

# 9. THE COMMISSION VISITS YOLO CO.

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On Saturday, May 20, the State Farm Site Selection Commission arrived in Davisville by train to begin a day-long tour of the various sites being offered in Yolo County.

Editor Scott provides a vivid verbal description of the scene, including reports of who sat with whom in the caravan. The lead car is driven by none other than George Pierce, with UC President

Wheeler beside him. Wheeler was a known skeptic of sites any distance from Berkeley, but Pierce was an active alumnus of Berkeley who knew Wheeler well.

The day-long drive through the county provided a wonderful opportunity for lobbying.

Scott, however, missed a great photo-op!

Saturday, May 20th, the State Farm Selection Commission arrived at the Davisville depot at 7:20 am.

To the right, Editor Scott describes the scene.

The automobile caravan is led by George Pierce. Not by accident, UC President Wheeler is seated beside Pierce in the front passenger seat. (Pierce, a Berkeley graduate and avid UC alumnus, knows Wheeler and of his opposition to the Farm.)

## COMMISSIONERS IN OUR COUNTY TODAY

Arrived on This Mornings Train  
at Davisville and were met by  
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ing Yolo Today.

The Davisville Chamber of Commerce received a telegram yesterday morning to the effect that the commissioners who have been appointed to select or to locate the State University Farm would arrive on the 7:20  
[train from Sacramento this morning.]

They being due to arrive in Sacramento last evening, spending the night in the Capitol city making the early start from that point. The Commission arrived this morning as per program and were met by the reception committees and deposited snugly in a long line of autos, provided jointly by Davisville and Woodland. The Commissioners all arrived except Lieutenant Gov., Alden Anderson, who failed to arrive from the East last night as expected, but who will no doubt join the party at Woodland at noon. The Commissioners were seated as follows: The Gov. with W. E. Cates, and J. I. McConnell; Lieut Gov. Alden Anderson, B. B. Tuttle and E. E. Leake; President Ben'j. I. Wheeler G. W. Pierce, N. A. Hawkins and W. E. Mixon; Professor Cooper, J. E. La Rue and J. Keith Jr.; Senator Bush, O. B. Wilbur and J. Craig; Secretary V. Henderson, A. J. Plant and T. Vaughn; Professor Wickson, G. K. Swingle and C. W. Thomas. Senator M. Diggs and county surveyor, P. N. Ashley also accompanied the party by special invitation. The start was made at 7:30, Hon. G. W. Pierce with his machine leading the caravan. It was a pretty sight, the autos stringing out to to view Yolo county on a mission fraught with great interest for "Superior California."

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*Imagine a  
California  
Governor  
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"hanging  
about" with  
a small  
town  
doctor  
waiting for  
a train.*

## COMMISSIONERS TOUR YOLO

**Expressed Themselves Very Well  
Pleased With the Entire County,  
But Diplomatically Kept Their  
Own Counsel Relative to The  
Farm Site.**

On Saturday last the University Farm Site Commissioners did Davisville and the rest of Yolo county the honor to visit and inspect the sites we have to offer for the farm, as stated in last issue. With the exception of Lieutenant-Governor Alden Anderson, all of the commissioners were present, as was also its secretary, M. V. Henderson, and Professor E. J. Wickson, Professor of Agricultural Practice and Supt. of University Extension in Agriculture in the State University.

The commission was taken in automobiles to visit the tract offered by Davisville, consisting of 720 acres lying adjacent to the town on the west. Here the land was closely examined, crops inspected and the great water ditch of the Yolo Consolidated Water Company was admired.

After a lengthy stay the party was whisked off to the LaRue ranch, where were shown large vineyards, alfalfa fields and almond orchards to illustrate what might be grown on the tract of land offered.

The party then left for Woodland, where the first stop was made at the Glorietta vineyard. After a rest in the shade of the fig trees about the house and an inspection of the place, again the party was off and to the city of Woodland. Here some of them stopped at the Byrns Hotel, some rode through the town and a few went out to the Taylor tract to view a site there offered. Luncheon was served at the Byrns Hotel at 11 o'clock. Editor Leake made a speech of welcome. No toasts were offered or demanded. At 12 o'clock the party was once more aboard the autos, and were first taken to the Archer place, northwest of Woodland, to view a site, then to Madison and Esparto, where sites were offered, thence to Winters, where another site a mile and a half north of that town, was offered. After a short inspection of the site the party rolled into Winters minus the auto with the Governor in. He came in later and at the urgent request of the citizens of that town made a few brief remarks, and set out for Davisville in the wake of President Wheeler, the rest of the commission boarding the train at Winters for their respective homes.

President Wheeler arrived in town in time to catch the Oregon down, but Governor Pardee was obliged to remain until the 7:15 train for Sacramento. Dr. Bates took him home with him, and after supper escorted him to the train, the Governor expressing himself as being pleased with his trip and the country he had seen.