



A FIG ORCHARD



THE CENTRAL CANAL

## WILLOWS AND GLENN COUNTY

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Situated in the midst of a vast domain of the richest soil, favored by the most propitious of climatic conditions, protected from frosts and threaded by streams carrying sufficient quantities of water for the irrigation of its entire surface, lies Glenn County, the veritable heart of the Sacramento Valley. This county lies principally on the west side of the Sacramento River. It comprises 934,400 acres, of which only 40,000 acres are east of that waterway.

This county is now entering upon a new epoch—that of intensive agriculture. Speculation in extensive wheat farming has passed. The spread of irrigation is throwing thousands of acres on the market simply because it means a good income from a small farm, as it involves intensive culture. No man can irrigate and properly care for a section or a quarter section—the farms of our fathers.

Willows, the county seat, a growing and prosperous town of about 2,500 people, is at this time the center of the greatest agricultural development in the Sacramento Valley. The great Central Canal, soon to be completed, passes near by, and will irrigate 200,000 acres of fertile lands tributary to this city. The effects of this coming development are already apparent in new life and new activity. Irrigation means more valuable crops, more people, higher values and more business.

There is already a considerable area under irrigation in this county. The great Glenn ranch of 42,000 acres, once the largest wheat farm in the world, was placed on the market in 1901, and there are now two new school districts with large schools where Dr. Glenn was once almost alone in the glory of his big wheat fields. Recently there has been considerable development of pump irrigation in the vicinity of Willows, water in abundance being available at a depth



2½ TONS TO THE ACRE



GREAT OAKS INDICATE THE CHARACTER OF THE SOIL



PORK FOR PROFITS



of from twenty to twenty-five feet, and electric transmission lines affording a cheap and reliable motive power.

Eucalyptus is going to be an important product of this county in a few years. Extensive planting is now in progress. One concern has 1,280 acres now planted and will plant as much more next season.

Willows has much that goes to make a substantial city, rich farming lands, fortunate situation, charming climate. It is on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railway system and the terminus of the Fruto branch. There are good schools and churches; there is an electric lighting system, and a sewer system recently installed renders sanitary conditions well nigh perfect. The streets are well graveled and oiled and are lined with shade trees.

Orland, the second in size of the towns of the county, is also the scene of a great new activity due to the building there of a government irrigation project. Hamilton is a new town that has grown up around the Sacramento Valley Beet Sugar Factory, built five years ago. Germantown, on the railway seven miles north of Willows, named from a large colony of Germans who settled there years ago, is also being benefited by the subdivision and irrigation of lands in that vicinity. Glenn and Jacinto are on the bank of the Sacramento River, on the Glenn ranch, where houses are going up and breaking the monotony of endless fields. Butte City, on the east bank of the Sacramento River, is in the van of colonization movement, large tracts having been subdivided there. One firm has recently planted 10,000 fig trees there.

Elk Creek, Fruto and Newville are in the foothills, with orchards, grain and grazing lands. Elk Creek and other streams furnish water for irrigation.

Glenn County affords a great opportunity to the culturist of the soil. Land is plentiful and men are needed to develop it, and for this reason prices are low. It will not be always so, for there is but one Sacramento Valley and there is not enough to go round.



IRRIGATING A GLENN COUNTY ORANGE GROVE



BEET-SUGAR FACTORY AT HAMILTON



ONE OF THE BIG IRRIGATING DITCHES



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