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VIEW SHOWS A SECTION OF ONE OF THE  
EUCALYPTUS GROVES IN

# EL CAJON VALLEY

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## **Eucalyptus Timber**

This is coming to be a profitable product in All parts of the State. It has been so in this Valley many years. Some of the oldest and best Groves are found here. Volumes have been Written on the uses and profits of eucalyptus. These trees are cut once in 7 to 10 years, and Reproduce themselves from the stump, Which seems to live forever. There is a great variety of Eucalyptus.

## **Special to those Interested**

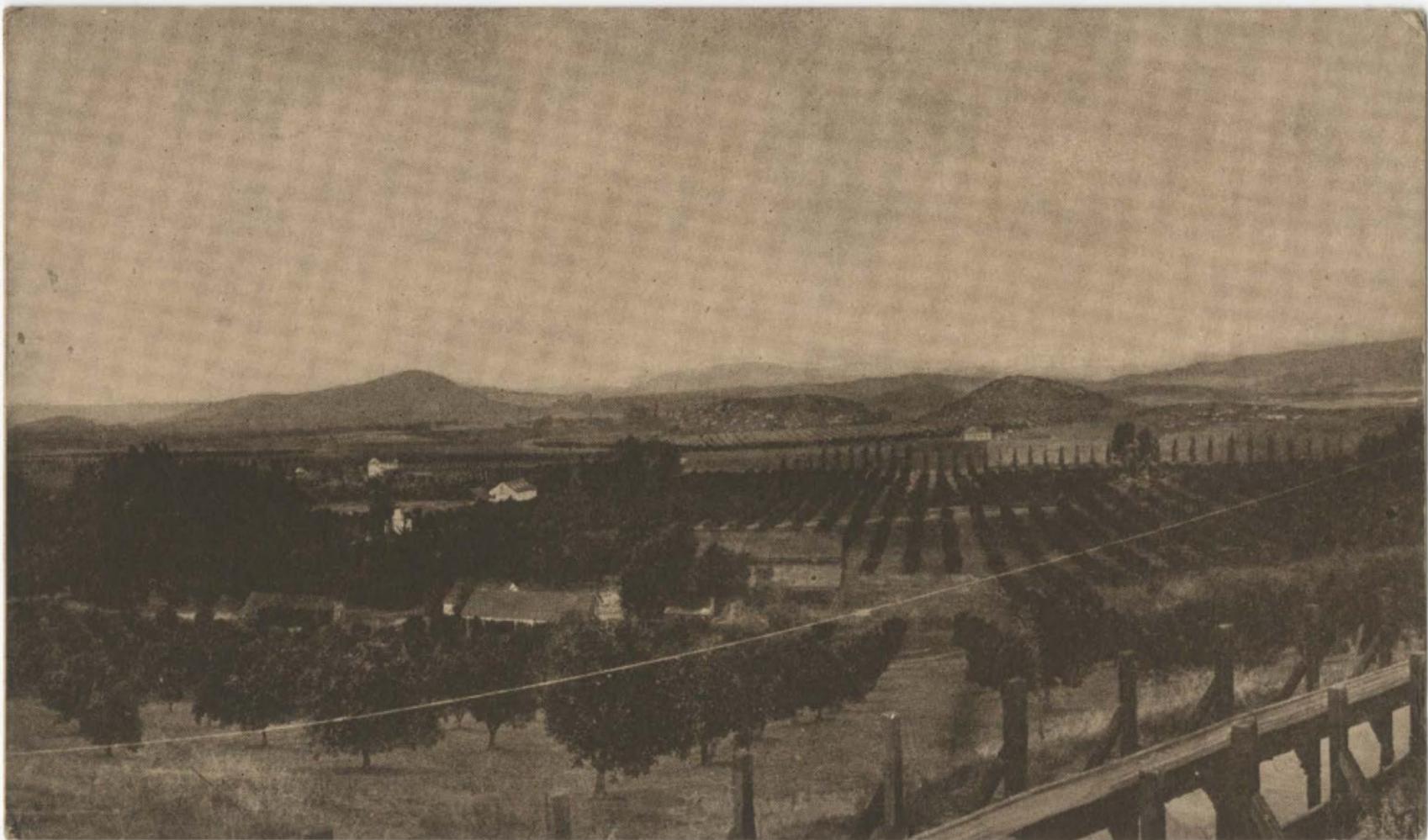
*The El Cajon Valley News* has published a Series of articles by men of several years Experience here, who have succeeded. These articles are valuable information To anyone beginning here now, or who Would like such information before coming. Copies will be sent on application.

