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A large part of this vast region is unfit, by nature, for many kinds of business. But even the dry table-land is productive where the surface can be *irrigated*. This is done by leading water from some stream, through artificial channels, and distributing it over the ground where it is needed. Much fine farming land has been thus made.



California Fruit Ranch.

The three States bordering on the **Pacific** are more uniformly settled than the others in this extensive division. Elsewhere there are few people except in the mining districts and along the lines of the railroad.

In **Montana**, **Idaho**, and the States on the Pacific, immense areas are given to cattle raising, wool growing, and wheat farming. **Washington** and **Oregon** have vast forests and excellent fisheries.

**California**, besides wheat farms, has large districts devoted to orchards and vineyards. Great quantities of fruit are shipped to eastern markets. San Francisco, in California, is the chief city.