, beginning with "What is your sex?" and ending "Are you a pauper or a convict?" The lady became indignant and refused to give answers to any except three. She told her own name, the number of her children and their ages, but at that point she drew the line. Mr. Mosher was informed of her refusal and telegraphed to Washington for instructions, and was ordered to turn the case over to United States District Attorney Willoughby Cole.

There are several other people who will probably soon find themselves in a similar predicament with Mrs. Davis. A certain Mexican living at 147 South Hayes street was reported yesterday who refused to say anything to the interpreter, although the consequence of a refusal was explained. A San Diego enumerator reports similar difficulty with a man by the name of Jones on Second street in that city and W. D. Hunt, of San Bernardino, has been listed with those who have been making trouble for themselves. When the enumerators first started out cases of this sort were frequent, but on calling several times they usually found that people had learned by inquiry among their neighbors the seriousness of their refusal to answer the questions, and the desired information was generally given.

It appears that a wrong impression has been given by the published statement that the census-taking will close in this city with the work of today. The space of two weeks is set by the government for the work in cities, and they are restricted with a view to enabling enumerators to complete their labors in that time. But if any have not made a complete circuit of the district in the time given, they will be allowed several days more in which to finish up. It appears that the census-taking has already been completed their work, and all except two or three will probably have finished up by tonight.

The people who are most likely to be skipped are the single men living in hotels and lodging-houses, who are at work during the day and out during the evening. These can easily learn by inquiry whether they have been enrolled, and if they have not been, can make a call on Mr. Mosher in the Bryson-Bonebrake block.

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