



Land Clearing Operations Shooting Stumps

He recognized that the scenery, climate and soil were of such a nature as to make the land most desirable as soon as transportation facilities were furnished. He anticipated that a railway would be built almost immediately. He purchased from the Government a large tract of land of what he considered the most desirable and decided to await the advent of the railway.

The stories of rich placer gold in the Valley brought in many prospectors who washed gold out of the streams in a very primitive manner, but it was found that this industry would not be successful in a large degree until carried out by means of machinery.

Rail transportation was necessary for this purpose also. Consequently, mining was to a large extent abandoned in the meantime, and then miners took up land which they cultivated in a very indifferent manner.

Even under such conditions the yield of hay, alfalfa, grain, vegetables, fruit, etc., has been such as to prove the wonderful