

in the desert plain are inexhaustible beds of sulphur, salt, soda, and other useful articles of commerce. He will find upon inquiry and examination that the country so unpleasant to look upon by one from the fruit and flour gardens of California, or the verdant fields of the East, is neither valueless nor uninteresting, but promises a future of extraordinary wealth.

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Humboldt House, Humboldt Co, P O 40
miles south of Winnemucca

Blakesley L A, postmaster, and agent Wells, Fargo & Co

Meacham & Co, hotel

Humboldt Wells, Elko Co. (See Wells)

Huntington, Elko Co, P O 48 miles s of
Elko

Taft George W, postmaster and hotel

Ione City, Nye Co, P O 60 miles north-
west of Belmont, in Union District, was formerly county seat of Nye County. The mines of this district have been worked since 1864, and have produced near \$30,000 from some 3,500 tons of ore. This is the depot of trade for the surrounding country, and is the market for the hay, grain, vegetables, beef, mutton, and wool, grown in the mountains and valleys of the neighborhood. A weekly mail and express is carried to Austin and the Central Pacific Railroad.

Gage W S & Co, general merchandise

Graham Bros, hay and grain

Hood John, shoe maker

Remington W T, blacksmith, and wagon maker

Sheehan W B, hay and grain

Veatch George W, postmaster

Island Mountain, Elko Co. (See Gold
Field)

Jefferson, Nye Co, P O

Ashburn & Shumway, general merchandise

Dayton J B, agent Wells, Fargo & Co

Dayton & Vollmer, general merchandise

Ferguson Bros, hotel

Kilbourne George O, postmaster

Lamb J T, hotel

Lazard R, saloon

Johntown, Lyon Co, P O address, Dayton,

2 miles n w of Dayton

Morrison Robert, liquor saloon

Junction, Nye Co, P O 60 miles n of Bel-
mont

Minium Abraham E, postmaster

Lake Tahoe, Douglas Co, P O address,

Glenbrook, 14 miles n w of Genoa

Carson and Tahoe Lumber and Fluming Co

Davis & Noteware, general merchandise

Glenbrook Mill Co, lumber manufacturers

Pray A W, lumber manufacturer

Vesoy H M, hotel

Lander County. Bounded north by Hum-

boldt and Elko; east by Eureka; south by Nye; and west by Churchill and Humboldt. Area about 4,000 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, \$1,546,544. County seat, Austin. Principal towns: Battle Mountain and Galena. The county comprises the well known Reese River region, one of the most important mining sections of the State. Silver was discovered in Pony Cañon, where Austin now stands, in 1862, and in the following year a large population flowed in, the surrounding country was explored, and several towns were built. For a number of years Lander ranked as the second in importance in Nevada, and well it might, as its area comprised one-fourth of the State; but the populated portion was almost exclusively in the southwestern portion, in the vicinity of Austin. In 1869, the counties of White Pine and Elko were made of the eastern part of Lander, and in 1872 the county of Eureka was formed out of it, and at the same time small portions of Churchill and Hum-

boldt were added, leaving it in its present shape, like the letter L reversed. The surface is diversified with mountains, hills, and valleys, comprising mineral, agricultural, and grazing lands. The Humboldt River runs across the county near its northern boundary, and Reese River, a small stream, flows northerly from Nye County toward the Humboldt, though generally disappearing before reaching that stream. South of the Humboldt are high ranges of mountains, enclosing valleys of great extent, containing tillable, grazing, salt, and barren lands. The principal mountain range is the Toiyabe, one hundred and fifty miles in length north and south, and from five to fifteen miles in breadth, which is the great metal-bearing range of the county. In this upward of twenty mining districts have been organized, and more than ten thousand mineral veins have been located. Silver is the principal metal but led in large quantities, and some gold, is found. The Pacific Railroad, crossing the county by the valley of the Humboldt, gives convenient access, and stage lines are established to every important point. This county possesses a wealth that it is impossible to estimate, but it awaits population and development.

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Lida, Esmeralda Co, P O 140 miles s e of
Anrora

Chiatovich & Co, general merchandise

Piper Samuels, butcher, and stock dealer

Saver & Co, general merchandise (Alida Valley)

Shaw Thomas, butcher, and postmaster

Wick L R, general merchandise

Lincoln County. Bounded north by Nye,

east by the Territories of Utah and Arizona, southwest by the State of California, and west by Nye. Area, 14,000 square miles. County seat, Pioche. Principal towns, Bullionville, Callville, El Dorado Cañon, Panaca, St. Joseph, and St. Thomas. This large county comprises the extreme southern portion of the State, extending along the great Colorado River between Arizona and California. The Colorado, one of the largest rivers emptying into the Pacific Ocean, forms its border for one hundred and fifty miles, and is navigable from the Gulf of California to Callville, a distance of six hundred miles. The navigation, however, is very difficult; the river runs in a deep and generally inaccessible cañon; and the bordering country is barren and valueless. The Muddy and Virgin joining, empty into the Colorado. In their valleys some good agricultural land is found, which is occupied by the Mormon settlements of St. Thomas and St. Joseph. The largest extent of agricultural land in the county is in Pahranaagat Valley, which is twenty miles long by six in breadth, and is well watered by numerous large springs. The Indian name of Pahranaagat, meaning "watermelon," indicates its fertility and character. Meadow Valley, in the northeastern portion of the county, contains a large area of agricultural land, and is occupied by a thrifty colony of Mormons. A great change has lately come over this locality, as mines of extraordinary value were found in the vicinity. The District of Ely was formed, and the growing town of Pioche, with its busy miners, its pounding, noisy quartz mills, sprightly newspapers, and every concomitant of a young American city, is built in this wild frontier. The territory was first known to early travelers, as the old "Spanish Trail" from Santa Fe to Los Angeles crossed it, and thus the names of Rio Virgen, Rio Moota, (corrupted to Muddy) and Las Vegas were given to watering places. Subsequently the mines of Potosi and El Dorado Cañon were discovered, then in the Territory of Arizona, followed by the discovery of silver in Mount Irish, in Pahranaagat District. The mines of Pioche, however, have rendered the wilderness fertile. These have produced largely, the yield being about \$4,000,000 per annum, and this wealth has induced prospecting and the development of the surrounding country. Stages run in various directions, and a railroad, chiefly used in transporting ores, connects the towns of Pioche and Bullionville.

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