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**CLEAR LAKE.**—A friend of ours informs us that Messrs Yokem and Parker, and Dr. Mathews arrived in the city yesterday, direct from the Clear Lake District, where they reside. These gentlemen report that this beautiful and extensive valley is being rapidly settled up by industrious farmers with their wives and children. The settlement now comprises more than one hundred and fifty persons. Every kind of improvement is rapidly progressing. Game is very abundant in the vicinity of the Lake, and the Indians peaceable. The valley is about fifty miles west of this city in the Coast Range, and will before another year be populated by a community which will largely contribute to and trade in our market. The gentlemen above named left the Lake to explore a wagon road direct thence to this city. They succeeded in finding a good road until they reached the dividing ridge between Berryessa and Cache Creek Vallies.— They return to examine the ridge, confident of finding a suitable pass.—*Cal. Statesman.*

**ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE.**—Nineveh was 15 miles long, and 40 round, with walls 100 feet high, and thick enough for three chariots. Babylon was 60 miles within the walls, which were 75 feet thick and 300 high, with 100 brazen gates. The Temple of Diana at Ephesus was 425 feet high. It was 200 years in building. The largest of the pyramids is 481 feet high, and 763 feet on the sides; its base covers 13 acres. The stones are about 30 feet in length, and the layers are 206; 100,000 men were employed in its erection. About the 1 590th part of the Great Pyramid of Egypt is occupied by chambers and passages; all the rest is solid masonry. The Labyrinth of Egypt contains 3,000 chambers and 12 halls. Thebes, in Egypt, presents ruins 27 miles round. It has 100 gates. Carthage was 25 miles round. Athens was 25 miles round,