

LOOKING FOR A LOCATION

Two gentlemen from the east were in the city last Saturday looking for a location to establish a tomato cannery. They were shown over the city by L.T. Graves, whom they assured that they had definitely determined on establishing a cannery, somewhere in Southern California. They are practical men in their line and now own and operate a cannery in the east. They recognized the advantages offered by Southern California, because of the fact that tomatoes may be grown here nearly the entire year, while the canning season lasts only two months in the east.

All the guarantee they required from the people of the town where they may locate is that a sufficient quantity of tomatoes be produced to keep their cannery in operation, for which they would pay a fair market price. This may be easily guaranteed here, as tomato vines are very productive and are a paying crop to raise, where there is a sure market for their sale. The greater freedom from frost of the foothills is also an advantage to this section, as the season for them is practically the whole year. Many of the gardens here are now producing ripe tomatoes of fine quality.

The gentlemen agreed to return in a few days and thoroughly investigate the advantages of this section. They expressed themselves as well pleased with Monrovia, as to its location, its railroad facilities and the adaptability of the soil and climate to raising tomatoes. It would be a big advantage to Monrovia to secure this enterprise and would in no wise interfere with the fruit cannery, which is likely to be located here.

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Washington Navel oranges 3 to 7 feet \$1 to \$1.75 each at Wilson's Pioneer Nursery.

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Irons (equal to Mrs. Pott's patent) for \$1.75 per set, at Smith's bargain Store.

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Mr. O'Bear, wife and daughter of Los Angeles, Mrs. Slaughter of New York (relatives of Mr. O'Bear), S.G. Long, Jay E. Hunter and Mr. Byram of the firm of Byram & Pomdexter, Los Angeles were the guests of W.N. Monroe yesterday. They were driven over the city and surrounding country and were much pleased with what they saw. Some members of the party who are very wealthy contemplated purchasing property here.

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Bro. Cummings of the Southern California excursionist gives the following graceful compliment. He ought to be good authority as his magazine has attracted widespread attention for its neatness and ability.

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The *Monrovia Messenger* made its appearance last month in 10-page form while the *Messenger* is one of the best-edited papers in the state. Its attractiveness will be enhanced by its new form.

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J. Bunnest of San Francisco spent Sunday at the Grand View.

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W.J. Armstrong of Washington D.C. registered at the Grand View Hotel, Monday.

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J.H. Rich and lady and S.E. Booher of Los Angeles registered at the Grand View Hotel,
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F.R. Harris and wife, C.D. Sargent and the Misses Elma and Alice Ball of Pasadena were in Monrovia, Sunday.

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Mrs. A. P. Graves has a few fancy articles suitable for holiday gifts for sale. Call and see them at room 17, Grand View Hotel. The proceeds will be used for charity.

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Mrs. Henry Ludlam, Professor Henry Ludlam, Miss Marie L. Cobb, pianist and Miss Julia O. Long, vocalist of the Ellis College, Los Angeles will give an entertainment sometime during the holidays for the benefit of the Monrovia public school piano fund further notice next week.

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W.B. Hopkins of Pasadena was over Monday.

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Plumes, tips, ribbons, etc. at Bargain prices at S.M. Killian's.

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R.P. Winters of San Jacinto was at the Grand View Hotel, Sunday.

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Mrs. Frank Smith of Arcadia presented her husband with a 12 pound boy last Sunday.

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W.F. Case, S.A. Fleming and F.H. Brockway of the Metropolis were at the Grand View Hotel, Monday.

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S. Robinson was made the father of a son on Sunday last. The boy is neither a Mugwump nor a Republican but a full-blooded Democrat and a promising one too.

The first jury trail ever held in Monrovia was tried before Judge Norman Tuesday. George Lem, a queueless Chinaman who wears Mellican clothes, was arraigned for malicious mischief, it being alleged that he was one of the party who attacked another gang of Celestials at the Santa Anita ranch recently and burned their tents. Twelve of those arrested were tried at Pasadena and acquitted. Lem was the only one of the remaining 34 who could be identified and the case was brought here on change of venue. J.M. Damron of Los Angeles was attorney for the defense and W.P. Hyatt of Pasadena for the prosecution. There was a number of Chinamen present as witness who told what they knew by the aid of an interpreter. After being out some time the jury gave a verdict of guilty but Mr. Damron moved to have the verdict set aside and the prisoner discharged, on the grounds that the constable in charge of the jury was not sworn as required by law. The judge granted the motion and the case was dismissed.

