

TEHACHAPI, KERN COUNTY, AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY

Grain, Hay, Vegetable, Cattle and Sheep Products and Mineral Resources

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR FRUIT CULTURE

Elevated Plateau Where Crops Never Fail

IRRIGATION PROSPECTS

Picturesque and Healthful District

NEAR THE CELEBRATED "LOOP"

HIGH REPUTATION OF ITS WHEAT

Prominent Business Firms of Tehachapi—A Substantially Built and Prosperous Town—An Excellent Showing

Leaving Mojave, elevation 2700 feet above the level of the ocean, on the north-bound Southern Pacific train, the traveler gradually ascends the south slope of the Tehachapi mountains until he reaches the summit, elevations 4000 feet above sea level, at the picturesque and thrifty-looking town of Tehachapi, sit-



ASHER'S BLOCK

uated 120 miles north of Los Angeles and 362 miles south of San Francisco. Tehachapi is erroneously associated in the minds of a great number with the Mojave desert, but a view from the platform of the train as taken by the writer from Mojave to Tehachapi, a distance of twenty miles, discloses a marked change for the better in the landscape from the time the slope of the mountain is reached. Sage brush, cacti, greasewood and jack rabbits give way to hills covered with oak and pine timber, which gradually increase in size and statelyness as the summit of the mountain is reached.

The plateau in which Tehachapi is situated gradually rises until the summit is reached at that town, disclosing a panoramic view of hills and mountains, ranging from 1000 to 2700 feet in height, and almost surrounding the town. It is a scene worthy of the best efforts of a master painter, especially when the landscape is dotted here and there with thrifty-looking little farm houses, fertile fields, flocks of sheep and herds of cattle.

The soil is a dark sandy loam of great depth and fertility, and, owing to its elevated situation and other favorable climatic conditions, the wheat produced on this plateau of twenty-two miles in length by four in width ranks among the best produced in the United States, and its wheat hay is of such superior quality that it never in Tehachapi complain that it leaves no bedding when fed to the horses, even the straw being almost entirely eaten up.

From Tehachapi, west and northwest, the railroad descends toward the cele-



A. PAULEY'S BLOCK

brated "loop," situated eight miles from Tehachapi, which was one of the greatest engineering feats ever accomplished. The down-grade from Tehachapi to Bakersfield is 105 feet to the mile and between the two points are nine tunnels, besides the famous "loop." In the plateau surrounding Tehachapi are 70,000 acres of good agricultural land, admirably adapted to all cereals and, with water development for irrigation, destined ere long to become an important fruit growing district.

The few orchards now in bearing prove conclusively that apples, especially the winter varieties, also pears and plums, will grow to perfection on this plateau and in sheltered nooks along the slopes of the surrounding mountains cherries and almonds are grown successfully.

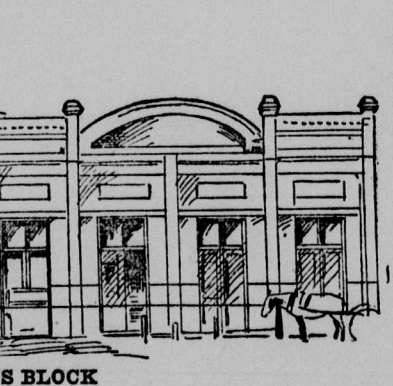
The principal productions at present are wheat, Tehachapi's pride and great staple, barley, wheat and barley hay; also potatoes and other vegetables. The stock interests are important, over 100,000 head of sheep and 2000 head of cattle being raised annually, among the large purchasers of which are Simon Maser and L. Sentous, the well-known wholesale butchers of Los Angeles. Poultry raising is also an important industry, especially turkeys.

The mineral resources of this district are extensive and valuable, comprising quartz gold and silver mining, placer mining, lime, granite, sandstone and many others, all of which are referred to in detail elsewhere. The mineral resources are as yet barely touched, and Southern California capitalists will find this a virgin field, but a most valuable one, nevertheless, for investment.

