

accessible and better known, but, large as they are, many are found in the southern groves exceeding them in size. Whitney measured one of 106 feet in circumference, and 276 feet high. Another, lying prostrate, has been burned hollow, so that one can ride on horseback in the cavity for a distance of 76 feet and have ample room to turn around. The big trees of this section are not in a single grove, as in Calaveras County, but are scattered through an extensive region at an elevation of from 6,000 to 7,000 feet above the sea. One collection, known as Mariposa Grove, lies about five miles of the road leading from Mariposa to Yosemite, and from this fact has become a great resort for visitors. There are in the grove about 600 large trees of from 30 to 100 feet in circumference, and from 230 to 325 feet in height. These are of the taxodium family, and bear the general name of *Sequoia*, in honor of the Cherokee chief who made an alphabet for his tribe, but are distinguished by the specific name of *giganta*. This grove is the property of the State of California, and will be preserved as a public resort. Other groves are in the vicinity, and the Indians report still others, with larger trees, farther in the mountains, which white men have never seen. This is but a slight detail of the many attractions in the region of Yosemite, and a description of them must necessarily be too tame to give a fair idea of their grandeur. Comparisons assist the imagination, and the fine illustrations by photography give one the nearest conception, aside from gazing upon the scene itself. The great valley is now of easy approach. The railroad takes the tourist to Merced, or Milton, or Oakdale, the different starting points of stages and as many different roads enter the valley. From Merced are two routes—one by Mariposa, the Mariposa grove of big trees and Inspiration Point, a distance of 100 miles, the other by Coulterville, 85 miles. The route from the terminus of the Stockton and Copperopolis Railroad at Milton, is about 100 miles direct, or if including the big Trees of Calaveras, is 156 miles in distance. To enter by one and leave by another is the favorite custom of tourists, having thus two general and comprehensive views of the valley, on the north from the "Stand Point of Silence," and on the south from "Inspiration Point." Entering the valley, the tourist can compare his surroundings with known objects in nature. If he has crossed the continent on the Pacific Railroad, let him imagine, when on the loftiest mountain pass, where the skillful engineering and the costly labor of years has enabled him to reach, that it is cleft in twain to the level of the sea, and from the base he can look up 4,000 feet to the summit of El Capitan, or 6,000 feet to the glistening crown of the South Dome. If from New England, let him reflect that its loftiest peak—Mt. Washington, the pride of all its people—raises its head only to the height that does one of these giant rocks at a single bound. But the grandest scenery of the world cannot be described. Days and weeks are requisite to satisfy the visitor. He will worship at the feet of El Capitan, who raises his proud front 4,000 feet into the sky, or will attempt a kiss of the Bridal Veil, as it waves in the wind a misty gauze, hanging from Phono's brow, 900 feet to where it trails away in a sparkling stream in the meadow below. Farther to the east he will find the Yosemite, a fall of 2,600 feet, nine times the height of Niagara, and by far the highest waterfall known. Keeping directly up the valley, where the main branch of the Merced comes in, he will see the Vernal Fall of 300 feet, and by an ascent over the rocks which strong and substantial flights of steps enable him to make, he will reach the Nevada Fall, of 700 feet in height, which by many is regarded as the grandest of all. Over this flows the whole volume of the Merced River, usually a stream of 60 feet in width and several in depth. The fame of the valley has now become world-wide. Its towering cliffs, waterfalls like cataracts from the clouds, and the gigantic vegetation surrounding it, has no comparison in the world. In sublimity of grandeur and enchanting beauty, it surpasses expression, and must be viewed to be appreciated. Several eminent writers have attempted descriptions, but all have despaired of giving expression to the awe-inspiring feeling which fills the beholder of the mighty chasm. Bierstadt has painted it, and Watkins has photographed it, and these, as all writers say, give the nearest idea of the majesty of the scene to that of being present at the reality. As to the faithful, the admonition to "see Mecca and die," so to the traveler—"see Yosemite, the last of earth."

Black A G, hotel  
Carter George W, agent Wells, Fargo & Co  
Coulter & Murphy, hotel  
Drow C O, butcher  
Garner H, blacksmith  
Harris A, varieties

Hutchings J M, postmaster  
Kenney & Brightman, livery stable  
Lamer J C, horticulturist  
Loidig G F, hotel  
Smith J C, baths, and hair dressing'saloon  
Snow A, hotel  
Stegman H & Son, seeds and curiosities  
Tisconia A, varieties

### You Bet, Nevada Co, P O 9 miles s e of Nevada City

Drunzer Peter, Hotel  
Heinson John, liquor saloon  
Joyce Patrick, shoe maker  
Lindstodt A H, liquor saloon  
Oliver, Fox & Co, general merchandise  
Snell B F, postmaster  
Snell B F & Co, butchers, stationers, and druggists

### Yountville, Napa Co, P O 9 miles n w of Napa

Allen John, boot and shoe maker  
Brown S C, physician  
Ellis F W, flour manufacturer  
Groezinger J, wine grower  
Hill Abraham, butcher  
Lambert Charles, postmaster  
Lambert & Arnold, general merchandise  
McDonell, A C, hotel  
McDonell Bros, general merchandise  
McDonell & McGillis, blacksmiths  
Moore L A, agent Wells, Fargo & Co  
Pierce D, agent Napa Valley R R Co  
Potts John, blacksmith  
Utting H N, hotel  
Willard R, boot maker  
Winter S, wheelwright

### Yreka, Siskiyou Co, P O, County seat and

Incorporated town, 350 miles n of Sacramento, is situated on the west bank of Yreka Creek, in the western portion of Shasta Valley, and is the most northern town of importance in California. The main traveled road between California and Oregon passes through it, and it is an important trading center for the section around. The early travelers from Oregon in search of gold in California found the precious dust in large quantities in the gulches and streams of Shasta Valley and the tributaries of the Klamath, and in 1851 the town of Yreka sprang into existence. For a number of years it was a busy and prosperous locality, trading with a large extent of country and surrounding mining camps; but the placers at the present date are less productive than formerly, and as a consequence the central business has declined. A large extent of rich farming and grazing country is found in the county, and when railroads are constructed, furnishing a market for the various products, a healthy and lasting, though not so exuberant a prosperity as in early times, will be established. The altitude of Yreka is about 2,450 feet above the sea, but the climate is mild, without extremes of heat or cold, and is remarkably invigorating and healthy. All fruits of the temperate zone grow to perfection, and the masses of roses and vines which hide the pleasant residences in bowers of leaves and bright colored flowers give assurance of the capacity of soil and climate to furnish the industrious with happy homes. The future wealth of Yreka depends upon the development of the extensive agricultural area surrounding it, and the numerous quartz veins, from whence came the vast amounts of gold which so enriched the soil. Much gold will of course continue to be taken from the placers, and aid in the development of other resources. The city has a good fire department, consisting of two engine companies, and a hook and ladder company, and the usual benevolent, social and educational institutions are maintained. Two newspapers, the *Journal*, and *Union*, are published weekly.

Adams & Davidson, marble works  
Allen Calvin, hair dressing saloon, and baths, Miner  
Alvanly —, house and sign painter  
Autenreith, E H, attorney at law, Fourth  
Baker Isaac L, billiard and liquor saloon, Miner  
Barlow, Sanderson & Co, proprietors Overland Mail Co, Miner  
Bell J, blacksmith, and stage proprietor  
Berry J, attorney at law, Miner  
BLRD JOHN W, proprietor Yreka Union, Miner  
Breton Charles, general merchandise, Miner  
Brown Edward V, carriage and wagon maker, Second  
Brown Joseph, general merchandise, Miner