

"safe lands"; owing to their proximity to the ocean the rain-fall is abundant for all purposes.

Dairying, is an important industry, yielding, from official reports, 2,750,000 pounds of butter, 400,000 pounds of cheese, and milk—not enough figures; the amount of milk marketed is not recorded.

In mines, Sonoma is well represented; gold, copper, and quicksilver are the principal metals. In grain, the product figures up over 600,000 bushels of wheat; 30,000 bushels of barley; 250,000 of oats; 8,500 bushels of corn, and many other kinds of grain in proportion. As for mineral springs, why, Sonoma county is the home of all kinds of springs, chief of which are the Geysers, Skaggs, Mark West, and the White Sulphur.

Four miles from Santa Rosa comes FULTON—a small town at the junction of the Fulton and Gurneyville Branch. The stations on this branch, are: Meacham's, two miles; Laguna, four miles further; Forestville, another two miles; then two miles to GREENVALLEY; three miles more to KORBEL'S, and another three to

GURNEYVILLE—in the midst of a forest of redwood. Along this branch road, and at Gurneyville, are located six sawmills, which cut 150,000 feet of lumber daily. One of the largest of these redwood trees measured 344 feet high, and 18 feet in diameter. The town of Gurneyville is situated on Russian River, on what is known as "Big Bottom," in the finest redwood forest in the State.

Leaving Fulton and crossing Mark West Creek, the first station on the main line is two miles distant, called MARK WEST—but our train will not stop, unless signaled. The valley along here is ten miles in width. Three miles further comes

WINDSOR—a small place four miles from Grant, a flag station which is two miles from

HERALDSBURG—reached just after crossing the Russian River, on the north bank of which it is situated. The town contains a population of about 2,000. Fifteen miles from Santa Rosa, and 72 from San Francisco, is Russian Valley, in which the town is located, noted for its great yield of wheat, and the extraordinary quickness of its soil, producing potatoes, peas, and many other vegetables within 65 days from the time the seed is planted. The *Russian River Flag*, and the *Enterprise*, are weekly papers, published here. The tourist will

find excellent hunting and fishing near by, with ample hotel accommodations.

From Healdsburg the valley gradually narrows, and four miles further brings us to LITTON'S SPRINGS, a signal station, near where are located the springs of the same name. Four miles further is

GEYSERVILLE—Here stages leave for Skagg's Springs—a popular resort—situated at the side of the mountain, at the head of Dry Creek Valley, about eight miles west. TRUETT'S is six miles further, another flag station, four miles from the end of the road, at

CLOVERDALE—This town contains a population of about 500, with two hotels, the United States, and the Cloverdale, and one weekly newspaper, the *News*. The town nestles in at the mountain base, at the head of the Russian River Valley, and is 55 miles from Donahue, and 90 miles from San Francisco, being a point from which several stage lines radiate, for the northern and surrounding country.

Stages—four and six horse—leave Cloverdale daily, for the Geysers, 16 miles distant, over one of the finest mountain roads in the State. It is built on a uniform grade of four feet to the hundred. The owners of this line—Van Arnam & Kennedy—are old "knights of the whip," drive themselves, and often make the trip in one and a half hours. The fare for the round trip is \$4.50. For description of the Geysers, see ANNEX No. 45, and the large illustration No. 17.

Stages run north to Ukiah, the county seat of Mendocino county,—31 miles, where connections are made with all adjoining towns; also, to the northeast, to Hopland, on the Russian River, 16 miles; Highland Springs, 22 miles; Kelseyville, 25 miles; Lakeport, 36 miles; Upper Lake, 42 miles; and Bartlet Springs—a great medical resort—63 miles. To the northwest, they run to Boonville, 31 miles; North Fork, 50 miles; Navaro Ridge, 63 miles; Little River, 70 miles; Salmon Creek, 72 miles; and Mendocino City, 75 miles; average fare to all, ten cents per mile.

Returning to San Francisco we take *Route 4*.

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