The oak and pine supply in the Tehachapi mountains is immense and ample for domestic, manufacturing and mining needs for a great many years to come, furnishing a cheap and satisfactory fuel for all purposes. Oak wood is sold in six and one-half cord cars at Tehachapi for \$3 per cord, and pine wood for \$4.

MINING INTERESTS As stated in the introductory, there is a splendid opening in this district for the investment of capital, also for prospectors possessed of some means, in the development of quartz and placer claims. There is an abundance of water and cheap fuel in the district, wood being very plentiful.

The celebrated Amelia gold and silver quartz mine is distant only 18 to 20 miles from Tehachapi by trail road which the board of supervisors contemplate improving into a good wagon road if the people of Tehachapi will share in the expense. The lodes range from eight inches to two feet and the ore from \$30 to \$2000. One and a half miles of underground work has been done. The hoisting works have a capacity of 2000 feet, but 400 feet is the maximum depth of shafts as yet. There is a good camp, store, postoffice and boarding house at the mine.



THE COMPROMISE

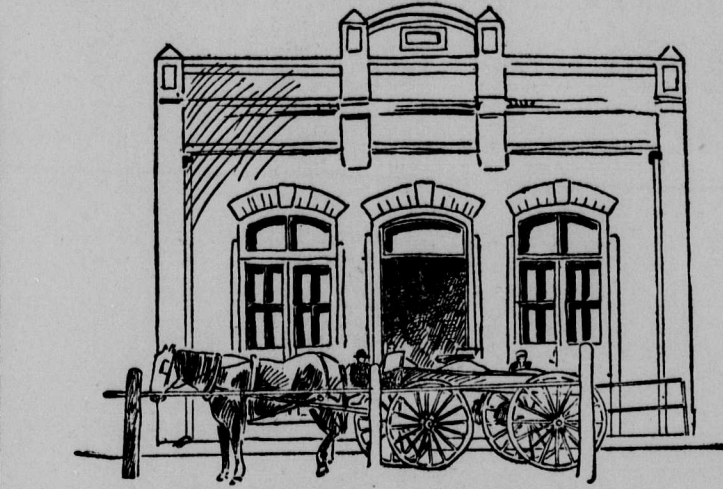
The Compromise, formerly Pine Tree, group of about twelve claims is situated six and one-half miles west by south of town. A substantially built and well equipped mill, capacity sixteen tons of ore daily, is situated half a mile nearer town. Twenty-five to thirty men are constantly employed in this group. The lodes in the Compromise mine proper are from one to twelve feet in width, the ore seven-eighths gold, balance silver, all free milling. Three hundred feet of tunneling and stoping has been done to date on this mine, but development work has really only just commenced, as the mountain is practically a vast body of ore. The owners are Messrs. Sallee & McDonald, Superintendent, L. W. Murray and James Murphy, who kindly escorted the writer through the mine, its foreman, F. C. Chormicle, former owner of the group, is engineer at the mill.

One of the most important mining properties in this district is the Uncle Sam group of twelve claims, adjoining the Compromise group on the north, or about three and one-half miles south of town. The Uncle Sam mine proper is worked through two tunnels 300 feet long and 100 feet apart. The tunnels are thoroughly opened and connected by winzes showing about 6000 tons of ore in sight, which mills averaging \$8 per ton. There is a Briggs mill on the ground, capacity 10 tons in 24 hours, the expense of milling with water and wood in abundance, being only \$1.50 per ton. There is a concentrator in connection with the mill, and this mine, with others in the group, is furnished with the latest improved appliances. The ledges range from 4 to 8 feet in width. Five hundred

Many other good claims and prospects too numerous to mention can be found in this district.

