

Meadow Valley, Plumas Co, P O 7 miles west of Quincy, on the stage road to Oroville, is a small locality, romantically situated at the base of a high ridge of the Sierra, on one of the branches of the North Feather river, having verdant meadows, majestic forests, and grand snow-capped mountains for its surroundings. Roads lead from it to the American Valley, to Nelson Creek, on the middle fork of Feather river, to Rich Bar on the east branch, and to other mining localities.

Brown Hamilton, postmaster and general merchandise

Hughes Thomas, hotel

Meinecke, San Joaquin Co, P O address, Morano, 18 miles s of Stockton

Taylor C E, groceries

Melrose, Alameda Co, P O address, Alameda, 3 miles s e of Oakland

Barker Frank A, agent C P R R

Clark H C, proprietor landing and freight carrier

Conner William, hotel

Nelson H, liquor saloon

Oakland Smelting and Refining Works, Samuel Elmore, superintendent

Pacific Cordage Co, Chris McWay, superintendent

Pacific Reduction Works, Guido Kustel, superintendent

Mendocino, Mendocino Co, P O 55 miles

northwest of Ukiah, and on the coast bordering the Pacific Ocean. This is one of the largest towns in the county, and carries on a large lumber trade with San Francisco, 132 miles to the southward. Three hotels, two churches, schools, Masonic and Odd Fellows' halls, grace the village. Mendocino Bay, a slight indentation in the coast, affords a fair anchorage in good weather, but is dangerous in winter. It is in latitude $39^{\circ} 18' 06''$ north, and longitude $123^{\circ} 42' 25''$ west. The Rio Grande, or Noyo, enters the bay near the town, and the Albion about four miles south. On these rivers are extensive saw mills, and active salmon fisheries are near their entrance to the sea. In the vicinity is some good grazing and arable land, but the grand forests of redwood that clothes in dark evergreen the surrounding country constitute the chief resource. One newspaper, the *West Coast Star*, is published weekly.

Barry John, hairdressing saloon and baths

Brenzing H, brewery

BROWN EUGENE, general merchandise, and agent Wells, Fargo & Co

Carlson J E, hotel

Carr William D, watchmaker

Chamberlain H M, dentist

Creamer William, liquor saloon

Denslow C W, notary public

Everson A & Son, varieties

Flanagan John, liquor saloon

Foster Antone, restaurant

GALVIN M J C, proprietor West Coast Star, real estate and insurance agent and notary public

Gibbs W W, liquor saloon

Gunn John, dentist

Hanson P, boots and shoes

Heeser August, secretary Mendocino Savings Bank and notary public

Heeser William, general merchandise and president Mendocino Savings Bank

Hills S W, butcher

Jensen L, boots and shoes

Kelly William H, general merchandise and livery stable

Kleinsmith Henry, liquor saloon

Kohler Henry, liquor saloon

Kohler Robert, liquor saloon

Lane N W, physician

Lindberg John P, harness and saddlery

Marks S & Co, general merchandise

McCallum Alexander, telegraph operator

McClelland Hamilton, tailor

McCormick W A, physician and druggist

Mendocino Lumber Co, lumber manufacturers

Mendocino Savings Bank, William Heeser, president

Morgan L A, postmaster and general merchandise

Murray J D, drugs and groceries

Nesbitt D K Rev, clergyman (Presb)

Norton William H, hotel

Pettit T J Rev, clergyman (R C)

Philbrick D O, butcher

Potter E W, stores and tinware

Rodgers A T, blacksmith

Ruddock John C, teacher

Smith G Canning, attorney at law

Warren Frank E, notary public

WEST COAST STAR, M J C Galvin, proprietor

Mendocino County. Organized 1850.

Bounded north by Humboldt and Trinity, east by Tehama, Colusa and Lake, south by Lake and Sonoma, and west by the Pacific Ocean. Area, 3,316 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$5,424,012. County seat, Ukiah. Principal towns—Covelo, Cahto, Caspar, Little River, Mendocino and Punta Arenas. The principal resources of the county are lumbering, agricultural and grazing, the first being carried on extensively along the coast, where the mountain sides are densely covered with forests of redwood. Numerous small streams run into the ocean, affording good mill sites, and at the mouths of several are harbors which afford landing places at most seasons of the year. The interior is quite mountainous, but it is generally adapted to grazing or cultivation. The wool clip of Mendocino is large, and hop-growing is carried on extensively. Russian River runs through the southeastern portion of the county, watering several large and fertile valleys. Eel River rises in the central part and runs north into Humboldt, and the Navarro, Walhalla, Albion, Rio Grande, or Noyo, Garcia and Ten Mile River are quite large streams. The several small harbors on the coast accommodate quite a large commerce, through which frequent and cheap communication is had with San Francisco. The construction of the San Francisco and North Pacific Railroad, from Donahue to Cloverdale, affords easy access to Ukiah and the southeastern portion of the county. The route of the San Francisco and Humboldt Bay Railroad lies along Russian and Eel Rivers, and its construction would open to development a section of great resources.

Officers: Richard Harrison, County Judge; C. A. Irving, County Clerk and Auditor; Thomas L. Carothers, District Attorney; S. J. Chalfant, Sheriff and Tax Collector; M. P. Denman, Recorder; D. M. Dorman, Treasurer; J. H. Donohoe, Assessor; Hubbard Savage, Surveyor; J. L. Bond, Coroner and Public Administrator; J. H. Sewell, Superintendent Public Schools.

Mendon, El Dorado Co, P O 24 miles s e of

Placerville

Edner Henry, postmaster and liquor saloon

Putnam H, lumber manufacturer

Stafford E, hotel

Tarr and Brother, lumber manufacturers

Menlo Park, San Mateo Co, P O 3 miles

s e Redwood City

Casey William, liquor saloon

Doyle M J, general merchandise and liquor saloon

Fletcher A B, carpenter

Fletcher C J Miss, postmistress and agent W U

Telegraph Co

Golder L, hotel

Gorman B, livery stable

Hern S P Rev, clergyman (Presb)

Kirkpatrick C A, physician

Kuck D, general merchandise and hotel

Lathrop T W, notary public

Potter G R, agent Wells, Fargo & Co, A and P Telegraph Co, and S P R R Co

Roach Richard, blacksmith

Merced, Merced Co, P O and County seat, is

a recently located and fast growing town, on the San Joaquin Valley branch of the Central Pacific Railroad, 133 miles east-south-east of San Francisco. The plot was surveyed and the first buildings erected in February, 1872, and in August, 1874, there were 1,500 residents, exclusive of Chinese. The town is in the midst of a fine agricultural region, producing wheat, cotton, tobacco, or anything adapted to the rich soil and genial climate of the San Joaquin Valley. At this point on the railroad tourists to the Yosemite Valley take stages, and in a few miles enter the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Induced by and inducing travel, the railroad company have built one of the finest and most commodious hotels in the interior counties of the State. Here also a very elegant court-house has been erected at a cost of \$75,000, and a public school building at a cost of \$15,000. The Catholics and Methodists have fine church edifices, and other denominations are preparing to build. The large hotels, the extensive warehouses for the storage of grain and other pro-

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