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## The Sacramento Exhibit.

We present herewith the *piece de resistance* of the Sacramento county exhibit at the Northern Citrus Fair now in progress in the Mechanics' Pavilion in this city. This is the citrus locomotive which our reporter described in full detail in last week's RURAL, and concerning which he apprehended such dire ills if the orange horse should take on the functions of the iron horse whose semblance he assumes. The exhibit is certainly a striking one, and one of the most popular in the pavilion.

Unquestionably, there is something very proper in Sacramento modeling the chief feature of her display as she does. Historically, the choice is significant, for Sacramento men projected the first overland road, and was the basis of operations and supplies for the most difficult construction on the line. Even though the main offices of the railway are in San Francisco, Sacramento has always retained most important features of the work. Another point of fitness in the symbolism of the locomotive lies of

course in the eminence of Sacramento in the great eastern fruit-shipping trade, for, though there are many terminals nowadays, Sacramento is the point of dispatch for the upper two-thirds of the State, and not seldom the products from the far south pass through her portals.

Our report last week enlarged upon the great variety of the Sacramento exhibit, of which, in fact, this citrus-piece is little more than an ornament. The whole range of field, garden, orchard, vineyard and household products is fully represented, and each in almost endless variety. Such an exhibit is merely an exponent of the diversity and extent of the resources of the county, and no one was surprised that the highest awards at the fair should be commanded by such merit.

Sacramento county is unquestionably one of the best of the State. Her rich lowlands and warm uplands, her park-like expanses of wooded plains, her rich river-bank orchard lands, and her vast area of rich bottoms, afford opportunity for the widest range of husbandry, and no specialty of agriculture but can find fitting place within her boundaries. She does in fact already give a prosperous home to all the leading industries, as her exhibit

shows. The effort of the county in thus making known her resources and achievements will unquestionably redound to her own benefit and that of the State at large.

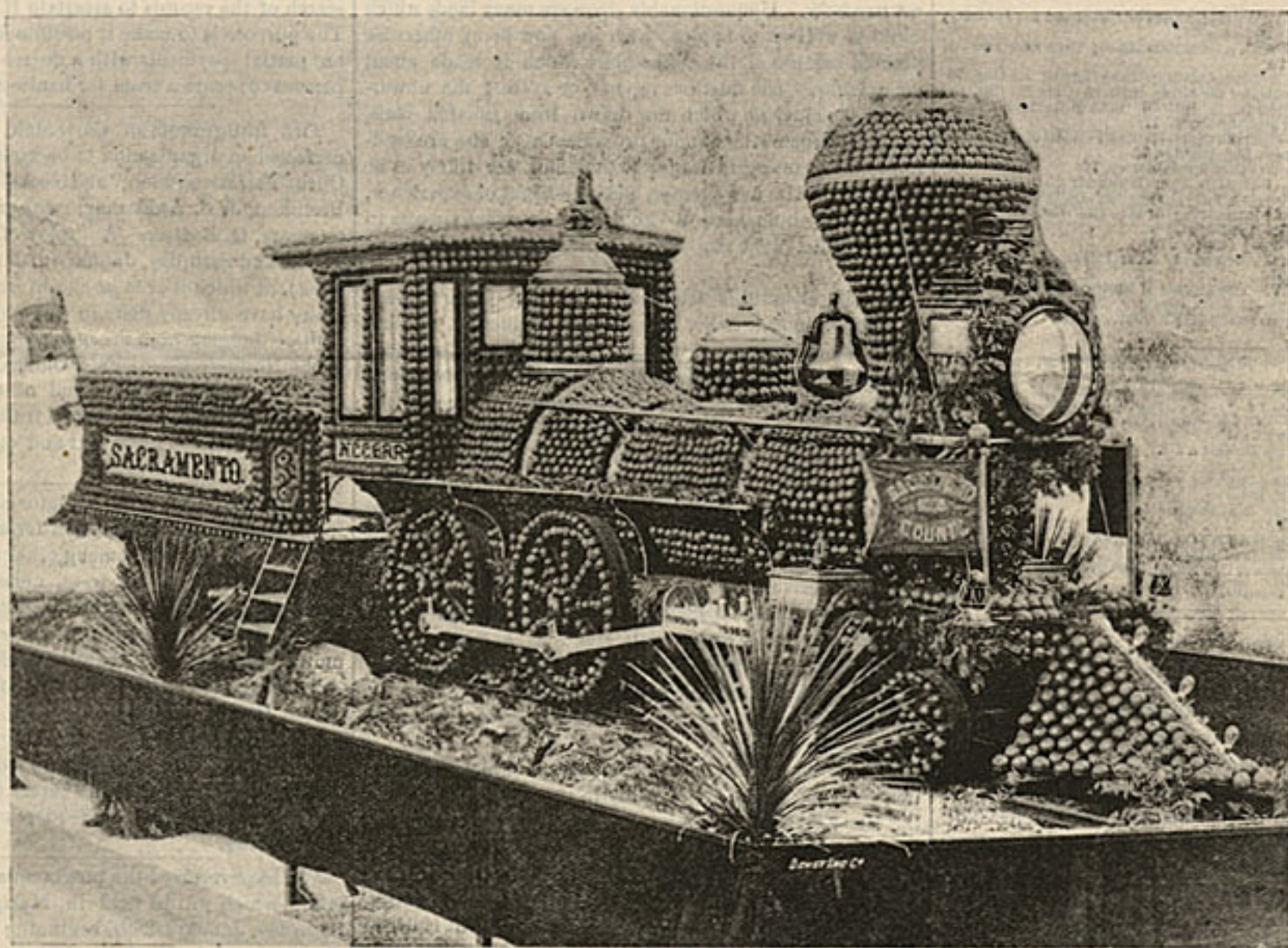
THE date of opening for the southern citrus fair at Colton has been fixed for March 15th, and the close for March 22d. Senator-elect White has been invited to make the opening address; ex-Senator Edmunds of Vermont, now at Redlands, has been invited to speak Monday, the