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Orange and Lemon peel at Johnson & Parker.

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A.A. Jeffries of Los Angeles was in the city, Tuesday.

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Go see the elegant line of Xmas presents at Cronenwett's.

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George A. Simpson and George H. Frost of Pasadena came up Sunday on their wheels.

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A.G. Reynolds and two sons arrived Tuesday from Lansing, Michigan and are at the Grand View Hotel.

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J.C. Cline, A.B. Ausherman and H.H. Yonkers of Los Angeles registered at the
Grandview, Tuesday

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Sylvester Patterson and wife o Ashland, Oregon spent a part of the past week with A. Lloyd. They are much pleased with this section. Mr. Taylor owns a large grain ranch near Ashland.

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We enjoyed another fragrant Havana this week. W.I. Johnson and wife are the fortunate parents and the boy tipped the balance at 10 pounds. Mr. Johnson's quite happy over the event and while he will not name the boy Harrison he says the boy is "all right."

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Lovely Xmas cards at Renaker's.

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Mrs. E. Ash of Pomona was here Tuesday.

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Charles F. Taylor of Pasadena was in the city, Saturday.

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George E. Day of San Francisco was at the Grand View Hotel, Tuesday.

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Dolls in great variety at from 5 cents up to \$2 at Smith's Bargain Store.

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If you want a hat or bonnet Miss S.M. Killian can suit you and do it at Los Angeles prices too.

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W.W. Hunt of San Francisco and T.P. Ransom of Los Angeles were at the grand View Hotel, Sunday.

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D.W.C. Sawyer recently performed a commendable act J.I.C. Avenue between White Oak and Banana was grown up with a rank crop of weeds which to say the least did not look well. Mr. S. spent two or three days in cutting and burning these weeds and now the avenue looks pretty as a new red wagon.

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Folk will want buckwheat cakes.

Go to Johnson & Parker's and get Hecker's self rising buckwheat flour in five pound packages. This is a very popular article with our patrons. Its sale here with us is immense.

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The gentlemen who are interesting themselves in the formation of a Masonic Lodge here feel encouraged by the success they are meeting with these are about 40 of these "Square" men in the vicinity and they are doing their level best to push the matter plumb through they meet for conference again on Friday evening in odd fellows hall.

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J.C. Rowley now has charge of F.I. Wright's carriage repository. Mr. Neff having resigned that position and remove to Los Angeles.

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The Sunday school scholars of the Methodist Church are preparing a choral service for their Christmas entertainment.

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The work of plowing up vacant lots progresses finely may it continue until the weeds have all disappeared.

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Lamp chimney, 2 for 15 cents, 3 large ones, 25 cents. Lamps, all styles at any price at
Smith's on Orange Avenue.

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Mrs. P.G. Hull's expected back about the beginning of the New Year.

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The guttering on Myrtle Avenue is laid nearly down to the Granite Bank.

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Miss Myrtle Monroe is expected home tomorrow.

DIAMOND FLATS

We took a ride yesterday with J.M. Thomas up over the road he has had graded from the base of the foothills to Diamond Flats. The road curves and doubles upon itself as it ascends the rugged hillside to that commanding plateau. It is cut through disintegrated granite, clay and gravel, which nature has cemented together and which is very difficult to work. The road is about 600 yards in length and in places the cuts are eight to fifteen feet in depth. In one place the way is cut into the hillside of solid granite, the roadbed being of solid rock, and the hillside slopes abruptly to the canyon below.

About half way up the road Mr. Thomas has had a point of the hills graded off to form a site for a residence which he contemplates building. He has thus secured quite spacious grounds, and the view afforded from that height is simply enchanting. A little further on another point has been graded off for a site for a barn.

The Flats comprise about fifteen acres of level land. Ruby canyon divides it from the main mountain chain and this level land. Ruby canyon divides it from the main mountain chain and this level land extends from the point where Ruby canyon opens into the valley to the northeast being divided from Gold Hill by a ravine. This land has the greatest altitude of any cultivable land in this part of the valley. It has been heretofore used for growing wheat, but has been neglected for the past few years. Mr. Thomas is now having it plowed and will seed it with barley. Except Glendora, which is hidden by intervening hills, there is not a town within fifteen miles, which is not visible from the plateau. It is admirably adapted for villa sites, being so situated that it can be divided into sections, the lines extending north and south and down into the canyons at the north, the sides of which are not too abrupt to plant in trees. Or the whole would make a single charming home for some money king who could afford to improve it.

