











ORANGEVALE

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Twenty years ago the Orangevale Colonization Company, an organization composed of some of Sacramento's most prominent business and professional men, purchased a tract of some 3,000 acres with a view of providing some practical means of demonstrating what Sacramento County could do in the way of producing citrus and deciduous fruits.

Orangevale is 15 miles east of Sacramento, at an elevation of 220 feet. The Colony was a success from the beginning, and is to-day one of California's most successful enterprises of this kind. Beautiful homes adorn its fruit lined avenues and its numerous packing houses spell success in big letters. On the south, majestic oaks line the horizon; on the west and north are magnificent orange groves, deciduous fruit orchards and vineyards, while on the horizon are the graceful outlines of the Coast Range on the west, Marysville Buttes and Mount Lassen on the north, and in the distant east the snow-capped peaks of the Sierras. Orangevale affords clear water delivered through iron pipes under high pressure.

The Sacramento and Sierra Railway, an electric line now being built to connect Sacramento and Lake Tahoe resort points, will pass through Orangevale and afford rapid and frequent communication with the Capital City. Orangevale will be a commutation point, and an hourly service is promised, which will make this the choicest suburban residence district of the city.

Orangevale Colony has a population of about 700. In two years the Colony, together with the Townsite, will have 3000 people. Four hundred carloads of fruit was shipped from Orangevale in 1909, and in 1912 at least 1,000 carloads of fruit and material will be handled by the Sacramento and Lake Tahoe out of Orangevale.

