

AZUSA VALLEY.

Glendora the Beautiful and Her Products.

Gladstone and Covina and Their Great Improvements.

Oranges in November and Green Peas in February.

A Valley of Fertile Soils, Fine Climate, Abundance of Water and Great Prosperity.

Among the districts visited by the Herald's tramp reporter of late the Azusa valley stands out pre-eminent in many ways. The Azusa valley proper reaches from the San Gabriel river at the mouth of the cañon to the San Dimas pass, a distance of about ten miles, and from the base of the mountains to Baldwin's Puente ranch, nearly ten more. The Puente is really a part of the valley, but is usually ranked with the rest of the Puente country. The valley known for years as the Azusa contains over half a million acres of fine land. Its fertility has been a proverbial matter in this section for the past fifty years. Lying as it does at the mouth of the San Gabriel cañon where the river debouches on the plain it has at all times enjoyed the use of an abundance of fine water. The San Gabriel is the second largest stream in Southern California. It is fed by the eternal snows of the mountain peak San Antonio, and never fails. Twenty-five years ago the oranges from the ranch of Henry Dalton had a reputation second to none in Los Angeles, and Mr. Dalton made the first raisins ever cured in this section. That was about twenty-two years ago. They were made of the Muscat grape, and were of fine flavor and excellent in all respects.

Let us begin at the Azusa depot, where D. A. Shaw keeps an excellent house known as the Hotel Azusa. It belongs to the Azusa Land and Water Company, and is a very well planned and executed house, which Mr. Shaw conducts in an excellent manner. The town of Azusa has a number of very pleasant houses, and two or three large brick blocks built by the company. This company has a very large body of fine land around the depot, with a river of water for domestic and irrigating purposes. Reference will be had to this in detail at another time.

Just east of Azusa the first place visited by the scribe was that of J. C. Preston, an enterprising nurseryman. He has 6,000 fall-budded orange trees in nursery rows, a good part of which he has already sold for next winter's planting at a good round price. He has 4,000 lemon trees in the nursery, and 4,000 spring-bud oranges. These are all on a comparatively small area of ground, but the whole stock is worth about \$20,000. This is about the way farmers in the Azusa count up their profits. The next place visited was that of Mr. L. M. La Fetra. It lies high up on the mesa in a fine oak park, the most beautiful in the section. The place comprises 500 acres of this splendid woodland. There is a good orange orchard on the place and about 1,000 fine prune trees loaded with fruit. These prunes are worth \$55 a ton in their natural state, and will net more if dried by the growers. Mr. La Fetra will bud 3,000 peach trees with prune buds next winter. Living springs of water rise on the place, and the water is piped all over the place in the vicinity of the house. This is a brand new edifice, and one of the handsomest in the country. The house and its 500 acres are worth a large sum of money. If they were owned by a millionaire no price would buy them. It is an ideal place for a fine home.

Passing eastward beautiful Glendora was approached. Now the fruit country was reached. Apricots were in their prime last week, and were being dried in great abundance. There are several establishments in the valley, some of which handle twenty tons a day. For many days the whole valley dried perhaps forty tons a day. The growers were getting \$25 a ton, five tons to the acre being the usual crop. The farmers were happy pocketing \$125 an acre for their apricots. Near Glendora lies the place of Mr. William Forbes. He has eighty acres of fine land, and from four acres of apricots he has just sold twenty tons of fruit for the snug sum of \$500. Mr. Forbes has 800 prune trees in full bearing, that will net him about three times as much as his apricots. He sold 500 sacks of potatoes for the eastern market at \$1.25 per sack, or \$625 to add to the \$500 for the apricots, and he increased later on by \$1,200 or \$1,500 from the prunes. That is the way Glendora farmers get rich. He has grapes and oranges besides.

Mr. J. J. West has sixty acres, ten of which are set to apricots and raisin grapes, all in excellent condition. He was drying his own apricots. Five tons of green fruit will make one of dried. The prepared fruit commands about 12 cents a pound, or \$240 for the product of one acre. That is better than selling at \$125 an acre to the dryers. A brother of Mr. West, Mr. J. C. West, lives close by. He has forty-three acres of mesa land, and a large body of hill land for grazing purposes, near the Dalton cañon. Of his mesa land ten acres are planted to oranges and lemons, which are doing well.

