

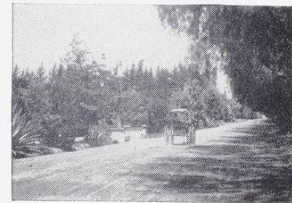
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The boom of the Eighties drew many thousands of people to "the land of perpetual Spring" where a family could live on 10 acres planted to oranges and a farmer from Iowa could be "a country gentleman" in California. When the railroads made eastern markets possible, Southern Californians made their landscape green with newly planted groves. (*Orange-picking in Riverside, where in 1873 the first two Washington Navel orange trees were set out.*)



Magnolia Avenue in Riverside.  
(Photo, 1890)



"Here is a country," predicted Chauncey Depew, famous lawyer, orator, and railroad president (New York Central), on a visit to Southern California, "destined to drive Italy and the world out of oranges, lemons, olives, prunes, and wines." (*Grape-picking on the Hastings ranch near Pasadena, 1898*)