The land is supplied with water from the pipelines that was laid the past year to Clam Shell canyon. Mr. Thomas is now arranging to put in two reservoirs on this pipeline.

All along the brow of the hill, just at the point where it breaks over into the canyons, one will notice that the dirt has been removed. A stranger would be at a loss to know the cause of this, as it was evidently not washed away. It is said that it was the work of Mexicans, who carried the dirt on burros over into the Saw Pit Canyon in order to pan out the gold it contained. It must have been a paying business, if one may judge from the vast quantity of dirt that has been removed, and the time when it was done was not less than forty years ago.

We would say that the new road is of a very easy grade and perfectly safe for driving. The survey for the grade was done by a Chinaman and his sole instrument was a

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triangular frame of wood. He certainly did his task well. A ride up to Diamond Flats will amply repay anyone who chooses to take it, and it is easily made.

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The result of the election called to vote on the proposition to issue \$10,000 bonds for school purposes, were 129 in favor and only 19 against. The result was somewhat surprising in view of the ostensible opposition manifested by a number of citizens prior to the election. It was the wise thing to do, however, to keep the schools in good condition.

RECEPTION

Invitations are out for a reception dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Monroe, this evening at 7 o'clock at the home of W.N. Monroe. The bride and groom returned Tuesday night from their bridal tour to San Francisco and other points of interest on the northern coast.

NO FREE NOTICES

Hereafter the *Messenger* will charge regular rates for all notices of entertainments, church and social gatherings and the like, which are expected to derive benefit from such notices. We are ready and willing at all times to contribute to anything that will benefit the public, but feel that it is not a correct business principle that causes the publishers to donate to such purposes \$5 or \$10 a week, as we frequently do, in free advertising. It is but justice to ourselves and to the public that we should receive pay for such advertising and we trust it will be accepted in that light.

RAPID TRANSIT

The question of giving a franchise for the entrance of the Rapid Transit road into Los Angeles was up before the council of that city and was tersely discussed. On Tuesday it was taken up again when the ordinance was passed and Mayor Workman has signed it, thus at last clearing the way for the completion of the road. The grading force will be put to work immediately within the city limits, and we understand it is the design to push the work rapidly from now on.

ROBBERY

On opening his store Wednesday morning L. Barnes found thins in a chaotic condition. Burglars had entered some time during the night previous by breaking the lock to the rear window and had generously helped themselves to whatever suited them. They had taken \$500 worth of silks and stains, about 200 hats valued at \$2 each, a quantity of shirts, underwear, hosiery, gloves, etc., aggregating in all about \$1,000 worth of goods. They had taken the hats from the boxes and left the boxes strewed around the rear door.

They left a new coat, which did not belong to Mr. Barnes' stock. It evidently came from H. Christies's clothing house, as they and one house in Los Angeles are the only firms carrying that special make of coat. Christie's store had not been entered, however, and it must have been filched the day previous.

No clue as to who the burglars were could be discovered. Parties went out early to the canyons, thinking they might have gone there as a party with a couple of burros was seen on the streets after midnight. Word was also telegraphed to the sheriff's office and to the neighboring towns, but so far no trace of the men or goods has been found.

There seems to be a general impression among the citizens that it might have been the work of the gang of Chinamen who were here on Tuesday attending the trial of a countryman.

It was a bold break, as two gentlemen sleep in the rooms above the store, and the rear door of the store is but a few feet from the sleeping apartments of W.A. Chess and L.T. Graves.

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DUARTE

Brief Description of Numerous Fine Ranches the Orange crop for this year
It is estimated at 30,00 boxes or 100 carloads.

A few days ago the editor in company with A.C. Thompson took a day's outing in the Duarte, for the purpose of gathering statistics concerning the orange industry of that beautiful section. It would have been impossible to find a better-informed person than Mr. Thompson, for there is not a face he does not know, nor a ranch with which he is not perfectly familiar in all the Duarte country. He has lived there more than half-score years, and as he is a close observer and a practical orchardist he has gained an extensive and varied knowledge of fruit culture. To him and the various ranch owners we are indebted for the facts we have collated. It has been the aim to give exact facts and figures without any embellishment and it is believed few errors have been made.

