

It is the intention of the proprietor, we understand, to erect a very large hotel on the premises, to enable him to accommodate the increasing number of visitors.

Late in the afternoon we return to Napa, and will to-morrow leave the County by the way of Soscol Valley.

Leaving Napa, we take an easterly direction over a good but steep mountain road, and cross a portion of the Bald Mountain ridge to descend into Wild-Horse Valley. From its name we were led to believe that wild horses might be seen in this valley, and for the purpose of gratifying our curiosity we left the road leading direct to Soscol. When we reached the valley, however, we saw nothing wild, except the scenery, and contented ourselves with that. We now strike a south-westerly direction, and after crossing a high hill, reach the Soscol road and continue upon it, passing by the "Insane Asylum" in course of construction, and we arrive in Soscol Valley at noon.

Soscol is a station for farmers and teamsters, and has a very good and well kept hotel.

We continue in a south-westerly direction, and come to the famous fruit orchard of Simpson Thompson. This orchard is very extensive, and produces an enormous amount of fruits of all kinds.

Mr. Thompson's place is one of the most attractive of Napa County, having a beautiful residence with all appurtenances for ease and comfort. He first introduced the system of raising fruit without irrigation; the general management of the establishment is now under the supervision of his son, James M. Thompson.

Adjoining Mr. Thompson's place is that of W. Gouverneur Morris; this, also, is a beautiful farm, having a very extensive fruit orchard. Mr. Morris' country seat is called "Morrisiana," after the home of his parents in the State of New York.

Soscol Valley is the second in size of Napa County, and covers a large area of excellent farming land. It contains a great number of fruit orchards; the two above alluded to, however, are the largest and most important. Large quantities of wheat are raised in this neighborhood, besides other cereals, vegetables, etc.

It compares favorably with Napa Valley, though the scenery of the latter is more romantic, and offers more attractions to the tourist and invalid.

We now proceed to Napa Junction, the connecting point of the Napa Valley and California Pacific Railroads.

Fortunately we have been enabled to dispose of our horses at fair prices, and will, for the present, bid farewell to our readers who have followed us on our trip. We hope that they may have enjoyed the tour in imagination as much as we have in reality.

Our next excursion will be through Lake County, where the scenery is of a different nature, and the attractions are of a different kind. *Au revoir.*

### RESUMÉ OF POPULATION OF NAPA COUNTY.

PLACES	Males	Females	Total
Napa City.....	2,283	1,798	4,081
St. Helena.....	326	278	604
Calistoga .....	151	107	258
Yountville.....	76	71	147
Monticello .....	55	44	99
Knoxville Mine.....	235	41	276
Phoenix Mine.....	57	17	74
Manhattan Mine .....	70	5	75
Valley Mine.....	33	20	53
Farming Community.....	2,721	2,046	4,767
TOTAL.....	6,007	4,427	10,434