LIME AND BUILDING STONE

The Union Lime company of Los Angeles and San Francisco own one of the largest and best properties in California about three and a half miles south by east from Tehachapi. There is a mountain of it and it was an interesting sight to the writer looking at the quarrying and lime burning at that point. One of the best appointed lime kilns, or group of them, on the coast is in operation here day and night all the year round. Frank Meehan, the superintendent, informed the writer that 33,000 barrels of lime was shipped in 1896, and in 1897 the aggregate will reach 45,000 barrels. In 1896 there was used as fuel for the lime kilns 1900 cords of wood and this year it will reach 2000 cords. The Los Angeles manager, Frank O. Wyman, controls the product as far north as Lathrop, south



H. M. JACOBS' BUILDING AND STORE

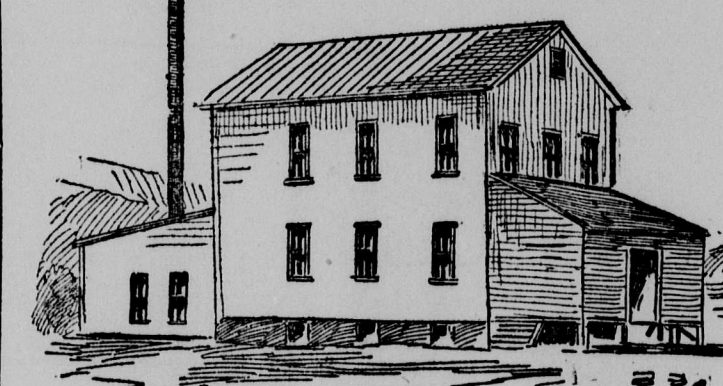
as far as San Diego, and all points in Arizona.

The above company has a lease on practically a mountain of granite of splendid grain and well adapted for building purposes. It is situated adjoining the lime quarries. Los Angeles architects and builders should investigate its merits. There is also a considerable quantity of sandstone in this district that is said to be good for building purposes.

Messrs. Jameson & Mathews, Tehachapi, own 640 acres of valuable lime rock situated two miles east of town and half a mile from the railroad. Experts who have analyzed the rock pronounce it to be 85 per cent pure. There is a mountain of it and sufficient to supply the whole state for many years to come.

THE WHEAT OUTLOOK

As stated before, Tehachapi wheat ranks among the best grades produced in the United States. It is a special favorite with millers and commands the highest market price. Six years ago, when the wheat market was at its zenith about twelve million pounds of wheat was produced on this plateau, since which time, owing to the decreasing price, the product has steadily declined in volume until the season of 1896-7, when the crop aggregated 5,000,000 pounds, notwithstanding the almost entire absence of spring rains. Owing to the certainty of good prices for next season lands adapted to wheat culture are assiduously sought after in the southern half of the state, especially as



FLOURING MILL OF THE TEHACHAPI MILLING AND TRADING CO

fruit culture is gradually superseding that of grain and hay.

The Bank of Santa Monica owns 2400 acres of dark sandy loam soil adjoining the town site of Tehachapi, which is admirably adapted to wheat culture. The writer examined the soil and was very favorably impressed with its appearance and its depth. The tract is nearly all fenced in and 1800 acres is under cultivation, on which is a good house and barn. The Southern Pacific railroad runs through the tract, which is an important advantage.

WATER SUPPLY As yet the water supply of Tehachapi and surroundings is obtained from surface wells—ranging in depth from seven to thirty-five feet, which, at 4000 feet elevation, is of excellent quality. A movement is on foot, however, to obtain a large supply of water for domestic and irrigation requirements in the mountains. The extension of the extensive fruit culture will commence, and Tehachapi will certainly take front rank for the harder kinds of fruit, such as winter apples, pears and plums.

TOWN OF TEHACHAPI

This charmingly situated town has a population of 1000, and is both in business buildings and residences, as will be observed by the illustrations herewith presented. The Pauley three-story brick building is a handsome, well built structure, 90 feet front by 100 feet deep, and would adorn the business center of many larger towns. It cost nearly \$20,000. The Asher & Jacobs brick buildings are also substantial structures; also the two-story frame building of Mr. Nicholson. The list of handsome residences is too long to refer to in detail.