It may be well, not for the benefit of our Duarte friends, but of the many readers of the *Messenger* in the eastern states, to give a brief description of the location of this home of the orange. That portion of the Old Spanish grant known as the Rancho Azusa de Duarte lying immediately west of the San Gabriel River is known as the Duarte. The original course of the river, previous to the change made by the freshet of 1868, was after emerging from the canyon nearly west, and only a short distance below the foothills. It is this section lying north of the old riverbed that constitutes the famous Duarte orange groves. The west line of the Duarte is the east boundary of the Rancho Santa Anita, Monrovia being partly in the Duarte and partly in the Santa Anita ranches. The Duarte is divided into two sections known as the Upper Duarte and the Lower Duarte. The Upper Duarte includes a strip of land of an average width of less than a half-mile and extends from Buena Vista Avenue east to the river. This lies immediately at the base of the mountains – the foothills proper. A commanding view is had all along this distance of about three miles.

The Lower Duarte lies west and south of the town of Duarte and extends to the south boundary of Monrovia. Here, as in the upper section, the area planted to fruits is not large but orchards are being planted and some are just coming into bearing. As oranges pay the greatest profit more attention has been given to their culture than that of other fruits. As a natural result there are many groves that cannot be excelled in all Southern California. The fruit ripens early and has a reputation of being unequalled. Last year Ernest Watson shipped the first carload of oranges from Southern California and will probably do the same this year.

The soil is exceedingly rich and is mixed with gravel, being the kind that is best adapted to growing fruits. The whole region is abundantly supplied with water from the San Gabriel River. The water is brought down from the canyon in a cement ditch for the

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distance of a mile and is then carried in cement pipes 22 and 26 inches in diameter. There is now four miles of this pipe laid and over \$20,000 has been expended in perfecting the system. The supply for the Upper Duarte is under the control of the Duarte Mutual Water Company, while that for the Lower Duarte is managed by the Beardslee Water Company.

Our route took us first into the Upper Duarte and the first grove east of Monrovia is that of W.H. Young, at the corner of Buena Vista and Duarte Avenues. Mr. Young owns twenty acres, of which 11 acres are planted in oranges and the balance to deciduous fruits and vines. His orange trees are five years old; too young to bear largely, yet he will have 500 boxes this year. He has a handsome place, the fine residence being half hidden by shade trees and the yard enclosed in an evergreen hedge.

F.A. and W.W. Bliss have a slightly and attractive a place as can be found. It is on a mesa overlooking both Duarte and Monrovia. There is 100 acres, but only a small portion is planted in fruit - from 10 to 20 acres, all deciduous fruit. They are busy improving the place and they have many rare plants and flowers.

Below on the west is the old Beal home, now owned by L.L. Bradbury. It has 150 acres, but there are only 300 orange trees upon it, which will yield this year 500 boxes. Of the remainder a portion is set to deciduous fruits and vines.

On the southeast corner of Buena Vista and Duarte Avenues Mrs. C. Wilson owns twenty acres. Of this 5 acres are set to 5-year-old orange trees which will yield 250 boxes. The other 15 acres is in deciduous fruits, vines and alfalfa. She has a good residence and the ranch is managed by Samuel Lefler.

Thomas Glenny has twenty acres east of the Young place - five acres in 7 year-old orange trees, which will yield two boxes to the tree, or 80 boxes in all. The balance is in peaches and grapes and of these he had a fine crop this year.

Dr. Buttolph has 20 acres on the south side of the avenue, of which 15 acres is in orange trees, 6 to 12 years old. His crop will be 2,000 boxes. He has an enviable place.

Messrs. Baldwin, Savage and Smith have 35 acres on the south side of the avenue with 15 in oranges, 8 to 11 year old trees and the yield will be 1,500 boxes. There is a good residence upon the place and some deciduous fruits.

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East of this is the lovely home of L.L. Bradbury. While Mr. Bradbury owns a large amount of land in Duarte and has an elegant mansion in Los Angeles, it is particular spot that he calls his home. There are 30 acres in the tract – 15 in oranges, which will produce this year 1,500 boxes. There are also some fine deciduous fruits. The place is just north of the Duarte town site. At the entrance to the grounds are two mammoth century plants, both of which blossomed this year, the flower-producing stalks standing like trees. The house, which is roomy and convenient, is not showy on the exterior. It is shaded by a mammoth live oak tree, one of the finest trees in this part of the valley. The yard is attractive with flowers and grass and the porch is hung with climbing vines. Mr. Bradbury would not sell this place for ten times its market value.

