



FIRST WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S EXPRESS OVER THE MOUNTAINS.

fords one of the best and most pleasant drives to be found in the State. The road follows the river bank, under the shade of waving pines, or across green meadows until it reaches Tahoe City, at the foot of the lake. Here are excellent accommodations for travelers—a good hotel, boats, and a well-stocked stable.

According to the survey of the State line, Lake Tahoe lies in two States and five counties. The line between California and Nevada runs north and south through the lake, until it reaches a certain point therein, when it changes to a course 17 degs. east of south. Thus the counties of El Dorado and Placer, in California, and Washoe, Ormsby and Douglas, in Nevada, all share in the waters of the Tahoe. Where the line was surveyed through the lake it is 1,700 feet deep.

There are three steamboats on the lake but only one, the "Stanford," takes excursionists. The trip on this steamer is very fine, but for our *personal* use, not the way we like to travel for sight-seeing, at *this*, the loveliest of all drives in the world. Our choice is a good saddle animal, or a good team of horses, an agreeable companion, and start around the western shore. Six miles from Tahoe, over a beautiful road, we reach Sugar Pine Point, a spur of mountains covered with a splendid forest of sugar pine, the most valuable lumber, for all uses, found on the Pacific coast. There are fine streams running into the lake on each side of the point. We now arrive at EMERALD BAY, a beautiful, placid inlet, two miles long, which seems to hide itself among the pine-clad hills. It is not over 400 yards wide at its mouth, but