

It is situated at the foot of the Coast Range, and is nearly surrounded by mountains.

In these mountains Campbell Creek has its rise, a considerable stream, furnishing a power adequate for quite a milling interest, a pasteboard and paper mill being in full operation when we visited the place. A grist mill we also noticed, which had, however, suspended operations.

The inhabitants number about three hundred.

The town boasts one church, a school house, two hotels, a blacksmith shop, and several stores.

Following the devious winding of the creek for a distance of one mile, we come upon a collection of buildings, grouped upon a small plateau on the mountain side. This we know at once to be "Congress Hall," a hotel for the entertainment and comfort of guests visiting the Springs of the same name, located about a quarter mile higher up the mountain, on the opposite bank of Campbell Creek.

Architecturally, and as far as the inner comforts, conveniences and furniture of the building are concerned, they are unexceptionable, being built, finished and fitted in a most thoroughly modern manner.

The Springs are termed the "Pacific Congress Springs," from the similarity of their waters to those from the celebrated Congress Spring at Saratoga, N. Y.

There are three springs, the water being received in sand stone basins, the lowermost of which receives the drainage from the others.

A bottling apparatus is in use here, the water being widely disseminated throughout the coast.

Surrounding the Springs are shady nooks, fitted with rustic seats.

A large floor has been erected for dancing purposes, and here, in a wild gap or canyon of the mountain, Nature and Art have vied with each other to render the place attractive. Nature has grouped the wild and picturesque, achieving sublimity, while Art, availing herself of natural advantages, has supplemented Nature without marring its simple grandeur by a too close alliance with the artificial.

The Hotel is conducted upon a most generous principle, and entertains visitors throughout the entire year.

The table is furnished as unsparingly and lavishly, as any on the coast. Order is supreme throughout the establishment, and either a flying visit, or a residence stretching over a period of months, is an experience too pleasant to be easily or soon forgotten.

Game and trout exist in abundance in the vicinity, furnishing an ever present opportunity for relaxation.

THE QUICKSILVER

Region of Santa Clara County covers a surface of about ten square miles. The New Almaden Mine is situated some thirteen miles South from San Jose, was located in 1845, and is by far the largest mine in the County.

The town contains some two thousand inhabitants, comprised of those employed about the mines, and others necessary to administer to their wants.

We regret that the indisposition of the management here to impart information has left us almost totally ignorant of this great interest.

The Enriquita Mine is located two miles North-west from the Almaden, and the Gaudalupe two miles still further North.

Want of time prevents our searching authorities for details regarding this industry, while the reluctance of those connected with them, to assist us to the information, does not inspire us with an overweening desire to labor in their behalf.

It is not, however, the mining industry which is to achieve the future of this county, but the industry of the husbandman, and, perfectly satisfied that none of her interests will suffer at his hands, to him do we commend it.

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