Mrs. O. Crane has 15 acres on the south side of the avenue, with 5 acres in oranges, 5-year-old trees, which will yield 500 boxes. She also has four acres in deciduous fruits.

At the northeast corner of Duarte and Highland Avenues is the home of S.H. Daniels, containing 8 acres. He has 5 acres in oranges budded Washington navels only two years ago, consequently scarcely yet in bearing, though he will have 300 boxes this year. He has a cozy home with a very neat yard and numerous rare plants and trees. He also has a store building on this property.

Adjoining this place Judge J.F. Norman has 1 ½ acres, "all" in orange trees, part of them young. His crop will be 400 boxes. (?).

On the opposite corner (SE) is the "Bonnie Highland" tract, 20 acres, subdivided into lots and now held by various owners. Of this ten acres are in oranges, the balance in deciduous fruits. There will be 1,000 boxes on the tract. Last year the product of a single lot brought \$50. About two years ago this tract was sold for \$2,225, then for \$8,000 then \$9,500, and when it was divided and sold in lots over a year ago, it brought \$32,000.

J.S. Keefer has 10 acres opposite, with 5 in oranges which will give a light crop this year – 400 boxes. There are 4 acres of deciduous fruits and alfalfa and a reservoir.

Turning off the main avenue and driving close up to the hills we come to the fine home of Captain H.D. Fowler. He has a brick house and a terraced yard looking down on the green and golden trees. His ranch comprises 60 acres, with 13 acres in oranges and lemons. Some of the trees are young, while others are 14 years old, and these older trees bear 4 to 6 boxes each this year. He will have 2,500 boxes. He has four acres in a variety of fruits, grapes, alfalfa, etc.

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Further east is the ranch of John Scott, who is natural orchardist and is meeting with fine success. He takes a large interest in fruit culture. He has 87 ½ acres, with 10 acres in oranges and lemons. His orange trees are from 1 to 10 years old, many of them being young. He will have 600 boxes of oranges and 200 of lemons. He has planted 400 apricot trees, 100 prune, 50 peach, 200 fig and 40 olive, and some alfalfa and other products. His olive trees are on the hillside above the irrigating ditch, yet began bearing after being planted two years. The fig trees yielded an average of 100 pounds to the tree this year.

Mr. Van Dorn has forty acres – ten in oranges, 6 in white Muscat grapes and several acres in lemons, apples, pears, figs, quinces, blackberries, strawberries and a portion of the place unimproved. He will have 1,000 boxes of oranges.

Mr. Berry has ten acres, of which four acres are in strawberries and a fine crop he gets. Berries do exceedingly well along the foothills.

E.D.G. Morgan has twenty acres of which three are in oranges, 7 acres in prunes, apricots, apples, plums, strawberries and alfalfa. His orange trees are young and will bear 150 boxes this year.

Alexander Weil and Eugene Myers own 122 ½ acres adjoining. Of this 25 acres are in oranges. They have shipped as high as 17 cars in a single year from these trees but the crop this year is not so heavy, 10 to 12 cars, probably. The trees are 10 to 17 years old. They have 2 acres in apricots, 3 in a variety of fruit and 20 acres in grapes. They had 70 tons of grapes this year. There are 25 acres of this ranch on the steep hillside and 40 acres below the road, which is used for general farming. They had a fine crop of corn on a portion of this.

The Witmer, Hall, Newhall and Lewis vineyard of 80 acres comes next. All of it is in grapes of imported varieties and in full bearing. A part of this has been sold in 5 and 10 acre lots. N.R. Salisbury, of the firm of Porter Bros., Chicago, owns 5 acres, and James Taylor, of the City of Paris, Los Angeles, owns 10 acres.

Adjoining this is the estate of William Whitaker, now managed by A.F. Snell. It comprises 30 acres – 7 in oranges, 5 in apricots, 2 in prunes, 5 in grapes, 2 in alfalfa and the balance devoted to general farming. The orange trees are six years old and will bear 500 boxes this year.

