

The Sea Beach, and the unrivalled Moss Beach, are also chief among the attractions of Pescadero.

The vicinity is amply provided with delightful drives and picnic resorts, while the climate presents a pleasurable mean between the chilly breezes and saturating fogs of San Francisco, and the dry heat of the interior valleys of the State.

The hotel accommodations of Pescadero are unsurpassed by any in the State. Travelers, whether in search of health or recreation, will realize in the extensive establishment of Mr. Swanton, none of the annoyances which beset one in country houses of entertainment. The character and manner of conducting the hotel are entirely cosmopolitan, the utmost liberality is apparent in the provisions made for guests, and the place is almost always enlivened with a gay and brilliant throng from the metropolis. Several cottages, beautifully furnished and appointed, induce and attract the occupation of families.

The grounds are tastefully disposed. Drives and promenades cross and recross one another, at all possible angles. Shade and ornamental trees, splashing fountains and beautiful parterres of rare exotics lend such positive and sufficient attractions that, be he ever so aesthetically inclined, one has nothing left, in his immediate surroundings, either to long for or desire. Visitors will find that it requires some time to exhaust the resources of this vicinity.

PURISSIMA

Is an unimportant hamlet, some thirty miles Southwest from Redwood City, containing a store, hotel, saloon and harness shop.

SAN GREGORIO,

Twenty miles South from Redwood City, resembles an ordinary town, viewed through the reversed lenses of a telescope.

BELMONT,

Four miles North from Redwood City, comprises within its limits, a hotel, store and saloon, a feed and livery stable and several residences. This is quite an enterprising little business place, and possesses many attractions.

MENLO PARK

Possesses many advantages as a place of residence; as far as its business element is concerned, it is a village of Rip Van Winkles.

One of the most beautiful places in the entire Coast Range, is the Cañada del Reymundo, situate nearly in the centre of the County. It is completely enclosed by gigantic mountains, and is of an area of about twelve square miles.

Redwood, live oak, maple, laurel and madrofia cover the higher peaks, nearly to their summits, while the lower hills are overgrown with alder willow and buckeye. Every patch, level enough to afford the cultivator an opportunity, has been seized upon, and is either a grain field or meadow; either a garden, or orchard.

Cottages peer out from picturesque nooks, occupy odd angles, or remain unsuspected by the careless rambler, actually embowered in their living green.

The murmur of running water and the sweet music of myriads of birds mingle in harmonious melody. The scene is impressive and beautiful. The secluded vale, skirted by frowning mountains, is peopled with a solid phalanx of sombre figures, which sway and rustle in the fitful breeze.

And then the silence, to him who has left the uproar of a great city only two hours' ride behind! Naught is heard but the purl of the stream as it flows evenly along, and its murmur, of complaint, perhaps, when it is turned aside by a pebble it cannot surmount; the music of the thicket warblers, too, which only succeeds in making the stillness yet more profound: beyond this a quiet as deep and solemn as death, a hush as perfect as though Nature herself were brooding, and the fiat for creation had not yet gone forth.

This entire mountain glen was included in a grant made by the Mexican Government to John Coppinger, one of the early settlers. It has since been divided, is now owned in farms, and forms one of the most important farming and stock-raising districts in the County.