The M. E. church and Catholic church are both substantially built structures and creditable to the town. The school house cost \$2000 and is commodious, well-built structure. L. G. Pauley is the principal; Miss Leighton, assistant. Nine grades are taught and there are 116 school children in the district.

Owing to its altitude—400 feet—the town is proverbially healthful, and the climate is excellent, no excessive winds or other discomforts troubling its inhabitants, except a little snow and ice occasionally in winter.

BUSINESS FIRMS, ETC.

There are many substantial business firms in Tehachapi, who carry large well-assorted stocks of general merchandise and other lines, but before proceeding to mention the leading firms it is proper to give precedence to its bank which is a credit to the town.

BANK OF TEHACHAPI

The bank was established in November, 1892, by L. Harris of Los Angeles, H. Hirschfeld and H. A. Blodgett of Bakersfield, I. Asher of Tehachapi and A. Ancker of San Bernardino. The present board of directors are as above, with the exception of I. Asher, in whose place is H. Harris of Santa Ana. The present officers are H. Hirschfeld, president; H. A. Blodgett, vice-president, and A. Ancker, cashier. The Los Angeles correspondent is the Farmers and Merchants' bank and San Francisco correspondent the London, Paris and American bank. The present capital stock is \$100,000. A general banking, exchange and collection business is done, and it is considered



RESIDENCE OF C. C. MATHEWS

one of the most conservative and reliable banks in the country.

A very prosperous era for this section is anticipated by Mr. Ancker on account of the large area of wheat which will be sown the coming season and the inevitable high prices.

TEHACHAPI M. & T. CO.

This flouring mill (as seen by the illus-

tration) is a prominent building, 40x60 feet, with capacity of seventy-five barrels every twenty-four hours. The wheat used is nearly all from this district. The mill has all the latest improved appliances and is said to be one of the best equipped of its size in the state. The steam rolled barley depart-

ment has a capacity of 450 sacks per day. Its market extends to all points east as far as the Needles and south to Los Angeles. J. A. Moore is president, G. W. Gee secretary and Geo. Orbell is superintendent of the mill.

residence also. He established his business thirteen years ago in a smaller building. The present store, 30x100 feet, was built in 1890. He handles hay and grain, besides general merchandise, and has an extensive trade throughout the county.

OAK CREEK LUMBER CO.

Mr. Denison is one of the above company, who have a sawmill, nine miles south of Tehachapi. They manufacture building and mining lumber and make a specialty of manufacturing fruit boxes, the market for which extends from Fresno to San Diego. An average of twenty-five men are employed. They have a warehouse of twenty-five cars capacity at Tehachapi for storage of fruit boxes.

CLARK'S MEAT MARKET

D. S. Clark has the only meat market in Tehachapi, but it is thoroughly appointed and his meat is eminently satisfactory. He kills from nine to ten head of cattle and three hogs each week. He has been established here six years.

J. A. DURNAL

This is the miners headquarters, and Mr. Durnal prides himself on keeping the best liquid refreshments obtainable. He has been established here since 1891.

A rare collection of mineral specimens and curios is one of the great attractions of Mr. Durnal's resort. Among them are the following: Native silver, Stonewall Jackson mine, Arizona; horn silver, Silver King mine, Arizona; copper ore, Copper City, Cal.; horn silver petrification, Arizona; petrification, animal's foot, Black Mountain, Cal.; silver, Aberdeen mine, northern California; gold nugget, value \$57, Red Rock, Cal.; tin ores from Temescal, Black Hills and Mexico; native copper leaf, Arizona; fero box made jointly by Messrs. Jones and Durnal in 1891 from a cigar box and clock springs, and many others.

LITTLE PIUTE HOTEL

Although named "little," this is a sixteen room hotel, the only first-class hotel in Tehachapi, and it is presided over vigilantly by its owner, John Iribarne who is "a prince of good fellows." The rooms and board at this hotel are proverbially satisfactory.

