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DAIRYING. In connection with the growing of alfalfa, dairying pays well all the time in Butte County. A new creamery is about to start near Biggs, and the industry is thriving. In the Biggs Colonies one acre of alfalfa will support one dairy cow a year, and that cow will pay you \$60 to \$100 in net profit. The cream is separated and sold to the creameries. The price last year averaged about 24 cents per pound. The skimmed milk is fed to the calves and hogs. Many successful dairymen pasture fifteen cows on ten acres of alfalfa.

Dairying in the Sacramento Valley is so uniformly successful that the creameries make it a practice to loan money to farmers to enable them to buy cows. We can arrange such loans for buyers of land in Biggs Colonies. The rule is that the farmer who secures his dairy herd in this way shall deliver his cream to the creamery which loans him the money, the creamery to pay one-half the value of the cream in cash and apply the other half to the payment of the loan. The creamery pays the



Hotel Colonia at Biggs

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market price for the cream, the farmer who has borrowed money to buy cows getting the same price for his cream as his neighbor. The practice has worked very satisfactorily, resulting in a large increase in the dairy herds of the State.

If you are unable to give personal attention to the work of improving your land, we will do it for you. We have competent men at our command to do the work.



One of the Churches at Biggs

For **\$150 an acre** we will sell you a tract in the Biggs Colonies, plant half of it to alfalfa, and the balance to peaches, grapes, prunes or other deciduous fruits, give it intelligent care and deliver it to you at the end of three years, without further expense to you. This means that we will do all the work, level the land and check it, build the ditches, furnish the alfalfa seed and sow it, or supply trees or vines, dig the holes, plant the trees, irrigate when necessary, and do all the plowing, cultivating and pruning required. We do ALL, and deliver to you a property in first-class condition, ready to support you.

If desired, we will sow all of the land to alfalfa and give the owner one-half of the gross proceeds of the entire crop.

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Terms—One-third cash, the balance in five equal annual payments, or monthly installments. Interest on deferred payments, 6 per cent per annum.

CLIMATE

Flowers bloom the year around in Butte County. There is no snow, except what may be seen on the summits of the lofty mountains that girt in the valley. There is no day in summer too warm to work in the fields, and hot nights are absolutely unknown. You could work out of doors every day in the year if rain did not fall occasionally in the so-called winter time. This combination of rich soil and perfect climate can be found nowhere outside of California.

IRRIGATION

The immense Butte County Canal, built at a cost of one-half million dollars, supplies the Biggs Colonies with an ample quantity of water at all times. The supply is taken from the Feather River, the third largest stream in the State. The land is ready for immediate planting—no clearing of any kind is necessary. It is almost perfectly level,



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sloping in an imperceptible way to the southwest, so that a farmer can open the gate of his irrigating ditch and the water will flow over his fields by gravity. This is true of every acre of land



The Feather River near Biggs

in the Biggs Colonies. A perpetual water right goes with every acre in these colonies, and water is supplied by the canal company at the rate of **ONE DOLLAR AN ACRE PER ANNUM**. There is no resort to expensive pumping plants. Pure water for drinking is obtained from wells sunk about 30 feet at a cost of 50 cents a foot.

TRANSPORTATION

The Biggs Colonies possess transportation facilities enjoyed by few farming communities anywhere in the world. The main line of the Southern Pacific railroad runs

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through the town of Biggs, and the Western Pacific railroad, the last link of the Gould transcontinental line, is building into Butte County. The Northern Electric, an interurban road with a network of lines through the Sacramento Valley, passes near the colonies. This line hauls freight and passengers, and with the Sacramento River, which is navigable, supplies a competition with the steam railroads which gives the farmer low freight rates in transporting his products to market. The wires of the Bay Counties Power Company cross the Biggs Colonies, carrying cheap electric light and power to the cities, towns, and farms of the Sacramento Valley. This is the second largest power plant in the United States, being exceeded only by a plant at Niagara Falls. The power is generated from the mountain streams at the foot of the Sierra Nevadas and the water that turns the turbine wheels is subsequently used for irrigation.



A Residence in Biggs