

Wells Fargo has anything in charge for it, Old Mountain View has to lounge up to Mountain View Station for its "billet doux," as the Postoffice is located at this point.

Mountain View Station also has a hotel, and both are well provided with business houses.

ALVISO

Is situated at the junction of Alviso Slough with the Gaudalupe River, about three miles from San Francisco Bay.

This is the shipping port of Santa Clara County, and is north of San Jose, 8 miles.

A regular daily line of steamers runs between this place and San Francisco. It possesses good wharves for the accommodation of shipping, and has several large flouring mills, granaries and warehouses.

The Alviso brand of flour is said to be one of the best made in the State.

The population numbers about 150 persons.

A good hotel is located here, and a general store.

MILPITAS

Is a thriving little town, some seven miles north of San Jose, on the line of the Central Pacific Railroad, and has about 150 inhabitants.

It has two churches, a school house, hotel, blacksmith shop, general store and two saloons.

It is situated in the midst of a fine farming section, and in the immediate vicinity are grown the strawberries, for the production of which the county has become so famous.

LOS GATOS,

Ten miles southwest from San Jose, is a town numbering 200 inhabitants.

It is situated in a slight depression, on the south bank of a creek bearing the same name.

A church and school-house are located here, together with a hotel, two general stores, two blacksmith shops and two saloons.

A large industry also flourishes here, under the name of the Los Gatos Manufacturing Company, comprising a flouring and woolen mill. Some time since the woolen mill was destroyed by fire.

At a distance of two and one-half miles west is the town of

LEXINGTON,

Which is situated in a gap of the Sierra Azul, as the Santa Cruz Mountains are called at this point.

The hills, densely timbered, rise to a height of nearly 2,000 feet, completely surrounding it on all sides.

There is much fine agricultural, grazing and orchard land in these mountains, the plateaus, formed by the rising land, being utilized for fruit-growing purposes.

Lumber mills were once profusely located here, the Los Gatos Creek furnishing a fine water-power. Now, however, most of them have been removed to Santa Cruz County.

The town contains about fifty inhabitants, and has a hotel, blacksmith shop and store.

The hotel is a fine one, presided over by a lady who not only understands how to please, but exerts herself to the utmost to do so.

The post office is two miles west, at a place called Alma.

Trout fishing and hunting can be indulged in here to any extent.

SARATOGA,

The original name of which was McCartyville, is southwest from San Jose ten miles.