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VIEW OF THE EAST END OF

# EL CAJON VALLEY

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## **Its Charm**

Pictures cannot flatter El Cajon Valley.  
They do not show the wonderful coloring, nor  
Reveal the beauties of the climate,  
And the fact that some crop is harvested here  
Every month of the year.

## **Its Name**

The name El Cajon is Spanish.  
Is pronounced "El Cahone," and means  
"The Box."  
So named because surrounded by a  
Range of mountains.

## **Its Climate**

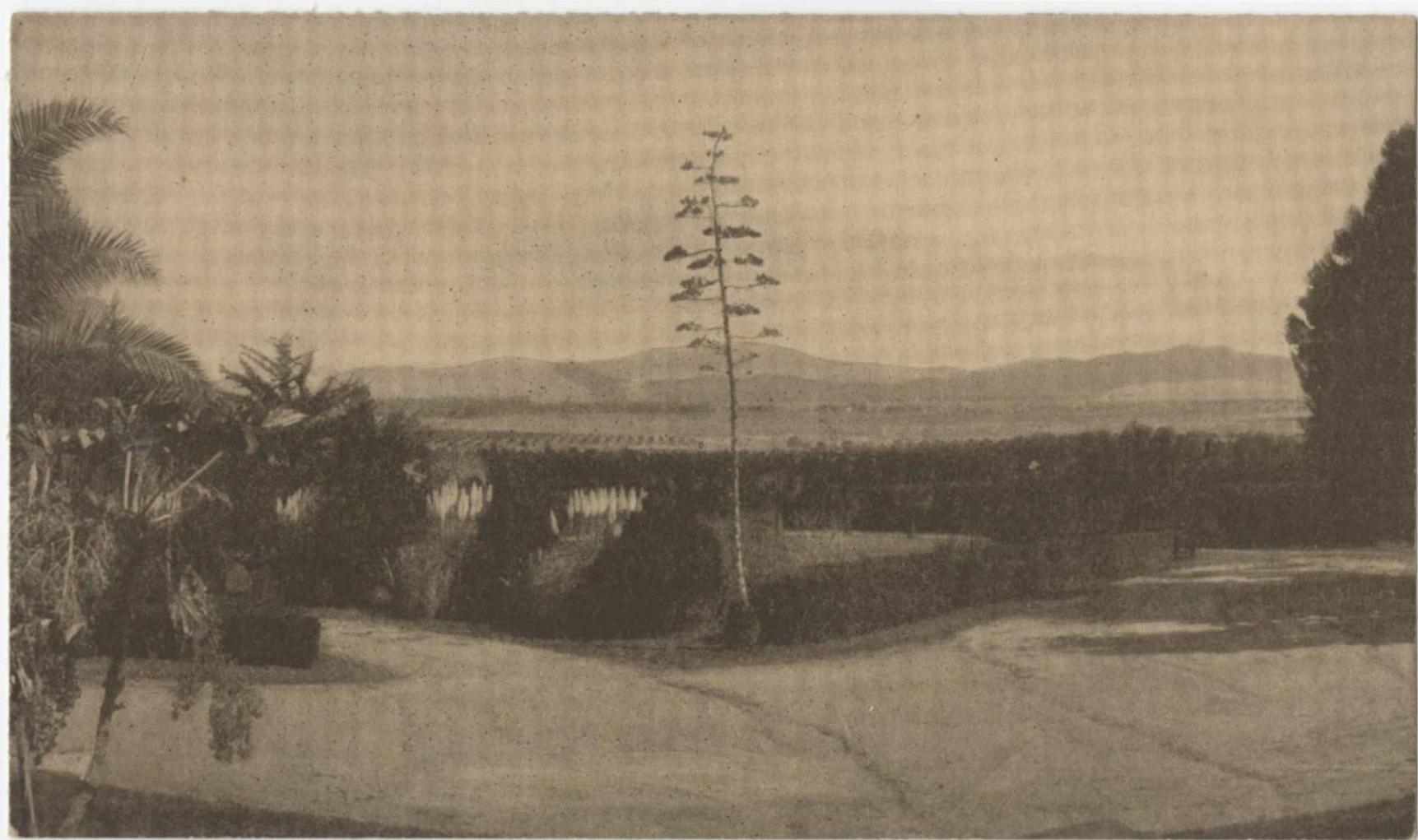
Travelers who have visited all parts of  
The world, including Southern California,  
Agree that "the San Diego bay region" has the  
Best climate on earth.  
El Cajon Valley is part of the territory named.

