

per, the *Times and Gazette*. Stages leave daily for Seareville, seven miles; La Honda, 16 miles, and Pescadero, 30 miles.

Passing FAIR OAKS, a small station in the midst of beautiful residences, surrounded with parks, gardens, orchards and moss-drooping oaks, we come to

MENLO PARK—near which reside a score or more of millionaires, including Ex-Gov. Stanford, Milton S. Latham, J. C. Flood, Albert Grand, Faxon Atherton, Maj. Rathbone, M. D. Sweney, Col. Eyre, and many others. Menlo Park Hotel is situated on the right, and is embowered in trees, vines, and flowers. On the left, leaving the station, is "Thurlow Lodge," a palatial residence, situated in the center of princely grounds, with the most costly surroundings, consisting of deer park, trees, gardens, orchards and shrubbery. A little further, on the right, comes the 500-acre farm of Ex-Gov. Stanford, President of the Central Pacific railroad. Here is the home of "Occident," and some of the finest blooded stock on the Pacific coast.

MAYFIELD—a town of 1,000 inhabitants, 34.9 miles from San Francisco, is situated in the widest part of Santa Clara Valley, embowered in "blue gum" oaks, and other trees. It is 4.2 miles from MOUNTAIN VIEW—a small station, so named from the extended view which it affords of the Coast Range on the west, the Contra Costa, on the east, as well as the whole surrounding country.

The great oaks add an indescribable beauty to this country, and grow in great profusion, particularly on the Murphy Grant, through which we are now passing. This grant originally covered some thousands of acres, in this, the richest portion of the Santa Clara Valley. MURPHY'S STATION—for the accommodation of the grant—is located near its center.

We are now opposite the head of San Francisco Bay—on the east—and the little town of Alviso, which is noted for its strawberries and fruit, as well as being a point from which immense quantities of produce are shipped on the boats that land at its ample wharf.

We pass on through a section, where every foot of land is in a high state of cultivation, for two miles, and come to LAWRENCE—a small place 3.5 miles from the beautiful

SANTA CLARA—This is a beautiful and quiet old town of about 4,000 inhabitants, originally founded by the Jesuits, in 1774.

It is situated near the center of Santa Clara Valley, one of the loveliest in the world, possessing a soil of surpassing richness. It is celebrated for the salubrity of its climate, and the excellence and variety of its fruits; is thickly settled, and as a wheat-growing valley it has no superior. In point of improvements, good farm-houses, orchards, vineyards, etc., it has few, if any, equals.

Churches and schools are numerous; Santa Clara and San Jose—three miles apart—are both noted for their educational institutions, where some of the finest in the State are located. The convent of Notre Dame, the San Jose Institute, the State Normal School, and the new building of the University of the Pacific, Methodist, Female Seminary, and the Catholic Collegiate Institute, stand as monuments to attest a people's integrity and worth.

There are two weekly papers published at Santa Clara—the *Index* and *News*. Stages leave daily for Los Gatos, seven miles; Lexington, ten miles; and the Congress Springs, thirteen miles; fare, ten cents per mile. These springs are resorted to by those suffering with pulmonary complaints.

The Bay Coast narrow gauge railroad, now building from Alameda, opposite San Francisco, to Santa Cruz, distance 76 miles, passes through Alvarado, quite a manufacturing town on the east side of the bay, about ten miles west of Niles to Santa Clara. The road from Santa Clara will soon be in running order; 30 miles further to

SANTA CRUZ, situated on an arm of Monterey Bay, and is often called the "Newport" of California, being a noted summer resort for sea bathers, who find good accommodations in the shape of hotels, bathing houses, etc. It is the county seat of Santa Cruz county, population, 3,000; connected by rail with the Southern Pacific at Pajaro 21 miles and, with Fulton eight miles; and by stage, with all adjoining towns up and down the coast, and by steamer to San Francisco.

Returning to Santa Clara, we can, if we choose, step into the horse-cars, or take a carriage for San Jose, and ride over the beautiful ALAMEDA AVENUE, which is bordered on each side with two rows of poplar and willow trees, planted by the early Jesuit missionaries nearly 100 years ago.

Behind these trees are elegant cottages,