

The following table shows the mean temperature of January and July in California and other States and countries, taken from reliable sources:

Place.	Jan'y	July.	Differ- ence.	Latitude.	
	Deg'e	Deg'e	Degre	Deg.	min.
San Francisco..	49		8	37	48
Monterey	52	5	6	36	36
Santa Barbara ..	54	7	17	34	24
Los Angeles ...	52	7	23	34	04
Santa Monica...	52	69	17	34	02
San Diego	51	72	21	32	41
Sacramento.....	45	73	28	38	34
Humboldt Bay..	40	58	18	40	44
Sonoma	45	66	21	38	18
Vallejo.....	48	67	19	38	05
Fort Yuma.....	56	92	36	32	43
Cincinnati.....	30	74	44	39	06
New York	31	77	42	40	37
New Orleans....	55	82	27	29	57
Naples.....	46	76	30	40	52
Honolulu.....	71	78	7	21	16
Mexico.....	52	65	13	19	26
London	37	62	25	51	29
Bordeaux	41	73	32	44	50
Mentone.....	40	73	33	43	41
Marseilles	43	75	32	43	17
Genoa.....	46	77	31	44	24

It will be seen by referring to the above table that Southern California possesses a climate unexcelled in equability by any portion of the world, and of the happiest medium between the extremes of heat and cold. Santa Monica has these advantages of temperature in a special degree, the air being modified by the ocean to a point most agreeable and invigorating, both to the pleasure-seeker and the invalid.

The bathing house, situated on the beach, about fifty feet above the water, is the finest on the coast. It is a large building supplied with baths of all kinds, where the bathers have within reach, faucets by which a supply of either fresh or salt water, hot or cold, can be instantly obtained by the effort of turning them on. Here, too, are steam, swimming, and plunge baths, besides the ordinary ocean baths, accommodations for which ample provision is made.

Santa Monica was first laid out as a town in 1875, and in two years attained a population of 800. It has some good stores, and quite a number of good hotels, chief of which are the Santa Monica Hotel, and Ocean House; the latter has accommodations for about 50 guests, and the former for 125. These houses are so situated as to command a most extensive view. Their charges are from \$12 to \$18 per week. Santa Monica has its newspaper—the *Outlook*; an enterprising weekly, edited and

published by L. F. Fisher, Esq., who is thoroughly alive to the advantages of the town.

Point Dumas, a prominent head-land to the northwest, is 13 miles distant. Point Vincent, to the southwest, is 20 miles distant. Santa Rosa Island, west, is 91 miles distant; Santa Barbara Island, south of west, is 25 miles distant; San Nicholas Island, 37 miles in the same direction, and Santa Catalina Island, south, is about 40 miles distant. These islands are a great protection to Santa Monica from the wrath of old Pacific, when he becomes excited.

The wharf at the end of the railroad is built out into the bay, to deep water, where steamers stop regularly on their trips up and down the coast.

In the range of the mountains on the north, game of many varieties can be found, and in the lagoons south of the town, ducks, geese, snipe, curlews, and other varieties of game are abundant.

The drives are very fine, being along the beach for many miles, and then, on the high plateau 500 feet above, extending for many miles, affording a most extended view; or, up to the natural springs on the side of the mountain, which furnish the town with water, bubbling up like a fountain, and is caught in a large basin or pond, for city use.

A popular excursion is up Santa Monica Canyon to Manville Glen—a wild, rugged mountain-place covered with old forest trees, down which ripples one of the neatest little brooks imaginable. The point of the mountain above has become a very popular camping ground, where camps are made, and parties spend months in rambling over the mountains and enjoying the ocean baths, etc.

There are some beautiful country residences about Santa Monica, among which is one of Senator Jones, of Nevada.

Returning to Los Angeles, we take the WILMINGTON DIVISION—and start directly south through a succession of vineyards, gardens, orange and fruit orchards, to FLORENCE, six miles from Los Angeles. At this station the track of the San Diego Division branches off to the left. But we continue south, through broad, well-cultivated fields, where the good effects of irrigation are shown, by large crops of vegetables, which abound in the section we are now traversing. Gradually the rich soil gives place to alkaline and salt flats, and sloughs, with occasionally a few bands of sheep on the more elevated lands.