



CROSSING THE LOOP OVER TUNNEL NO. 9, TEHACHAPI PASS.

people, "scratching" the soil, which is greatly abused by this shiftless method of farming. Proceeding on 8.4 miles further, we reach the end of the track at

SOLIDAD—This is a small place of a hundred or more inhabitants, with a few stores, hotels, saloons, stage-stables, freight-warehouses, and some private residences. It is a point from which a large amount of freight is shipped to the southward, and from which a regular daily line of stages runs to the following places: Lowe's, 28 miles; Solon, 40 miles; Paso Robles Hot Springs, 80 miles; San Louis Obispo, 110 miles; Arroyo Grande, 125 miles; Gaudalupe, 140 miles, Santa Barbara, 220 miles; San Buena Ventura, 250 miles, and Newhall, 300 miles; average fare, eight cents per mile.

To the westward of Solidad, seven miles, away up a cosy nook of the Coast Range, is situated the **PARAISO SPRINGS**, which, it is claimed, possess great medicinal qual-

ities, particularly valuable in cases of rheumatism, asthma, and kindred diseases. We could hear of no analysis of these waters, which boil up in close proximity to each other. Some are very hot, others very cold—but soda, iron, and white sulphur are the principal ingredients.

Ample hotel accommodations will be found at the Springs, where bathing in the waters, hunting, fishing, and inhaling the pure mountain air can be enjoyed to the heart's content.

In conclusion, this is one of those trips where a great diversity of scenery, numerous objects of interest and the wealth and beauties, and the varied productions of the State can be seen and contemplated.

Returning to San Francisco, and before leaving again, and for the *last* time, we will refer those of our readers who wish to procure other publications treating of this country in a more general way to **ANNEX No. 51**.