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VIEW SHOWING A RANCH HOME GROUNDS,  
AND WEST END OF

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## **Its Location**

El Cajon Valley is 15 miles inland from  
The City of San Diego, a coast city of 40,000  
People. It is reached by the San Diego,  
Cuyamaca and Eastern Railroad, with three  
Passenger trains each way daily.

A broad boulevard also connects  
The Valley with the city — a beautiful drive.

## **Its Area**

The Valley proper is about 7 miles long  
And  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles wide, but the territory known as  
El Cajon Valley comprises about 18,000 acres.

## **Its Population**

The population is now less than 2000.  
The Valley can well support 10,000 people.  
The large ranches sub-divided into small  
Tracts of 10 and 20 acres each, could be made  
Much more profitable by careful management.

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VIEW SHOWING HIGH SCHOOL AND  
MERIDIAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## **Cost of Land**

The selling price of land now ranges  
From \$50 to \$100 for raw land, and from  
\$250 to \$500 for improved ranches, per acre.  
The higher price includes water right worth  
Now \$600 for a miners' inch, perpetual flow.

## **Its Local Advantages**

There are three villages, El Cajon in the West,  
Bostonia in the East, and Santee on the North.  
Each has its postoffice, stores, school, etc.  
There is a bank, a newspaper, a  
Telegraph Co., a Telephone Co., which supplies  
Service to ranchers and town residents.  
There are two mails in and out daily, with  
Rural free delivery to all parts of the Valley.  
There is one mill, one lumber yard,  
Also blacksmith and machine shops.  
There are three churches,  
Three grammar schools and one high school.  
The people are hospitable and sociable.  
An intelligent and well-to-do farmer, who has  
Come here to live, and who has experience as a  
School director, says of our high school: "It is  
The best I ever saw in a country community."

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VIEW SHOWS AN IRRIGATED ALFALFA RANCH,  
WATER BEING PUMPED

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## Dairying

This picture shows one of the alfalfa and Dairy ranches of the Valley—135 acres in alfalfa. The water is pumped from wells at easy depth. The average crop is 8 tons per acre—6 cuttings. It costs an average of \$3.00 per ton to produce. The average price is \$10.00 per ton in field. All Dairy products are marketed in San Diego daily.

## Small Ranches

If the large grain ranches in the Valley were Sub-divided into 10 and 20-acre tracts, they could Be made more profitable, and the alfalfa lands Would more than supply all demands for hay, Milk and butter. The small ranch wisely and Diligently cared for brings best results here.

