

MARIN COUNTY.

THIS County is bounded on the north by Sonoma County, on the east by San Pablo and San Francisco Bays, and on the south and west by the Pacific Ocean, and contains a superficial area of 326,000 acres.

In its topographical characteristics Marin approaches close to the category of mountainous counties, the entire peninsula embraced within the waters which encircle it on three sides being apparently a termination of one of the spurs of the Coast Range, which, coming from the north further inland, here loses itself in the ocean. The elevation, however, is not enough in any case, saving perhaps in that of Mount Tamalpais (2,800 feet), to take the lands above the pasture belt.

The principal occupation of the people is dairying, this county being better adapted for the business than any other of the State, both from its proximity to markets, and the beneficial effects of the prevailing fogs and moisture, which, driven by the westerly winds from the ocean, keep the grasses green and nutritive long after those of the more easterly counties have been dried by the summer's sun. The dairy season lasts from November until May. Pigs are also an important factor, and are in Marin really an adjunct of the dairy business, as they are fed almost exclusively on the skim milk. The average number of cows held in the county for the past three years was about 26,000; pigs, 8,000.

Brickmaking on the bay shore is also a large industry, the annual product reaching about 21,000,000.

Fishing is carried on to a large extent on the ocean, as well as the bay shores.

In climate the Eastern slopes of the county are the most favored of any of the suburban localities adjoining San Francisco, being almost entirely free from the fierce winds of the lower peninsula.

Two railroads—the North Pacific Coast, and the San Francisco and North Pacific—pierce the county from south to north, which, with the excellent system of ferry steamers connecting with San Francisco from Sausalito and San Rafael, afford ample means of intercommunication.

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