The old Andres Duarte homestead comes next, and is owned by Captain W. Bacon and Benjamin Wheat. This is the pioneer home in Duarte, yet has been very little improved.

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There is a substantial adobe house, and one of the old relics of the early times is the stretch of cactus fence, which enclosed a corral of several acres. The cactus is an imported variety and the fence is impenetrable. Only a mall part of it remains. The present owners are improving the place rapidly. They have 6 acres in young orange trees, 2 in apricots and 10 in grapes and are preparing to plant 1,000 orange trees. We noticed here a volunteer potato crop.

Next comes the home of A.C. Thompson - 40 acres. He has 800 orange trees; all but two trees are Navels. His trees are young; a part of them being 2 year-old buds on 3 year-old roots and these will yield two boxes each. The oranges are fine, many of them averaging 54 to the box. He has 100 lime trees of an imported variety, the Imperial, and the fruit is as large as lemons and the trees are good bearers. They are budded on the Mexican lime. He also has 50 lemon, 150 apricot, 100 peach, 50 prune, 100 apple, 50 pear, 50 nectarine and 50 plum trees. His 5 ½ acres of alfalfa (of which he spoke last week) has yielded 14 tons to the acre this year, being cut 7 times. He has 10 acres in potatoes. Two crops of potatoes are raised from the same land each year, the spring crop yielding 100 to 150 bushels per acre and the fall crop 60 to 75 bushels. He has a good house and barn and 9 head of jersey cattle and 4 horses.

W.E. Pile and A.T. Morgan have a very fine 24 acres ranch with 11 acres in oranges. The trees were budded two years ago, but have made a rapid growth and will produce 700 boxes. The finest oranges displayed at the citrus fair in Riverside last year were taken from this orchard. The balance of the ranch is in deciduous fruits, grapes and alfalfa, with a few acres unimproved.

One of the finest among the many fine ranches is that owned by Newhall and Hall. There are 57 acres of arable land in this ranch, 20 in oranges and lemons, the varieties being Baldwin's best, which are heavy bearers, Malta Blonds, Mediterranean Sweets and Washington navels. Nine years ago this ranch was a sage brush waste. It was cleared at that time and the orange trees planted and budded two years later. Their crop of oranges and lemons last year sold for \$7,000. The crop this year will be 3,000 boxes. There are 5 acres in prunes and a variety of other fruits. There is a fine house upon the place and handsome grounds with a variety of semi-tropical plants, tree and flowers. A tract of land comprising this and another ranch was purchased a few years ago for \$1,200. One half was sold for \$6,000 and four years later the other half was sold for \$22,500. It could not be had now for less than \$60,000. We should have said that this ranch has a private water system from Fish canyon, in addition to the supply from the San Gabriel River. There are two private reservoirs.

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The last ranch to the east is owned by Seymour & Johnson of Los Angeles. It has 40 acres - 7 ½ in oranges, which will give a light crop this year, probably 900 boxes. There is also a lemon grove and T.P. Rorick, the manager, showed us 50 boxes in one bin, undergoing the curing process. It is difficult to give an estimate on a lemon crop as they are picked every month, having on the same tree blossoms, green and ripe fruit. There will be planted on this ranch this year 500 orange, 250 lemon and some deciduous trees. This place also has a private water supply from Fish canyon.

Just above in the canyon is a bee ranch owned by Mr. Van Tassel, of El Monte, and conducted by Mr. Godman.

On our way back we visited the Gerry place, lying on a high mesa, north of the town of Duarte. It is owned by Dr. Donaldson, we believe and comprises 133 acres, 60 in fruit, 20 in oranges, which will give an average yield with other groves. This ranch and that of the Bliss Bros. have the highest altitude of any in the valley and consequently commands a magnificent view.

We stopped for lunch at the Highland Hotel, owned by a company and under the management of Mr. Ferris. This hotel is a fine one, roomy and pleasant, and sets an excellent able. It is surrounded by a fine lawn and numerous live oaks and fruit trees. Duarte justly takes a pride in this attractive resort.

The Duarte town site lies mainly east of the hotel. W.H. Paine and Bert Beatty have a general merchandise store at the corner of Duarte and Highland Avenues and another near the depot, a half-mile south. There are some orange trees in the residence part of the town. Dr. J.M. Pirtle has an office and drug store opposite the hotel, and also a fine residence. He has two acres of his ground set in various fruits. He will have 30 boxes of oranges. He also showed was a ripe banana grown on his grounds, as fine and large as any imported bananas.

