



industry and putting it on a sound commercial basis the "Owens Valley Pear Growers Association" has recently been formed. This association is composed of the most prominent ranchers of the valley, who are thoroughly familiar with local conditions and who know the possibilities of the valley as a pear producing section. A fund of \$50,000 has been raised to be used in the employment of a corps of experts who will assist and direct growers in the planting and care of their orchards during the next two years. A portion of the fund will be used for general development work and for publicity.

Apples Owens Valley apples are justly praised for color, flavor and fine keeping qualities. From the time the trees bud and burst into bloom, until the perfect apples are gathered, they are bathed each day with warm sunshine and dry mountain air. Cloudy days are very rare during the apple growing season. This daily sun bath, together with ideal atmospheric conditions and a soil which possesses the necessary elements to produce fruit of fine solid texture, makes the Owens River Valley fruit superior to that raised under other conditions.

Conditions which make the valley an ideal apple country also make it favorable for other deciduous fruits.

Minerals Authorities credit Inyo with possessing a greater variety of mineral resources than any other county in California. The high Sierras, the White mountains and the broken ranges of the Death Valley country have added many millions to the wealth of the Golden State. Death Valley itself is the largest producer of borax in the United States, and from the waters of Owens Lake are taken vast quantities of soda. Salt—99 per cent pure—is taken from an inexhaustible field in the Saline Valley, while gold, silver, copper, zinc, lead and tungsten are extensively mined.

