

THOMPSON J G, postmaster
THOMPSON J G & BROTHER, general merchandise and hotel

Pine Grove, Amador Co, P O 9 miles n e of Jackson
Brickey & Dane, hotel
Wagstaff Lucinda Mrs, hotel
Wheeler J T, postmaster and general merchandise
Williams & Keeney, blacksmiths and wagon makers

Pine Grove, Mendocino Co, P O address, Casper, 57 miles n w of Ukiah
McDonald John K, tannery
McDonald Walter, hotel
O'Brien Michael, liquor saloon
Sass Ferdinand, brewery

Pine Log Crossing, Tuolumne Co, P O address, Columbia, 8 miles n of Sonora
Von Steen William, general merchandise

Pino, Placer Co, P O 12 miles s w of Auburn
Loomis James O, postmaster and agent Wells, Fargo & Co

Pinole, Contra Costa Co, P O address, San Pablo, 11 miles s e of Martinez
Aston Philip, butcher
Boyd & Frazier, blacksmiths
Fernandez B, warehouse
Lewis James, wheelwright
O'Brien Mary Mrs, liquor saloon
Tennant Samuel, physician

Piper's Ranch, Inyo Co. (See Oasis)

Pittsburg Landing, Contra Costa Co, P O address, Antioch, 20 miles e of Martinez, and the shipping point of the Somersville Coal Mines, with which it has railroad connection

Pinkerton J W, superintendent mine, railroad and landing
ROBINSON SANFORD, agent Wells, Fargo & Co and V U Telegraph Co
Stevens, Baker & Co, proprietors coal mine, wharf and railroad

Pittville, Shasta Co, P O 100 miles n e of Shasta
Gordon Samuel, postmaster and general merchandise

Piute, Kern Co P O
Stoutenburgh F A, postmaster
Weir William, liquor saloon

Placer County. Organized in 1851. Bounded north by Nevada, east by the State of Nevada, south and southeast by El Dorado and Sacramento, west and northwest by Sutter, Yuba and Nevada, having great length and an irregular contour. Area, 1,386 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$6,781,966. County seat, Auburn. Principal towns, Bath, Damascus, Cisco, Colfax, Dutch Flat, Forest Hill, Gold Run, Iowa Hill, Lincoln, Michigan Bluff, Newcastle, Rocklin, and Todd's Valley. For many years gold mining constituted the principal resource, but now agriculture, horticulture and grazing contend for the precedence. This, like the neighboring counties of the western slope of the Sierra, had its most prosperous times in the flush days of placer mining, but as the shallow diggings were washed away, the population became reduced. The wealth of the soil has been proven, and now, fields, orchards and vineyards occupy the abandoned ground to the permanent advantage of the country. Mines of great value are still worked, and new developments are constantly being made, showing a geological and mineralogical formation not heretofore understood, and the importance of which is scarcely appreciated. Dutch Flat and Gold Run are the centers of deep and extensive hydraulic mining, and being near the Central Pacific Railroad, are much visited by people interested and curious to inspect the remarkable geological formation, and the novel manner of tearing away a mountain of gravel and extracting the gold from the mass. Todd's Valley, Bath, Iowa Hill and Michigan Bluff, are similar localities on the divide between the south and north Forks of the American River. In the vicinity of Auburn and Newcastle are numerous quartz veins that are mined with success, and in the same region, along the line of the railroad, are

extensive quarries of granite. The features of the county are narrow and precipitous ridges and deep cañons in the upper portion, coming to a level in the Sacramento Valley. The Middle Fork of the American River forms the southern boundary, receiving the North Fork and other branches, and Bear River separates it from Nevada county. Lake Bigler occupies the southeastern corner, and the Truckee River runs for some distance in the county, turning eastward into the State of Nevada. The Central Pacific Railroad runs for ninety miles in Placer, ascending the mountain slope to an altitude of 7,000 feet in that distance, the route being on the north of the American River. The California and Oregon Railroad has thirty-eight miles of track in the county, running across the valley portion. Thus it will be seen that it is well favored with railroads, giving a fair opportunity for the development of the resources, which, when fully understood, will attract hither a large population.

Officers: J. Ives Fitch, County Judge; B. F. Burt, Clerk; John M. Fulweiler, District Attorney; James McCormick, Sheriff; C. C. Crosby, Recorder and Auditor; B. D. Dunnam, Treasurer; J. A. Benson, Surveyor; M. Sweet, Coroner and Public Administrator; J. T. Klunkade, Superintendent Public Schools.

Placerville, El Dorado Co, P O, incorporated City and County seat, 60 miles east-north-east of Sacramento, is reached by stage from Shingle Springs, 12 miles distant, the terminus of the Placerville and Sacramento Valley Railroad, and is connected with surrounding towns by numerous stage lines. This is one of the oldest towns in the mining region. Being on the principal route of overland immigration, the locality a broad basin in the mountains, pleasant and inviting, and withal exceedingly rich in the precious dust, the pioneer had come so far to seek, it was rapidly settled, and a wealthy and prosperous city built up. From 1849 to 1852, it bore the name of Hangtown, but a more refined taste changed the title to Placerville. Hangtown Creek, running through the city, a sparkling mountain stream when the immigrant of 1849 settled upon its grassy banks, is now discolored and sluggish from the washings of mass mines. For the first twelve or fourteen years of its existence, Placerville was exceedingly prosperous, having a population of from 5,000 to 7,000, being the center of trade of a rich mining section and great thoroughfare for travel. It declined in importance with the decline of attention to mining and the transfer of travel to other routes, but more extensive developments of the mines of the vicinity, together with its agricultural capacity, give promise of restoring its prosperity. Several quartz veins of undoubted value are within the city limits, and the surrounding hills are generally masses of gravel, constituting a mining resource that, with the application of enterprise, aided by capital, will restore the place to its former prosperity. Two newspapers, the *Mountain Democrat* and the *El Dorado Co. Republican*, are published weekly.

ALDEN SAMUEL J & CO, druggists, Main
Allen Harvey S, gun and locksmith, Main
Anderson James M, surveyor, Main
Ballard & Simmons, liquor and billiard saloon, Main
Barrs Frederick F, watch maker and jeweler, Main
Beffa Angelo, liquor saloon, cor Main and Bedford ave
Blair Brothers, lumber, hay, grain and barley, Main
BLANCHARD GEORGE G, attorney at law, Main
Brewster C W, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, Main
Brian Henry, hotel, Main
Brown Abraham A, tailor, Main
Brown C B, stores, glass, tin and hardware, Main
BROWN W H, sheriff, Court House
Butts James, barber, Main
Carpenter G J, attorney at law, Court House
Cartécho John, cigars and fruits, Main
Cary House, Varorra & Co, proprietors, Main
Central House, George C Congdon, proprietor, Main
Cleese & Anderson, liquor saloon, Main
Cohn Edward, tailor, Main
Coleman Asa, groceries and provisions, Main
Collins Frederick, real estate and commission, Court House
CONGDON GEORGE C, proprietor Central House, Main
Conklin E B, principal Placerville Academy, Main
Cooke J, physician, Cary House
Co-operative Meat Market, Main
Crippin Brothers, feed stable, Main
Crocker Benjamin S, dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, Main

MINA INS. CO., has a paid-up Capital of \$3,000,000 and Cash Assets of over \$5,000,000. Geo. C. Boardman, Manager.