## The Advance in Pork.

A healthy indication of the sound condition of the pork and provision market throughout the United States is the absence of speculation and the fact that purchases are almost altogether by consumers or for actual consumption. The shortage in the product appears to be genuine, and the steady rise in prices due to natural and explicable causes. The advance must of course stop in time, but the

best authorities agree that the end is not yet in sight. The deficit in stocks cannot be totally overcome until, in the course of nature, pork supplies are increased and meats dried and salted. California is not noted as a pork producer.

Local consumption, in fact, not only exhausts the home supply, but requires importations from the East. Under ordinary circumstances, there is money in hog-raising, systematically and intelligently engaged in; and now, with unusual circumstances, those who have hogs and pork products to sell have much reason to be satisfied with the condition of



PART OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S EXHIBIT AT THE NORTHERN CITRUS FAIR, SAN FRANCISCO.

20th, and Governor Markham, his staff and the legislature are also expected to be present. The pavilion is now nearly completed and will be the largest and finest in the State, outside of San Francisco and Sacramento, and the best arranged for exposition purposes. Judges will be appointed by the Southern California World's Fair Association. The event will altogether be a notable one in the history of southern California fruits. From preparations, it is certain to comprise many splendid displays, on a larger and more expensive scale, perhaps, than has been heretofore attempted, in view of the fact that this is World's Fair year, and the fair will be in effect a dress parade for the big show at Chicago.

ON Wednesday of this week the State Floral Society made a very welcome addition to the display in the Mechanics' Pavilion in the form of winter bloom of all kinds, chiefly from the suburban gardens of Alameda and San Mateo counties. Though the weather has been trying, a most beautiful display was made, sufficient to convince the distant visitor that California winter bloom is not a fiction.

things and also much reason to believe that the same conditions will hold for weeks, perhaps months.

It is likely also that the increased attention to hog-raising, certain to ensue from these conditions, will be helpful to the grain market. Here is an avenue for the disposition of barley and corn. The low prices of these products justify their copious use for feeding purposes, and surplus stocks may be partly and even largely disposed of in this manner. If so, the result of course will be an appreciation in values, or at least it will contribute to that end.

THE home consumer in San Francisco and other places has the most convincing reasons to believe that "eggs is eggs" when he is compelled to pay prices ranging from 25 to 60 cents per dozen the year around for this delectable poultry product. And when he comes to investigate the subject his wonder is aroused to a very elevated pitch that the entire population doesn't go into the poultry business, and get rich in a few years. The inducements for poultry-raising are certainly very strong in California. Hen "fruit" is not much below citrus fruit in merit and value.