

they were certainly worth seeing. Oscar and family left for home about 3 o'clock. wrote to H. Simmons
July 23rd. We left P. E. Station at 10:30 for Fontana about 20 miles north west of here. after leaving here we passed the Riverside Cement plant, it is a large plant, with a capacity of 6500 barrels cement a day, is built right on the side of a mountain which they claim is a regular mountain of cement (there is also another plant at Colton 10 miles from here) which they call the mountain of cement. then we came to Bloomington, mostly all oranges & lemons

and a few olives around there. and all the way to Rialto, here you turn west for a few miles, along here nothing much growing, some fields of grain a few inches high and look as if they were burning up, for want of rain. when we got off at Fontana, it looked like a very dismal place, all sand like the desert, the place has just started, only a few houses, a new station & school, and a large Packing house - one store. we started out for a walk, nothing but sand, saw a man who had 1500 young chickens, 5 weeks old, sat down under a shade tree