William Chippendale has 30 acres near the center of town, with 15 in oranges. Many of his trees are young and he will have 1,000 boxes. He has 7 acres in apricots and two in prunes and 3 acres in vineyard. He has a very pleasant home and is on eof the practical fruit men.

A.S. Baldwin has 20 acres on the east side of Highland Avenue - 7 in oranges and 8 in deciduous fruits. His crop will be 1,000 boxes.

Ernest Watson has a 94-acre ranch on Falling Leaf Avenue. He has 2,250 orange trees, 1,500 of them 15 to 18 years old and the balance young. His crop will be 3,500 boxes.

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From two trees last year he got 27 boxes. He also has 350 lemon trees that will yield 1,000 boxes. He has 5 acres in apricots, 4 in walnuts, 5 in alfalfa and a variety of other fruits. One-half the ranch is devoted to general farming. He will dig his pear trees and replace them with orange. He has a fine residence and there is a 200,000-gallon reservoir on the place.

General Merrill has 20 acres near by – 16 in oranges, 10 in full bearing, and will have 1,000 boxes. He has 3 acres in walnuts that ought to bring him \$500 an acre last year.

Frank Graves, near the Duarte schoolhouse, has 4 acres, set to a variety of fruit.

E.H. Boden, east of the schoolhouse, has 17 acres, 6 in oranges, which will yield 600 boxes. He also has 6 acres in apricots and a variety of other fruits.

John P. Dunn, present state controller, has 20 acres in the same vicinity, 10 in oranges with a crop of 1,000 boxes and 10 acres in deciduous fruits. He is having the place fitted up in handsome shape, and will move there when his term of office expires.

Mr. Perry has 20 acres near the last, with 10 in oranges and the balance devoted to other fruits and farming. He will have 500 boxes of oranges.

South of the schoolhouse Thomas Wardall has 10 acres, 6 in oranges, 2 in deciduous fruits and 2 in alfalfa. His crop of oranges will be 1,000 boxes.

Mrs. Stevenson of Los Angeles has 10 acres – 8 in oranges and the remainder in deciduous fruits. She will have 500 boxes of oranges.

Smith & Koster of Los Angeles own 20 acres and have 400 orange trees with a crop of 1,000 boxes. They also have 5 acres in walnuts.

Ruddy, Burns & Smith, of Los Angeles have 19 acres, 3 in oranges, for 200 boxes. The balance of the tract is in deciduous fruits.

Moore & Johnson have a ranch near the railroad on Buena Vista Avenue. It consists of 40 acres well located and well improved. There are about 300 orange trees, with the same number of boxes of fruit. The balance of the tract is in a variety of fruit. They also have another 5 acre orange grove near by with 200 boxes.

The Pioneer Nursery, R.H. Wilson proprietor, is located just south of the railroad on Buena Vista Avenue. Mr. Wilson has been on that place about a dozen years. He has 12

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½ acres, all devoted to the nursery business. The want of space forbids at this time a description of this nursery.

J. C. Ainsworth of Oakland, has 10 acres adjoining – 5 oranges, the balance in a variety of fruits. The orange trees are young and will not yield over 150 boxes.

Levi Harris has 60 acres. He has 1,000 orange trees, mostly young, which will yield 500 boxes.

Joseph Wilson owns 16 ½ acres, with 400 orange trees, and 500 boxes of oranges. He also has a variety of fruit, including 40 walnut trees that bear finely.

A. Sandefur has 10 acres, with 4 acres in oranges and 4 in deciduous fruits. He will have 800 boxes of oranges.

The Monroe, case & Studebaker ranch contains 54 acres and is highly improved. There are 10 acres in oranges with a probable yield of 2,000 boxes. There are also 18 acres in English walnuts. There are 60 trees to the acre, which will yield an average of 120 pounds to the tree. The lowest price at which walnuts have been quoted recently is 7 cents and they will often bring 12 cents a pound. This, at 7 cents, would be over \$500 per acre. They also have some fine deciduous fruits.

Mrs. Moses Mitchell has 5 acres all in fruit of the choicest varieties. She has a neat residence and a fine display of roses.