Directly east of Mr. West, and adjoining him, is the place of Mr. John W. Cook. He has sixty acres, thirty-five of which are planted to oranges and lemons. There is an abundance of water for these ranches from the Dalton cañon and from cienegas or springs on or near the land. At the citrus fair in this city last winter Mr. Cook's oranges were conceded to be the best in the whole exhibit. When the National Grange officials visited this section a couple of years ago in the month of November, J. W. Cook sent them oranges perfectly ripe. This shows how very early these mesas along the foothills are. Ten boxes of fruit were sent to the grange officials, and even at that early date they were high-colored and of fine flavor. It is difficult to get oranges of good color for the Christmas markets of the coast, and the fruit is not generally considered ripe before March. The warm soils and southern exposure of these Glendora foothills do the work as early as November. This fact speaks volumes for the district. Glendora has a fine school house, an M. E. church and a Christian church, a

lodge of Forresters and five stores. Dr. A. E. Engelhardt keeps a general store at his place, and does a good business. Above the town is the ranch of W. B. Owen, who a few years ago leased the public well as county tax collector. He has seventy acres of high mesa land, forty of which are planted to oranges and vines. Mr. Cullen had just shipped a carload of excellent claret to a firm in Los Angeles. Just east of his place Dr. Chas. De Szigethy has 160 acres of foothill land, part in vines. Mr. Cullen sold this during the boom, and came near selling the rest of his ranch. He refused \$1,000 an acre for some of it. A. B. Chapman, Esq., of San Gabriel, said to him: "Cullen, you have prime orange land with plenty of water. It is worth in the raw state \$2,000 an acre, and will bring that price some day. Plant it to trees, and it will pay an interest of 10 per cent per annum on \$1,000 plus all it will cost to bring it into bearing." There are many people who think as Mr. Chapman thinks, and they are the people who are right. Mr. Cullen had an apricot tree near his house on which he said there were \$20 worth of fruit when dried. Mr. Cullen has twenty acres set to navel oranges.

Mr. H. D. Engelhardt has a fine place west of Mr. Cullen's. All the people on this place were busy drying apricots. His twenty acres of orchard include peaches as well as apricots, and all the trees are loaded with fine fruit. Just above the town of Glendora is the charming home of Col. Geo. D. Whitcomb. He is the president of the Glendora Land and Water Company. This company has a large body of the best foothill land. Besides citrus fruits, there are vineyards of the raisin grape on the place. There is a large orchard of lemon trees. Winter vegetables are one of the great industries of this foothill country. Cauliflower, asparagus, green peas and tomatoes ripen here in January. The wild blackberries in the cañons are in blossom, and bear fruit all winter long. The breath of frost never touches this country. Perhaps it would be well to give Col. Whitcomb's views of his district in his own words, for they are every one the expression of a practical and very intelligent man, who is backing his opinions with all he is worth. Here they are:

"I refused to sell my best foothill acre property at \$800 to \$1,000 per acre when predicting a reaction from the then 'boom' prices, as I am one of the nurserymen who believe there is too little territory under our flag where new vegetable, ripe fruits and fresh flowers can be gathered every day in the year, not to have it in time become so high appreciated as to approximate in value nearly to that of ordinary residence property in cities—especially so in the sheltered foothills and glens where the rare excellence of the climate is such as to be a balm to soothe and relieve, if not to fully cure, most of the infirmities caused by the rigorous climate of our northern and eastern states. This climate has done much for me in this respect, therefore a desire to remain and see the country become productive and support its population. With this object in view I have encouraged the production of winter vegetables, small fruits, etc.; also contributed money and furnished land for an evaporator now curing ten to twenty tons of fruit per day, and hope to see a large number of men, women and children here in the near future. There will be in the last of the green peas, tomato and berry crops after they become too abundant and cheap in the northern and eastern markets to be profitable for shipping. These industries enable the growers to earn a support while growing orange groves, orchards etc., also employ a large number of men, women and children, and are especially helpful to the young, also to partially infirm adults whose condition unfits them for doing a standard day's labor, as the work of picking, cutting, packing etc. is done by the pound or piece. The result is that the residents of Glendora are generally prosperous, children have money of their own to supply many of their needs, the dwellings are occupied and more are being erected. It is my judgment that in the aggregate many acres of sheltered foothill land where it is safe to engage in the cultivation of winter vegetables for the northern and eastern markets, but their shipment by past methods is unsatisfactory, ordinary freight being too slow and subject to damage and loss, while express freight so increases their cost at destination as to make them too expensive for general use—therefore, it limits the amount for production as to become impracticable for a large business. We have made local experiments with cold storage, and believe if grown on a large scale and shipped in car lots, in special cars and fast freight, with such suitable conditions as the nature of the products may require, (to illustrate, will refer to methods of shipment of fresh meat they can be put into the eastern markets and wholesaler at rates that will give the growers, carriers and dealers a satisfactory reward, and enable the consumer to procure them at such moderate prices as to create sufficient demand to take all that can be grown here, for delivery during the months of January to April, inclusive, and add to our commodities for exchange with the north and east an aggregate value of only to that of citrus fruits, and help to solve the problem of 'what can be done to earn a living while growing an orange grove.'

