

a very fine view of the railroad can be obtained. Within sight are four tunnels and several miles of snow-sheds, while behind and seemingly overhanging the road, the mountains—bald, bleak, bare, massive piles of granite—tower far above their precipitous sides, seeming to bid defiance to the ravages of time. A fine road has been graded along the right-hand shore, from the station, forming a splendid drive. The "old emigrant road" skirts the foot of the lake (where the Donner party perished, see ANNEX No. 33), and following up the stage road, climbs the "Summit" just beyond the long tunnel. Originally, it struck the Divide at Summit Valley; from thence it followed the valley down for several miles, then struck across the crest-spur, and followed the Divide down from Emigrant Gap.

The business of lumbering is carried on quite extensively at the lower end of the lake. The logs are slid down the mountain sides in "shoots," or troughs made of large trees, into the lake, and then rafted down to the mill. On the west side of the lake the timber has not been disturbed, but sweeps down from the railroad to the water's edge in one dense unbroken forest. The lower end of the lake is bordered with green meadows, covering an extent of several hundred acres of fine grazing land.

From the foot of the lake issues a beautiful creek, which, after uniting with Coldstream, forms the Little Truckee River.

COLDSTREAM—is a clear, cold mountain stream, about fifteen miles long. It rises in the "Summit" Mountain, opposite Summit Valley. Some excellent grazing land borders the creek after it leaves the mountain gorge.

FISHING AND HUNTING—In Donner and Tahoe lakes is found the silver trout, which attains the weight of 20 pounds. There are many varieties of fish in these lakes, but this is most prized and most sought after by the angler. It is rare sport to bring to the water's edge one of these sleek-hided, sharp-biting fellows—to handle him delicately and daintily until he is safely landed; and then, when fried, baked, or broiled brown, the employment of the jaws to masticate the crisp, juicy morsels—it's not bad *jawing*. The water near the lake shore is fairly alive with white fish, dace, rock-fish, and several other varieties—the trout keeping in deeper water. There is no more favorite resort for the angler and

hunter than these lakes and the surrounding mountains, where quail, grouse, deer, and bear abound.

These lakes were once a favorite resort for the "San Francisco schoolmarms," who annually visit this locality during the summer vacation. The Railroad Company generally passed them over the route, and they had a happy week—romping, scrambling and wandering over the mountains, and along the lake shore, giving new life and animation to the scene. The gray old hills and mighty forests re-echo with their merry laughter, as they stroll around the lake, gathering flowers and mosses, or, perhaps, essaying their skill as anglers, to the great slaughter of the finny inhabitants of the lake.

SIERRA VALLEY—lies about 30 miles from Truckee City, among the Sierras. It is about 40 miles long, with a width of from five to seven miles. It is fertile, thickly settled, and taken in connection with some other mountain valleys, might be termed the Orange county of California—from the quantity and quality of butter and cheese manufactured there. In the mountain valleys and on the table-lands the best butter and cheese found in the State are manufactured—the low valleys being too warm, and the grasses and water not so good as found here. In Sierra, and many other mountain valleys, good crops of grain and vegetables are grown in favorable seasons, but the surest and most profitable business is dairying. The flourishing town of Royalton is situated in this valley.

HONEY LAKE—an almost circular sheet of water, about ten miles in diameter, lies about 50 miles north of Truckee City. Willow Creek and Susan Creek enter it at the north, while Lone Valley Creek empties its waters into the southern portion of the lake. Some fine meadow and grazing land is found in the valleys bordering these streams, which has been occupied by settlers, and converted into flourishing farms.

Susanville, the principal town in the valley, is situated north of the lake. It is connected by stage with Reno, Nevada, and Oroville, California.

We now take leave of Truckee City and its surroundings, and prepare to cross the "Summit of the Sierras," 14 miles distant. With two locomotives leading, we cross the North Fork or Little Truckee on a single-span Howe truss bridge, and make