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## AUBURN

Situated on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains at an altitude of 1,360 feet, the county seat of Placer County enjoys advantages of both mountain and valley. It is in the midst of the great gold mining region, in close proximity to the magnificent pine forests and it is also the principal commercial center of one of the leading fruit districts of California. The climate is especially inviting, being high enough to be delightfully bracing, yet low enough to admit of the culture of delicate fruits. The climate of Auburn is widely famed and this is a leading health resort.

Commencing at this point and extending westward into the valley is the foothill fruit district of Placer County. Here are grown to perfection oranges, lemons, olives, figs, walnuts, almonds, pears, plums, peaches, cherries, quinces, grapes and berries of every kind. Apples of the finest quality are grown in adjacent mountains.

Water for irrigation is furnished by an extensive canal system, having its source in Bear River. The water afforded by this system is now practically all in use, but there is an ample supply for future enlargement of canals and extension of the irrigated area.

Placer County is the seat of one of the greatest railway improvement projects in the West. The Southern Pacific Railway through the Sierras is being rebuilt and Auburn is the center of the resultant activities. The improvements contemplated will cost millions of dollars and the construction will cover a period of years. This line is the main highway between the East and the Orient.

Auburn has an excellent public school system, including a high school that occupies one of the best buildings of its kind in the State. There are several churches with good, permanent structures. The county court house, built of pressed brick and terra cotta, Placer County products, is a strikingly beautiful building. The city and its environs are most attractive.

