

FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY.

Living Springs—Abundant Grasses— Luxuriant Wild Flowers—Great Immigration—Flattering Prospects.

EDITOR HERALD: This may be a locality little known to your readers, though it is an old camping ground for all sheep men in Antelope Valley, situated 16 miles west of Lancaster, alike noted for its living springs of water and abundance of grass. About twenty-five years ago a French Basque named Pierre Clos settled here, being attracted by the fine cattle range and the shelter of the surrounding hills. Here the Frenchman built a comfortable adobe house and outbuildings, and here he died about five years ago, leaving his widow, a young Spanish woman, a section of good land, all fenced, and which contains the everliving water known as Mud Springs, encumbered only by five stalwart sons and one daughter. The widow has since married a French sheep man named Duhard, and his sheep and her cattle roam the thousand hills of the vicinity. As I said in my last letter, it has been a hard season for sheep men, Mr. Duhard among the number, he having last 600 out of 900 lambs. The cattle business, however, is prosperous, and beef cattle bring a high price to make glad the heart of the stockmen.

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