## Vineyards

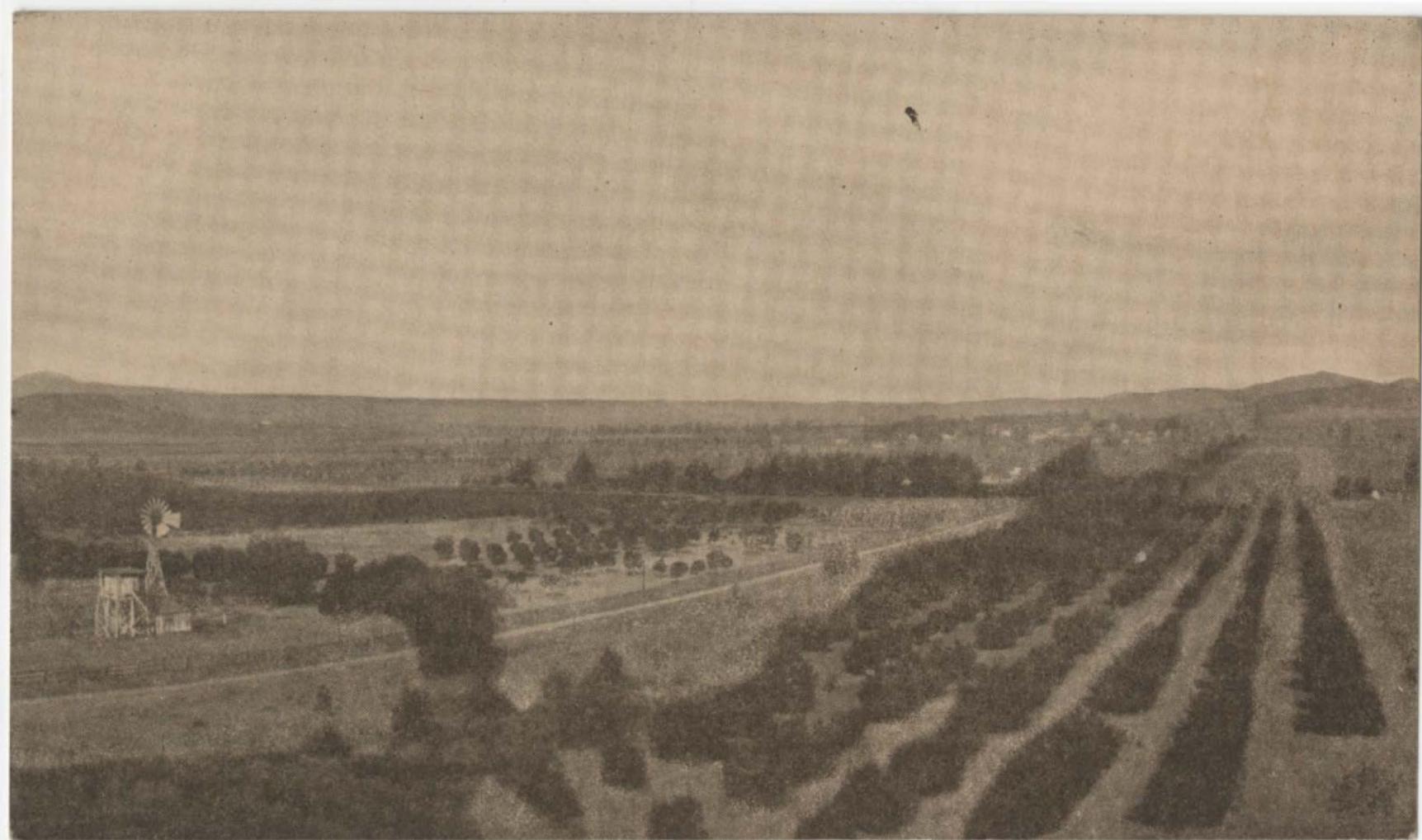
One of our successful ranchers says, from Experience: "One year with another nothing Pays better than raisin grapes. Eighty per cent Of the Valley will grow grapes." As an example Of their success, one man has made a living for Twenty years from ten acres of vines, and Takes trips East nearly every year.

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VIEW FROM SOUTH, SHOWING  
EL CAJON VILLAGE

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## Products

The principal products of the valley are raisins  
Grapes, oranges, lemons, olives, peaches,  
Berries, barley, wheat, oats,  
Alfalfa, milk, butter, eggs and poultry.  
It is usual to harvest 6 crops of alfalfa each year.  
This Valley is the natural home of the raisin grape.

## Water

All crops, except grain and grapes, are  
Irrigated, either from the San Diego Flume,  
Which supplies most of the high lands, or from  
Individual wells and pumping plants.  
The average depth of these wells is 35 feet.  
The average flow is about 8 inches. "No. 1  
Distillate, a California product, is the fuel used  
In pumping, and costs 11 cents per gallon  
Delivered at the pump.

## Soil

The soil generally is sandy loam and  
Decomposed granite, and varies in different  
Localities. The best citrus fruits are raised on  
The slopes, the higher ground being  
Less liable to frost.

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