With this in view the Herald reporter interviewed an official of the Santa Fe Railway Company, who said that his company would do all in its power to encourage the shipping of winter vegetables to the east. He said he had seen pears kept in cold storage here for three weeks, and were in perfect condition. They can be laid down in Denver in four days and in Chicago in six or seven days. To points where a straight carload will not be salable, the company will allow shippers to put in a mixed carload of citrus fruits and early vegetables, so that they may be capable of handling. Here is the prime opportunity of the foothill lands like those at Glendora. Below Glendora Mr. R. W. Dawson has a fine body of the best land in the valley. It is watered by a fine stream from the ditches. Mr. Dawson is well acquainted with the valley in all its details, and intending settlers would do well to see him. Strawberries are one of the crops of this valley. They ripen on Dawson's place all winter long, and in the early spring were shipped away as far as Denver by express. They sold at very high prices. The strawberry crop of the valley netted the growers \$12,000 to \$15,000 the past season. From the valley there went about fifty cars of oranges last winter. The shipments of potatoes were very large, but the aggregate is not obtainable yet. One of the best movements in the valley is that being made by the San Jose Ranch Company, which owns a body of 2,000 acres of fine land in the eastern part of Azusa and lapping over into the valley whose center is Pomona. A great deal of water has been developed here and distributed to the lands of the company. Much land has been sold and improved and the orchards are doing well. The plantings embrace cit-

rus trees, prunes, apricots, peaches and pears. The land is graded according to the uses to which it is best adapted, and the prices range accordingly. Surely no one will say that our lands are held too high when it is known that here, within twenty miles of Los Angeles, in a thickly settled valley, with schools and churches, and close to Pomona, a fine city, these lands, with water on the higher priced, can be bought from \$50 to \$150 an acre. The best land in the 2,000 acres, with plenty of water, may be had for the higher figure. Excellent lands for peaches or prunes or raisin grapes or walnuts may be had from \$50 to \$100. But this article is growing too long, and reference will be made to the subject again soon.

HON. ABBOT KINNEY.

He Will Run for Election to the State Senate.

Hon. Abbot Kinney's familiar figure graced the streets yesterday afternoon. Mr. Kinney had just heard gratifying news of his book, which Belford, Clarke & Co. are soon to publish, and which, it is expected, will furnish a literary sensation.

"What is it about, Mr. Kinney?" asked the reporter.

"Well, sir, it tells the truth; that is about all I can say for it now. That's a dangerous thing to do, and I've been and it always suffer for it; but I've been and gone and done it."

"How about politics?"

"They are mixed, as usual. Some time ago the Herald spoke very kindly of me as a possible member of the legislature, and many of my friends have urged me to shy my cap into the arena, and I may do it, not as a candidate for the legislature, but for the state senate."

"Come down to Santa Monica," continued the apostle of the Australian ballot system, "and cool off; it's the coolest spot on the coast."

LONG BEACH.

WAX WORKS AND MUSIC ON MONDAY EVENING'S PROGRAMME.

The Opening of the Chautauqua Meetings. Renewed Interest Taken in the Proceedings—Notes.

The wax works on Monday night were rather a novelty, even to those accustomed to that form of exhibition. Mrs. Osborne made an excellent Mrs. Jarley. Her lecture abounded in local hits, and was simply convulsing. Considering the short time which the performers had to prepare their costumes and learn their parts, the performance was most excellent. At a reception immediately following the wax-works a substantial testimonial was presented by the large audience present to Rev. Geo. L. Cole, whose untiring efforts have resulted in the largest attendance and best programme yet at the assemblies at Long Beach. The people were late in separating, and all seemed to regret that the first Epworth League Assembly in the world was at an end.

Yesterday morning the train brought down a larger number than usual to attend the opening session of the Chautauqua Assembly. The morning train was met at the depot by the Cuthbert family band, which performed several selections in its usual correct and pleasing manner.

Gathered in the tabernacle the crowd was treated to more music, this time by the Orion Club. This organization is composed as follows: Prof. S. H. Blakeslee, leader and baton; Mrs. Ida Blakeslee, pianist and contralto; Miss Gertrude Auld, soprano; Mrs. Marian Harter, violinist, and Mr. Stedman Jones, tenor. Miss Auld takes the place of the former regular soprano, who is sick at present. She came from Sacramento, and was a former pupil of Prof. Bacon, of Napa, who has recently been engaged to lead the choir at the First Congregational church of this city.

The music furnished by this club was most excellent, and the audience would not be satisfied with the regular programme as intended, but repeatedly called for more, until the hour assigned for the concert had more than passed. Chorus, solo and instrumental music were alike faultless in execution. Prof. Blakeslee, the leader, is the teacher of the classes in chorus music during the assembly, and yesterday afternoon organized a class of about fifty members. The organization of classes took place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Only the music and class for normal work in Bible study were organized. Rev. J. B. Young, of Kansas City, has charge of the latter class, which already numbers seventy-five. The lesson for today is consideration of the four gospels, illustrated by maps, diagrams and outlines. Classes in art under Prof. Ivey and cookery under Mrs. Knight, will be organized today. The latter lady is represented as an expert in her line, and is very popular.

