

signing the pastorate of the Allston church.

PROSPEROUS FALLBROOK

Fallbrook is smiling, both the people and the country. The rain caused it, and certainly the prospects are very pleasing, as we have a greater acreage planted than ever before, and everything is in fine condition. Just now we are agitated over the road question. Fallbrook is situated within half a mile of the great Santa Marguerita ranch, which extends on the west away to the ocean, about twelve or fifteen miles, and about twenty miles from north to south, from which heretofore not \$100 worth of trade has come to Fallbrook annually. To the north is Santa Rosa ranch, and mountains cutting us off in that direction.

De Luz, a settlement lying between the two great ranches, has no road except a private way, leading in any other direction than toward Marietta, in Riverside county. Fallbrook and De Luz are asking for county roads to connect the road leading north, one extending south toward San Luis Rey, and the other leading to Fallbrook, thus making a shorter route to Marietta, besides giving the De Luz settlers an outlet over the Santa Marguerita to the south and east by a public road.

This road has been surveyed and as it is only about six miles long and no steep grades, and altogether not an expensive one to build, we feel quite sure the board of county supervisors will order it.

Another matter that promises great advantage to Fallbrook is the cutting up of the Santa Marguerita ranch on this side of the river, and renting it out to ranchers, who have built houses there and will continue indefinitely to cultivate land that has heretofore only served as a cattle range. Besides settling up a part of our county right in our dooryard, and bringing in more people, it is hoped that our assessors will see their way clear to assess the land the same as land of the same kind just across the ranch fence, thus very materially equalizing taxation.