A POPULAR CITIZEN

John Iribarne is probably the most popular citizen of Tehachapi, and this short sketch is a voluntary tribute of



RESIDENCE OF JOHN IRIBARNE

the writer to the sterling qualities and public spirit of Mr. Iribarne, regardless of his protest against its publication. Solomon's characteristic of a "righteous man"—that "even his enemies are at peace with him"—surely applies to the subject of this sketch, for all who thoroughly know him speak well of him.

Mr. Iribarne was born in New York in 1851, while his parents were en route from Southern France to California. When six years old he was sent to France to be educated and prepared for the priesthood, which was the fond ambition of his parents, but before his eight years' education had expired young Iribarne showed remarkable aptitude for business, so that after completing his studies with a business course he returned to his parents in Calaveras county, determined to engage in business pursuits. In 1876, when 25 years old, he engaged in mercantile business with his father at Merced. In 1884 he removed to Sumner, now Kern City, where he was engaged in business until 1886, when he removed to Tehachapi, where he has since resided and been actively engaged in various business enterprises. He has by integrity, business acuity and the "iron horse" characteristic of the highest type of French and French-Americans, achieved great success and made a host of friends withal. He built the first warehouse in Tehachapi, in which he still has an interest. He is also owner of the leading hotel, the Little Piute, besides lands and mining claims in the vicinity. His residence, built in 1890, is one of the most costly and best appointed in Tehachapi, and is presided over by one of the most amiable and intelligent

men in the district. He has a fine collection of mineral specimens and curios, and is a popular citizen of Tehachapi. He has a fine collection of mineral specimens and curios, and is a popular citizen of Tehachapi.

Prosperity, our masters say, sometimes begets selfishness. It happened a few days ago that the Angleys quarreled, each alleging that the other was looking for too much of the profits. Peace afterwards was not expected by either, for these brothers are proud of hot tempers and scorn forgiveness.

Each settled down to a game of strategy and Friday morning Michael appeared with a party of his countrymen at his heels and a bit of white paper in his hands. He shook the paper in his brother's face and yelled:

"Get out of there and move quick!"

"Why will I get out?" asked Patrick, calmly.

"Because I am going to tear down the buildings," said Michael, adding: "I have an order from the owner, Mrs. Coldman."

He kept on waving the paper and Patrick became angry. He rushed toward Michael, but stopped short when the latter's retainers moved up as in battle array. An idea came to Patrick. Twenty men could whip four, he thought, and, believing, hurried away. The work of tearing down the house was well on when he returned with a picked army of friends. The invading army destroyed the house and his retainers in the rear, marched upon Patrick's position and found it evacuated.

Patrick's army had retired discreetly by chance saw some testimonials in the Los Angeles papers about the marvelous cures of Prof. Joseph Pandy, the great European rupture specialist, at 84 S. Broadway. So I made up my mind to try for the last time, and I met with success. After examining me, he assured me I could be cured in a short time, if I followed his instructions strictly, which I did with confidence, and today I am completely cured—without operation, injection or suffering, and have attended to my business during my cure. Anyone suffering from rupture and wishing information will find me in my barber shop, 144 San Fernando St.

Yours Respectfully,

J. F. HALLER.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8, 1897.

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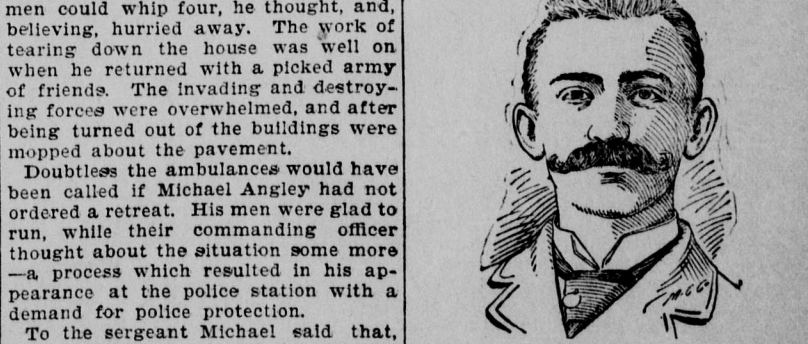
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