

Picken Alexander, shoe maker
 Retallick William, barber
 Scoffino Joseph, general merchandise
 Scott & Banks, hotel
 Whitney D L, lumber manufacturer

Sierra County, Organized in 1852. Bounded north by Plumas and Lassen, east by the State of Nevada, south by Nevada, and west by Yuba and Plumas. Area, 830 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$2,235,317. County seat, Downieville. Principal towns: Brandy City, Forest City, Goodyears Bar, Howland Flat, Loyalton, Sierra City, Sierraville, and St. Louis. The resources are chiefly mineral, but fruit in considerable quantities is grown; wine is manufactured, and the cereals are successfully cultivated. The county embraces one of the highest sections of the Sierra Nevada, reaching to the valleys of the eastern slope, where is found the largest area of arable land. The western slope is very broken, being composed of deep cañons and high ridges capped with gravel, and this usually covered with volcanic matter. In the gravel deposits of these ridges are the gold mines that have made this county so famous, and given wealth to so many. From five to seven millions was the annual product of Sierra for many years, and at the present time the yield approaches that sum. The deposit, bearing gold in the greatest quantity, is called the "Blue lead," and is supposed by some to be the bed of an ancient river, running at right angles to the present mountain streams and parallel to the Sacramento; but the great difference in the levels of these blue gravel beds, and the undisturbed position of the strata of gravel, clay and sand in the many "hills" and "flats," were found, disprove the theory. Recent developments in Bald Mountain, near Forest City, indicate a great extent of unworked ground of extraordinary value. The quartz mines of Sierra rank among the best in the State, and large fortunes have been made from them. The most noted of these are at the Sierra Buttes, near Downieville, where are three mills operated by a single company, having an aggregate of eighty-six stamps. The Sierra Buttes mine is one of the most remarkable in the State, and has given great wealth to many owners. The vein is from twelve to twenty feet in thickness, and is opened by a tunnel at a great depth, giving drainage and easy working. The mills are below the tunnel, receiving the ore by chutes, are run by water power, being so situated one after the other that one stream propels all. The ore assaying seven dollars per ton is mined and milled at a cost of two dollars and four cents per ton. So economically can the mine be worked that \$274,400 were divided among stockholders in 1873. Iron ore of a very high percentage is found in the county, and a company is formed to manufacture iron, but no reduction works are yet completed. The resources of Sierra show a permanency and value very encouraging to its future prosperity. It being high in the mountains, the difficulty of access has been a severe tax upon its wealth, and retarded other development than that of the gold mines, but the day is not distant when these obstacles will be overcome.

Officers: David H. Cowden, County Judge; Harry Strange, Clerk, Recorder, and Auditor; Edward Barry, District Attorney; Henry Spaulding, Sheriff and Tax Collector; Hiram G. Wier, Treasurer; George W. Hughes, Assessor; Isaac G. Jones, Surveyor; Alembly Jump, Coroner, and Public Administrator; A. M. Phalin, Superintendent Public Schools.

Sierra Nevada House, Sierra Po, P O
 address, Camptonville, 13 miles w of Downieville
 Romarge John, hotel

Sierra Valley, Sierra Co, P O. (See Sierraville)
 Brisbon Stephen T, postmaster

Sierraville, Sierra Co, P O address, Sierra Valley, 30 miles e of Downieville
 Atwood A, boots and shoes, and justice of the peace
 Belden K, liquor saloon
 Case E L, teacher
 Dean Marshall, hotel
 Fisher S, harness and saddlery
 Fletcher T II & Co, mill proprietor
 Ham B, physician
 Hamilton W T, blacksmith, and wagon maker
 Hamlin E H, mill proprietor
 Howe A J, attorney at law
 Nichols A S, fruit and vegetables
 Olsen Jacob, general merchandise

Wood George, notary public
 Woodin James & Co, mill proprietor

Sigler Springs, Lake Co. (See Hot Sigler Springs)

Silver Mountain, Alpine Co, P O and County seat, is situated at the base of Silver Mountain, on a small plateau one mile in length by an eighth of a mile in width, and having an elevation of 7,000 feet above the sea. The place is reached by stage from Carson City, Nevada, 54 miles distant, and a road also crosses the Sierra Nevada at a pass 8,000 feet high, and leads to Stockton, via the Big Trees and Murphy's. The town is surrounded by lofty mountains, in which silver mines are found, and the towns of Monitor, Bullion, and Silver King are trading points with Silver Mountain. The town takes its name from a lofty peak rising to an altitude of 11,000 feet, and in it rise several streams which make the east fork of the Carson River. One newspaper, the *Alpine Chronicle*, is published weekly.

Champion James, county, and U S deputy mineral surveyor

Davidson James, liquor saloon
 Folger A C, notary public
 FOLGER K M & H C, proprietors *Alpine Chronicle*
 Ford Richard H, postmaster, and hotel proprietor
 Johnson Thomas, toys, cigars, etc
 Leggett Thomas W, attorney at law
 Sauquet John, general merchandise
 Organ Thomas J, attorney at law

Siskiyou County, Organized in 1852. Bounded north by the State of Oregon, east by the County of Modoc, south by Shasta, and Trinity, and west by Klamath, and Del Norte. Area, 3,040 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$2,986,332. County seat, Yreka. Principal towns: Butteville, Cottonwood, Etna, Fort Jones, Oak Bar, Oro Fino, and Scott's Bar. The resources are mineral and agricultural, the latter but slightly developed in proportion to the capacity, owing to its remoteness from the great markets, and the want of railroad or water communication. Mining for gold has been the chief occupation of the people, together with as much farming as would supply the home demand. The gold placers were found in the Yreka and Scott's River basins, and at different localities along the Klamath River and in the lake section. The valleys of Scott and Shasta Rivers are of large area, containing many thousand acres each, susceptible of cultivation, and generally very fertile. The agricultural and grazing capacity of the county may be regarded as extensive, and it will support in comfort and wealth a large population. The valleys have an elevation of from 2,500 to 4,000 feet, and the mountains are among the highest of the United States, the great peak of Mount Shasta rising to the altitude of 14,440 feet above the sea. The construction of the California and Oregon Railroad, passing through Siskiyou, will greatly advance the interests of the county. At the session of the Legislature of 1874 an Act was passed to annex Klamath to Siskiyou and Humboldt counties. The portion annexed to Siskiyou possesses much valuable property, including the famous Black Bear and Klamath quartz mines, and the prosperous town of Sawyer's Bar. By the same Legislature the County of Modoc was formed, taking about two-thirds of the area of Siskiyou, being the eastern portion and comprising Goose Lake, Surprise, and the valleys of that section of country usually called the Lake region, the scene of the late Modoc war.

Officers: Edwin Shearer, County Judge; John V. Brown, Clerk, Recorder, and Auditor; William McConaughy, District Attorney; Francis Riley, Sheriff and Tax Collector; Charles Peters, Treasurer; George Durand, Assessor; (vacant), Surveyor; John W. Hughes, Coroner and Public Administrator; William Duenkel, Superintendent Public Schools.

Skaggs' Springs, Sonoma Co, P O address, Healdsburg, 30 miles n w of Santa Rosa
 Skaggs Alexander, hotel

Slack Cañon, San Benito Co, P O 75 miles
 — of Hollister
 Davis James B, postmaster, and liquor saloon
 Hunt T II, attorney at law
 Morse Julia Mrs, hotel
 Morse William L, blacksmith
 Taylor Alexander, liquor saloon
 Williams B Mrs, physician, (Indian Valley)

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