

vicinity of the bath house. Sulphur and soda springs are the most prominent. These usually contain other ingredients, such as chloride of magnesium, carbonate of soda, iron, or lime, and other carbonates and sulphates. But one hot spring has been discovered. The water of this has a temperature of 98 degrees as it trickles from the hillside, and is probably much warmer a few feet beneath the surface.

Below the pagoda a few hundred yards the canyon widens and a broad, level plot of ground is covered with spreading oaks. Here picnics are held, and campers are allowed to pitch their tents. On the north abruptly rise steep hills almost devoid of timber. To the south the mountain slopes are thickly covered with trees and tangled wild-wood. Through the center of the tract meanders the mountain stream. The scenery is naturally beautiful, and its attractions have been enhanced by liberal expenditures for improvements, such as bath houses, swimming pool, restaurant, a kiosk supplied with fountains and surrounded by flower gardens and ornamental trees and shrubs. The road



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from San Jose to Alum Rock Park is for several miles perfectly straight, and the grade is not more than a few feet per mile. About half way the road commences to ascend almost imperceptibly toward the foothills. Here it is flanked with towering eucalypti, which in summer furnish to the traveler grateful shade. The road gradually winds up the foothills in graceful curves, and at such a light grade that in most places teams may trot comfortably.

The view from the summit of the grade is very beautiful, as it incorporates a comprehensive view of the valley with its orchards and farms, San Jose and its smoking chimneys, and the western foothills.

The San Jose and Santa Clara electric line extends to East San Jose, connecting there with a motor road, which extends to the Alum Rock bluff, from whence a footpath leads to the bath houses, a few rods distant.