Monroe, Johnson & Keefer (J.W.) have 40 acres near the depot, of which 4 acres are in fruit.

Chappelow's Nursery on Mountain Avenue displays a variety of Bearing fruit as well as nursery stock. He will have about 100 boxes of oranges. Among his shipments of fruit from this section this year was a quantity of pomegranates grown on Mr. Chappelow's place. He has 5 acres devoted to his nursery business and there has been a portion of the place sold in acre lots now owned by various parties.

Further south, J.F. Norman has 12 ½ acres – 6 in oranges, 300 boxes, besides a variety of other fruit.

Jesus Marone has 10 acres, 4 in oranges 400 boxes, the balance in deciduous fruit.

James Rodgers has 10 acres still further south devoted mainly to general farming.

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James Applegate owns 12 acres adjoining the latter, with a few citrus and deciduous trees, and he also does general farming.

Thomas Dunne has 10 acres, with a few orange trees and some fine walnut trees and raises hay, corn, etc.

Mr. Haydock owns 10 acres, Richard Poor 12 acres, Thomas Wardall 25 acres, Milton Wardall 14 acres, John Smith 10 acres and Charles Shrode 10 acres in that vicinity. These places have been devoted to general farming, but all have some fine deciduous trees and some young orange trees. Charles Shrode has 200 young trees and others are planting orange trees. It is excellent land, but has not been long improved.

General W.A. Pile has a 50-acre vineyard in full bearing near by and the Walter Stevenson estate has 26 acres in vineyard.

Jacob Shrode has 10 acres – 3 in young orange trees and some deciduous trees.

Mrs. Alice McNamer of Los Angeles has 20 acres, all in apricots, a very fine orchard.

A.T. Taylor has 15 acres in fruits of all kinds, including several hundred fine orange trees and will have above 600 boxes. His place is an attractive one.

The Maxwell place, at the corner of Eucalyptus and Mountain Avenues, contains 48 acres. It is devoted to walnuts, apricots and general farming.

Fred Lindo has 10 acres in grain and hay, with some fruit.

Richard Riesen recently bought ten acres, which is planted with walnuts and deciduous trees and some young citrus trees. He is now building a large residence on the place.

S.E. Russell has a 5 acres on the north side of the railroad, mainly in young orange trees. He will have 50 boxes.

F.B. Carter has five acres adjoining the last in deciduous trees.

I.A. Jackson has one acre in deciduous fruit.

-----H. Johnson has 6 ½ acres in grain and hay and Bert Johnson has the same amount of land, all in Bartlett pears.

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The Stevenson tract below the railroad, on California Avenue, was sold in lots. It is set to oranges and will yield 500 boxes.

L.L. Bradbury has 20 acres to the south in young orange tress, apricots and grapes.

Kenneth Carter has recently set five of his twenty-acre tract to orange trees.

East of California Avenue and north of the railroad Captain A.H. Johnson has 20 acres partly in young orange trees and the balance on other fruit.

C.F. Lefler has 20 acres south of the Chippendale ranch and near the depot. It is partly set to young trees, but is mainly devoted to raising berries.

This concludes the list of ranches and the aggregate yield for this year according to this estimate would be 40,000 boxes, or 133 car loads. It is difficult to make an estimate on an orange crop; even those most experienced often getting the figures too great or too small. We would make due allowance for this liability to err and reduce the aggregated estimate by 25 percent, putting the yield at 30,000 boxes or 100 cars. We believe this will very closely approximate the crop. There is about 400 acres planted to oranges, but many of the trees are not yet in bearing, while many others are just beginning to bear. A yield of 3 or 4 boxes to the tree is common in the older orchards. It will be seen by this that with each succeeding year the crop will be larger, not only from these young trees coming into bearing, but from the increased acreage devoted to the industry. New groves are being planted all through the Duarte.

The oranges are finer in quality and size this year than usual and the yield is up to the average. The fruit is mostly well colored already, yet can hardly be called ripe for a month yet, still shipments will begin at once. The buyers have been looking over the crop for the past week and are offering \$2 to \$3.50 per box on the tree. This insures a good profit to the fortunate owners of the ranches, enough of profit in fact to make the land very valuable.

There is a charm about an orange grove that is irresistible and the location of this section is perhaps the best in all Southern California. It has the advantages of the foothill climate and the consequent freedom from frost, an abundance of water and is in every respect a most delightful place to live.