

public schools, are at Napa, so educational advantages are all right.

Among the good things at Napa, are the Palace and Revere hotels, the first named, a very large house near the depot.

The Soda Springs are situated about six miles to the eastward, on the side of the mountain. The water from these springs has become quite celebrated; a large amount of it being bottled annually, and shipped to all parts of the State.

Stages leave Napa daily for Sonoma, 12 miles west, continuing to Santa Rosa, 12 miles further; also to Monticello, 25 miles; Knoxville, 50 miles northeast.

Leaving Napa, we cross Napa Creek, and roll along through rows of locust trees, planted on each side of the road, and on the right are to be seen a few mammoth cactus pads, close to the track. A run of 5.1 miles and we come to

**OAK KNOLL**—the country residence of Mr Woodward, of Woodward Gardens, San Francisco. The farm contains 1,000 acres, nearly all under cultivation. Of this farm 120 acres are devoted to fruit and nuts of many varieties.

Crossing Dry Creek, we come to a blackberry ranche of twelve acres, as many people in this valley make a specialty of raising blackberries. Oaks, manzanitas, and pines, now appear in places.

From Oak Knoll, it is 3.52 miles to

**YOUTSVILLE**—Here, on the left is a large wine cellar, built of brick; near by are large vineyards; further, comes Mason's vineyard of 100 acres, mostly raisin grapes, which are prepared and packed here for market. A run of 3.39 miles and we are at

**OAKVILLE**—Opposite, on the side of the mountain, can be seen a quicksilver mine, marked by a red formation.

**RUTHERFORD**—is the next station, 1.95 miles from the last. Fine residences line the foot of the mountain on each side, the whole length of the valley, many completely embowered in shade and fruit trees of several varieties.

Passing on, we find another large wine cellar on the right, and 1.94 miles from Rutherford comes **BELLO**—a signal station with vineyards and another big wine cellar.

Passing along through this beautiful valley, with huge moss-covered oaks, vineyards and fields on each side, 2.07 miles is

**ST. HELENA**—This is a town of about 1,200 population, on the western

side of the valley, in the midst of vineyards; in fact, there are vineyards and orchards in every direction, some embracing hundreds of acres. Near by is the great vineyard and orange orchard of King.

The town has many neat residences, and one weekly paper, the *Star*. The White Sulphur Springs are situated about two miles west of the town, to which "busses" run regularly. The White Sulphur Hotel is the place to stop.

Leaving St. Helena, we come to a farm of 500 acres, 115 acres of which are in a vineyard. Here, on the left, is another large wine cellar, near the road. This valley, particularly this portion, is called "safe land," meaning thereby that it can always be depended upon for a crop, as the fall of rain is sufficient every year to raise a crop, and irrigation is unnecessary. **BARRO**, a signal station, is 1.98 miles further, where the valley is about two miles in width, with vineyards extending away up on the side of the hills. From Barro it is 2.1 miles to **BALE**, another side-track of little interest to the tourist, 1.53 miles from **WALNUT GROVE**, still another small signal station. Oaks are thick along these bottoms, and present a beautiful appearance. Occasionally we will see the madrone and a few Monterey cypress, with some eucalyptus trees.

Napa Creek, which has been along the road on either one side or the other, the whole length of the valley, has dwindled down to nothing.

Continuing on, up through beauty on every hand, 2.86 miles from the last station, we arrive at the end of the road at

**CALISTOGA**—which is the most popular of all the summer resorts, near the bay. The springs are just east of the depot, the water of which is hot enough to boil an egg in two minutes, and are said to possess great medicinal qualities, having already won a high local reputation. In the town, every accommodation in the way of hotels, etc., is afforded to the numerous visitors who annually gather here to drink and bathe in the invigorating water, enjoy the unsurpassed hunting and fishing in the vicinity, and above all, to breathe the pure air of the charming little valley, while viewing the beautiful mountain scenery.

The population of the town is about 500; the principal hotels are the Magnolia and Cosmopolitan; the paper which is supposed to furnish "all the news" is a weekly, called the *Calistogian*. Calistoga is sit-