



# STANTON



WHEN the people of a district west and southwest of Anaheim concluded to incorporate they proceeded to do so as a protective and a progressive measure. At that time there was not a town lot in the municipality. Probably no other incorporated city of California had the faith to do such a thing. However, if anything, the people of Stanton are dauntless. They knew they had a good country. They believed that it was bound to develop. They believed that there was plenty of territory there to support a town. They feared that a near-by town was going to establish a sewer farm in their section. That contemplated action was effectively prevented by the incorporation of the town, for among the first ordi-

nances passed after incorporation was one absolutely prohibiting the establishment or maintenance of any sewer farm within the corporate limits of Stanton.

The new town was named after one of the largest property owners and most enthusiastic adherents, P. A. Stanton of Los Angeles, former speaker of the California legislature. Immediately upon incorporating, steps were taken for the improvement of all roads in the city, and an energetic, efficient city administration has been established.

Soon after the incorporation came the establishment of a townsite on the Pacific Electric line between Los Angeles and Santa Ana at a point where the Southern Pacific line between Huntington Beach and Ana-



STREET SCENE AT STANTON



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heim passed and where the branch from the Los Alamitos sugar factory joined that line. That placed the townsite where five railroad tracks meet.

The business portion of the town now contains two stores, a lumber yard, a weekly newspaper office, a garage and a livery barn. The town is just beginning and has bright prospects.

The territory covered by the municipality is farming territory, outside the small portion devoted to the townsite. Sugar beets, dairy products, alfalfa, potatoes, chile peppers, corn and poultry are among the best paying industries. In the northern and northwestern part of the district are some of the best walnut orchards in the county. In the last few years

citrus fruit growing has come to be looked upon as entirely feasible in a portion of this section, with the result that many groves have been set out. Judgment as to the feasibility of citrus fruit growing here has been proven sound. Immense yields of walnuts have been reported. The territory devoted to walnuts is rapidly growing.

Sugar beets claim the attention of a large portion of the ranchers of this section. Yields are excellent. A portion of the lands are under irrigation by pumping plants.

The water supply in this district is the chief factor in the development of the country from dairying, and little else to the growing of alfalfa and citrus fruits and walnuts. Water rises in the wells to within a few feet

of the surface, so that the "lift" by a pumping plant is little and is accomplished at such small cost that the water costs but little, probably less than anywhere else in the county.

Within the bounds of the municipality are various kinds of soils, but most of it sandy loam, extremely fertile and easily worked. In reward for cultivation and water this soil yields tremendous crops.

Stanton lies in a district where many people expect to see many changes in the next five or eight years. Near it is much country not yet developed. A good deal of new land has recently gone into sugar beets, and a good deal more will go in the next two or three years. Stanton is excellently situated for getting its sugar beets to market. It has close railroad

connection with every sugar factory in Orange county. South of it a few miles is the Holly factory, west is Los Alamitos. The Southern Pacific leads to the Anaheim factory and the Pacific Electric to the two factories at Santa Ana.

Dairying is still an important industry in the west and southwestern part of the section. Every day scores of milk cans filled with milk from Stanton dairies are taken to Los Angeles by the cars of the Pacific Electric.

With a rapidly developing country about it and an energetic townsite company and city administration bending every effort to better the community, Orange county expects to see many changes at Stanton. The town is already firmly established. It has come to stay, and no mistake about it.