



A GOLD DREDGE ON THE YUBA RIVER



A ROSE COVERED COTTAGE



ALFALFA IS A LEADING CROP



YUBA COUNTY GRAPES.



MARYSVILLE

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The City of Marysville enjoys a favored location at the head of navigation on the Feather River, at the confluence of that stream with the Yuba, and is the most important trade center of California north of Sacramento. It is a terminal railway point, the center of converging lines, which have given to the city the title of "The Hub." It is an important wholesale manufacturing center.

This was one of the first of the municipalities which sprang into existence in the early days of the gold excitement. Like a dream from Aladin's Lamp it blossomed forth on the morning of January 18, 1850, with an Ayuntamiento, or town council; a first and second Alcade, and a Marshal, then and there organized and elected. Stephen J. Field, then a young lawyer, just arrived, was a prime mover in the formation of the new government and was the first Alcade. Young Field was quick to realize the advantages of the location and on the day of his arrival, with a cash capital of about \$20, invested on credit at auction \$16,250 in town lots.

The Yuba and the Feather afforded rich placers, millions in gold being taken out. More gravel mining was done on the Yuba River and its tributaries than on any other river in California. Marysville grew accordingly, and became the principal distributing point in the State for mining supplies.

Farms that contained thousands of acres were common in the old days, but the lands have been found too valuable for the growing of cereals and those immense tracts of land are turning rapidly into ten and twenty-acre farms, orchards and vineyards, the products of which are partially cared for here by three canneries and two packing houses. There are thousands of acres to be obtained in small tracts which, properly cultivated, will produce, not only a competence for a good sized family, but a balance that can be laid away for the proverbial rainy day. Just across the boundary line



THE YUBA RIVER MARYSVILLE BUTTES IN THE DISTANCE

of Yuba and Sutter Counties, four hundred and fifty-six families have been recently comfortably settled.

These fertile lands are enhanced in value by splendid transportation facilities. Eight railway lines radiate from this city. Two more are on the point of being built. The Southern Pacific has four lines into Marysville, including the main California and Oregon roadway. The Western Pacific, a new transcontinental line, passes through here, also the Northern Electric Interurban Railway. Rights of way for an extension of the Northern Electric from this point to Colusa have been obtained, also for the California Midland.

Mining is still an important industry. Much gold is being taken out of the bed of the Yuba River at Hamilton and Marigold, several miles above this city, where the largest gold-dredgers in the world are operating. Recent rich strikes of gold-bearing quartz in the mountains to the east have stimulated a greater interest in mining.

Henry Milner Rideout, well-known author, says of Marysville:

"A traveler looking for the picturesque and the unusual might visit many places to find only the scattered elements of what Marysville contains in compact form.

"The great system of levees, recalling the dykes of Holland, but guarding a most prosperous modern community of Americans; the covered colonnade of D Street, with its striking resemblance to the Queen's Road of Hong Kong, but with shops far better fitted out and, by comparison, more variously stocked; the Chinese quarter, not Americanized as in San Francisco, but offering an actual journey to the Orient, round the corner. All these give the city a personal character among cities, a different flavor of interest. The center of an astonishing busy trade, Marysville ties into a good square knot the converging lines of traffic. It is a metropolis in little, solidly planned for growth; but better still, in growing it has preserved its pleasant and substantial neighborhoods, public parks, private gardens and comfortable homes."



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