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**SUPPLEMENT**

**DESERT ORCHARDS**

**Fruit Trees Thrive Where Irrigated and Cultivated**

In the United States Land Office final proofs have been made on claims taken in San Bernardino county under the Desert Land Act which have the distinction of being the largest apple orchard in Southern California.

Less than two years ago this tract, which is located about a half mile from the Mojave river, was a waste of barren foothills. Today it is a thrifty young orchard; while around it are tracts of barley and alfalfa, maturing for the harvest.

When the plans for the great orchard are carried out there will be 400 acres of apple trees. At the present time there are sixty acres of apple trees, and plans are being made for the setting of an eighty-acre tract next fall.

G. R. Wilton, E. S. Gilmore and E. W. Gilmore acquired these lands a year ago last October. Since that time they have expended \$20,000 on the 400 acres, and this is but a beginning. They declare that the improvement is to be continuous and that each year will show greatly increased development. They believe they have the nucleus of one of the famous apple orchards of the world.

**WHERE APPLES GROW**

The Mojave valley has been well tried as an apple growing country. In the vicinity of Victorville are small orchards which have been standing for thirty years, and are still strong and fruitful. They were planted by the Mormons, and it is said there has never been a failure of the crop there.

A great advantage is the entire absence of tree diseases, or the havoc wrought by the codlin moth. Apple growers claim that never have the trees on the east side of the range been troubled by the moth. Some of them attribute this to the extreme heat of the summer; others think the sand storms have proved a protection to the trees.

Winter varieties have been used mostly. They include the Winter Permain, Jonathans, Arkansas Beauties, Snow and other well tried varieties. The owners of the land have also set out in various localities pear and peach trees, and experiments in grape culture are to be taken up this season.

**WELL WATER SYSTEM**

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parts of the land. There are 12,000 feet of cement flume, with a capacity of 125 inches; and 14,000 feet of earth ditches, which will carry 100 inches of water.

The soil is a sandy loam, ranging from one to five feet in depth, and rests on clay. It has proved very productive where there has been ample water; and in addition to the apple orchards, the Gilmore-Wilton lands are producing enough alfalfa and barley to supply all the needs of the large force of teams.—L. A. Times.

**BIG COPPER DEPOSITS**

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Such were the remarks of A. W. Scott, a well known mining expert of Pioche, Nev., in a conversation a few days ago at Salt Lake with a Herald reporter.

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