

ry. This being the County seat, a large and well-built Court House of brick has been constructed; also one fine public school building and three churches, which indicate the progress the town is making. Besides the frequent communication by means of steamers, a daily line of stages runs through the town from the terminus of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Soledad, in Monterey county, to Los Angeles. One newspaper, the *Ventura Signal*, is published weekly.

Arundell Thomas, contractor and builder
Ayers William, proprietor Ayers Hotel
Bank of Ventura, L Snodgrass, president, M H Gay, cashier

Bard William, physician
Barnard A D, real estate agent
Barnett William, liquor saloon
Bartlett Brothers, watches, stationery, and musical instruments

Bland Adam Rev, clergyman (Meth)
Bradshaw N R, principal High School
Bradshaw William R, architect
BREWSTER J C, photographer
Bristol F Rev, clergyman (Cong)
Brooks J M, attorney at law
Brown R M, general merchandise
Carey J A, general merchandise
Carr Leon, general merchandise
CHAFFEE & McKEEY, general merchandise, and insurance agents
Chillson L D, civil engineer, and U S deputy mineral surveyor

Comapla John Rev, clergyman, (R C)
Connolly James, liquor saloon
Constantia P, livery stable
Corey & Smith, groceries and provisions
Cyrenius E S Mrs, millinery and dress making
Daly & Rodgers, lumber and building materials
Detroy Brothers, butchers

EDSON C J, watch maker and jeweler, and agent Domestic Sewing Machine
Edwards E A, stoves and tinware, and agent Wells, Fargo & Co

Einstein & Bernheim, lumber, grain, flour, and general merchandise

Ezandoon & Williams, real estate agents
Feder E, merchant tailor
Franz E, cigars, fruits, and notions

GARDNER JOHN, physician
Goodwin J W, postmaster, books, stationery, fancy goods, and sewing machines

GRANGER & WILLIAMS, attorneys at law
Grant & Bickford, furniture, and wagons
Greenwood L, liquor saloon

GRIMES BRICE, grain, agricultural implements, forwarding and commission merchant

HALL & YARBOROUGH, livery stable
Hare E T, county and U S deputy mineral surveyor
Harrington A J, blacksmith and wagon maker

Hartman F, brewery
Hines J D, attorney at law

Hobson J L Mrs, proprietor Ventura House
Hobson W D, contractor and builder

Hyde & Daly, livery stable
Jimenez M E, notary public and conveyancer

JOHNSON & SUTTON, proprietors Santa Clara House

Kuhlman John A, groceries, fruits, cigars, and fancy goods

Marks Henry, general merchandise
MARTINEZ & CO, general merchandise

Miller & Jones, auction and commission merchants, and real estate agents

Murray & Co, carriage and sign painters
PEARSON R C, liquor saloon

Pietra S, general merchandise and clothing
Pope H S, furniture

Randolph S, blacksmith and wagon maker
Richardson J, furniture and bedding

Rietzke T, ladies' hair dresser, and dealer human hair

Riggen H N, harness and saddlery
Riggen S B & Co, drugs, cigars, and agents W U Telegraph Co

Righetti F, groceries and provisions
Riley William S, livery stable

ROBINSON HENRY, attorneys at law, and notary public

Roth James, shoe maker
Roth & Arnaz, general merchandise

Sanches T, liquor saloon
Sanchez J V, barber
Saxby, Walton & Preble, lumber and building materials

Schiappapietra A, general merchandise
Scidmore J B, notary public, insurance, and real estate agent

SHEPHERD & SHERIDAN, proprietors Ventura Signal

Sheridan S N, bricklayer, and contractor
Smith H J, physician

Smith J, shoe maker
Spear Henry, liquor saloon

Sturtevant J L Mrs, millinery and fancy goods
Surdan R G, real estate agent

Sweeney L W Mrs, proprietress Oak Street Hotel
Taylor T E Rev, clergyman (Presb)

Todd C D, stoves, tin, and hardware
Van Winkle H M, dentist

VENTURA SIGNAL, Shepherd & Sheridan, proprietors

William B T, attorney at law
Wing C C, harness and saddlery

Ysoardy Bautisto, liquor saloon

San Dieguito, San Diego Co, P O 35 miles

Brady D D, hotel
Crannell Little & Co, bee raisers

Ewing William A, postmaster

San Diego, San Diego Co, P O and County

seat, occupies a pleasant and commanding site on the northeastern shore of the bay of the same name, in latitude 32° 47' north, and longitude 117° 13' west, being 430 miles southeast of San Francisco. By this name are generally included the two places, locally known as Old San Diego, and the present principal city on the bay which claims the distinction of the title. The two places are about four miles apart, but both are on the ancient Pueblo site, and are included in the same municipality. This is in the extreme southwestern portion of the State, or within 16 miles of the National boundary, and was the first section of our coast discovered, and the first place settled upon. The Bay was discovered by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, a Portuguese navigator in the service of Spain, in September, 1542. The first settlement was made in May, 1769, by a party under the leadership of Father Junipero Serra, a Jesuit missionary, who then established the Mission of San Diego, the oldest of the California Missions, on the San Diego River, five miles east of the ancient town of San Diego. This venerable Mission still stands, after a lapse of over a hundred years, as a monument of the first settlement of California. The San Diego of our history is not the San Diego of to-day. The old Spanish city, with its adobe walls, and tile-covered buildings, was too far removed from the harbor to suit modern ideas of business, and in 1837 a new town was laid out on the water front, and the present flourishing city of San Diego was built, now having a population of 3,000. Commodious wharves have been built, extensive and costly structures erected, churches and benevolent associations established, and, altogether, the town presents substantial evidences of permanent prosperity and future commercial wealth. The expected construction of the Texas and Pacific Railway, with its terminus here, has given a great incentive to building and enterprise generally, and inspired confidence in the future. This hopeful feeling set the people to examining into the resources whereby the town should receive its support, and a great wealth has been developed in the surrounding country, which is more particularly noticed in the description of the county. The fisheries of the port and vicinity are of great importance, and when energetically prosecuted will become a great source of revenue. The waters of the Pacific in this section abound in fish in great variety, and of the most delicious flavor. The whaling business is, and has been successfully carried on off the entrance to the bay, and trying works have for many years been located at Ballast Point, just within the harbor. The climate of San Diego is said to be the most equable on this coast, and when she attains the position her natural advantages entitle her, she will rank among the first of our commercial cities. The harbor of San Diego is next to that of San Francisco, the best on the Pacific coast of the United States. The entrance is easily distinguishable, and a depth of 22 feet can be at all times carried over the bar, it having a width of 60 yards. The bay extends inland 13 miles, and curving southward, has a total length of about 22 miles,

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