

INDEPENDENCE

"THE GATEWAY TO THE
HIGH SIERRAS"

THE scenery of California, since the rush of the Argonauts for gold, is its most valuable asset in alluring visitors to its domain. From end to end of its almost one thousand miles is strung a chain of eye-pleasing pictures that have made the name California a symposium for poets and painters to rave over. The advent of the automobile as a means of sight seeing has made it easy for the traveling public to reach these scenic grandeurs.

Standing out in conspicuous superiority to all other nature wonders are the scenes in and around Independence, the County seat of Inyo County, more correctly speaking "Owens Valley."

Lying at the foot of the eastern slope of the "Sierras" Independence is well named the gateway to the Switzerland of America—the masterpiece of the Deity.