Another large crowd gathered at the platform meeting in the evening. There was more music by the Orion Club and the ever-welcome singing by Mrs. Osborne. Addresses were delivered by Rev. S. H. Weller, D. D.; Rev. A. C. Hirst, D. D.; Rev. A. S. Dobbs, D. D.; Rev. Alfred Kummer, D. D.; Rev. J. B. Young and Rev. Selah Brown.

Today's programme includes a lecture on "Shams" by Rev. Alfred Kummer; character sketching, by Prof. Virgil A. Pinkley, and a lecture entitled, "From Kadesh Barnea to Jerusalem," by Rev. A. S. Dobbs.

Notes. Mr. C. P. Lewis returned to town Sunday. Rev. J. B. Young returned from Los Angeles yesterday evening. President Weller was a passenger on the morning train yesterday.

Mr. C. E. Day was observed at the beach Sunday and yesterday. Mrs. Sophie Knight is expected this evening. She has a large prospective class in waiting for her.

The tabernacle was tastefully decorated for the opening yesterday, the arrangement being due to Mr. Trowbridge and an assistant.

The new and revised programmes of the C. L. S. C. assembly were on hand for distribution yesterday. They will be carried out to the letter if no unforeseen event occurs.

The following will be the programme for the concert tomorrow: March, "Summer Season;" overture, "Sylvester;" waltz, "Soldaten Lieder;" medley, by request, Irish songs; gavotte, "Starlight;" schottische, "On the Strand;" waltz, by request, "Annie Bonnie;" selection, "Day and Night;" polka, "Farewell;" musical caprice, "Olden Days;" schottische, "Strolling on the Beach;" galop, "In Camp."

FORGING AHEAD.

What Secretary Murphy Has to Say of Arizona.

The secretary of Arizona, Hon. N. O. Murphy, went to Redondo Beach yesterday. He appreciates plenty of water and a low temperature, coming from where he does, so during his stay in Southern California he has made many trips to the coast. At Redondo he was in bathing and got wet all over, something which is easier done than in Phoenix, though Phoenix is, according to the information proffered by Mr. Murphy yesterday to a Herald reporter, a very delightful place. He said that hundreds of thousands of young fruit trees had been bought in this county and set out in Phoenix orchards.

"It is just as much the garden spot of the world as the San Gabriel valley is," said Mr. Murphy, with a little asperity. Why, before very long our fruit-growers will be running yours very hard to keep the markets you have got. All we need is more railroads, and we will have them. The Southern Pacific has now made an offer to build a line, and a private company, in consideration of a subsidy, has proffered to build a road to the Atlantic and Pacific. One of these projects will succeed.

"Will the statehood fight be kept up?"

"Oh yes. We want to get there, and we will. There is some sentiment against the movement, and its consummation may be delayed, but not for long. I consider that at a low estimate Arizona has a population of between fifty and seventy thousand, exclusive of Indians and the inhabitants of the military reservations."

"What about that fight for the possession of the penitentiary at Yuma?"

"That's a political matter which has come up since I left. It is a contest for important and influential offices between the two parties, and I guess the Republicans will get them. The Democrats are in, and of course we want them to be out."

FOURTH-WARD DEMOCRATS.

A Grand Rally Tonight at Ninth-Street Engine House.

There will be a caucus of fourth-ward Democrats tonight at the Ninth-street engine house to name a ticket for the primaries on next Saturday. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 sharp, and it is desired to have all the Democrats in the ward present at that time. The caucus is the fountain head of politics, and those who desire to see the will of the people expressed at the polls and potent in the government should turn out to the caucus. Let there be a big meeting.

The French Celebration.

EDITORS HERALD.—Frenchmen and French-Americans feel proud of your honorable mention of France's great day, and are grateful that your powerful journal is a friend to France and to Frenchmen. But, politics laid aside, we are grieved to know that your contemporary, the Times, for some reason or another, did not even mention our celebration of the 14th of July, either for praise or criticism. If, instead of 2,500 Chinamen, as there we assembled, 2,500 Chinamen or that number of sheep or hogs had congregated in this city, the Times would have said that the Chinamen had long queues, that the sheep had long wool, and that the hogs were fat. Be sure, Frenchmen will remember you, and the Times also.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Los Angeles, ss. J. B. Lankershim, president, and Frank W. Devan, cashier, of the Main Street Savings Bank and Trust Company, being severally duly sworn each for himself says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. FRANK W. DEVAN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 30th day of June, 1899. ap28-tf H. E. STORRS, Notary Public.

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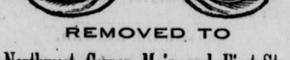
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