

west, going eastward, are the Shoshone, Toiyabe, Smoky, Monitor, Hot Creek (or Diamond), Desert, White Pine, Egan, Snake, and Schell Creek; and the valleys are Reese River, Smoky, Ralston, Monitor, Fish Lake, Railroad, Steptoe, Cave, Spring, and Deep Creek. In every mountain range are many mining districts, and the valleys contain large areas of arable and grazing land. The mountains are generally lofty, precipitous, and regular in their course, but often cut by passes and deep cañons, giving easy transit for roads. The broad and level valleys extend without interruption from the Humboldt to the deserts of the Colorado. From every mountain range are numerous beautiful streams flowing into the subalpine valleys, giving power for machinery, and fertilizing large areas of land. This section of the county has been superficially explored, and a large number of districts organized. The most developed districts are Grant, Hot Creek, Mammoth, Morey, Philadelphia (or Silver Bend), Reveille, San Antonio, Troy, Twin River, Jefferson, Tybo, and Union, and in many others more or less work has been done, showing indisputable mineral wealth. The southern portion of the county is mostly a high table land, being the southern extreme of the elevated plateau of the great basin of Nevada and Utah. To the westward this falls off toward Death Valley, in California, and southeastward to the Colorado. In the extreme southern part of the county is the Potosi District, valuable for its immense masses of argentiferous-galena ores. The Mountain Spring Range rises at Potosi, running northerly, is well covered with forests, and contains a number of small, well watered, and fertile valleys. The region has been but slightly explored, and it is almost entirely unoccupied. Railroads, bringing with them increased population, are required before the great resources of Nye can be made fully available. The topography is most favorable to their construction, and no long interval of time can elapse before this great convenience will be extended to this important section of the country.

Officers: D. C. McKenney, District Judge; George Nicholl, Clerk; James M. Caldwell, Sheriff; James A. Service, Recorder and Auditor; Adam McLean, Treasurer; Thomas Warburton, Assessor and Tax Collector; George Ernst, Surveyor.

Ophir Cañon, Nye Co. (See Twin River)

Oreana, Humboldt Co, P O 61 miles s of Winnemucca

Carpenter L H, postmaster
Carpenter & Co, hotel, and general merchandise
McMicking T A, agent Wells, Fargo & Co
Price James, blacksmith
Torney E P, liquor saloon

Ormsby County. Bounded north by

Washoe and Lyon, east by Lyon, south by Douglas, and west by the State of California. Area, 172 square miles. Assessed valuation of property for 1870, \$1,500,000. County seat, Carson City. Principal town: Empire City. The mineral resources of Ormsby have never been sufficiently developed to prove remunerative, although silver, copper, and iron ore has been found, and companies organized to work the mines. Limestone and freestone, excellent for building purposes, are quarried near Carson and Empire cities. The county embraces a portion of Carson Valley, locally known as Eagle Valley, in which are many fine farms, gardens, and hay ranches. To the east is the Nut Pine Range of mountains, once valuable for the wood growing upon it, but now quite bare. The western portion crosses one of the high ridges of the Sierra Nevada, and meets the California line in the middle of Lake Bigler. The mountain is covered with a noble pine forest, from which lumber, firewood, and charcoal is obtained in large quantities. A large portion of Lake Bigler is in this county, with several hotels of summer resort on its shores. This is one of the most lovely sheets of water in the world, and all its surroundings are grand and picturesque. It is twenty-two miles in length by ten in breadth, 1,700 feet in depth, and is 6,000 feet above the sea. The water is remarkably pure and cold, and is well stocked with fish, among which are a species of trout peculiar to the locality, and other varieties. Two railroads accommodate business and travel, one being the Virginia and Truckee, running via Carson City and Washoe Valley from Virginia City to the Central Pacific Railroad at Reno, and the other, a narrow-gauge, from Carson to Glenbrook on the shores of Lake Bigler, engaged chiefly in the great lumber trade necessary to supply the insatiable maw of the many hundred mines and mills of Storey and Lyon counties with timber for the underground excavations and fuel for steam power.

The county, though small, exhibits much wealth. It is centrally located in the midst of the most populous portion of the State, is the seat of the capital, and possesses important resources.

Officers: S. H. Wright, District Judge; T. J. Edwards, Clerk; Wm. Patterson, District Attorney; S. T. Swift, Sheriff; F. D. Turner, Recorder, and Auditor; H. J. Peters, Treasurer, and Tax Collector; J. P. Winnie, Assessor; C. L. Anderson, Surveyor; J. P. Meder, Coroner, Public Administrator, and County Commissioner; L. S. Greenlaw, Superintendent Public Schools.

Palisade, Eureka Co, Co, P O 85 miles n of Eureka, on the Central Pacific Railroad, 572 miles from San Francisco, and is the depot for the transshipment of passengers and freight to Mineral Hill, Eureka and other points south by the Eureka and Palisade Railroad which here connects with the main trunk. This is a narrow-gauge road, having a track of three feet in width, and when completed to Eureka, its point of destination, will have a length of 85 miles. Work was commenced on it in 1873 and its completion is expected early in 1875. The southern terminus, in August, 1875, is at Alpha, about 50 miles south. A large extent of country will be accommodated by this road, and its further extension is contemplated.

Baum E M, restaurant
Bennett M Mrs, hotel
Bommen Paul A, general merchandise
Burkett P, liquor saloon
Henley S M, liquor saloon
Hickey & Brewster, general merchandise
Hill J N, agent Wells, Fargo & Co
Hogle L I, lumber, and liquor saloon
Marchant John, postmaster, general merchandise, and hotel
Padleford & Sweeney, general merchandise
Pritchard W L, forwarding
Walsh Morris, liquor saloon
Woodruff & Ennor, general merchandise and forwarding

Panaca, Lincoln Co, P O, 12 miles e of Pioche, is a Mormon settlement on the borders of Utah, which was severed from its parent Territory by the extension of the boundaries of Nevada. The agricultural interest here predominates, and as the busy mining city of Pioche affords a convenient market, the place is in a prosperous condition.

Callaway L, bathhouse, and saloon
Johns T J, general merchandise
Lee V Mrs, hotel
Wedge Mrs, hotel

Paradise Valley, Humboldt Co, P O 40 miles n of Winnemucca

Bauman F, liquor saloon
Case J B, teacher
Davis & Pierce, flour manufacturers
Dewall & Pierce, blacksmiths
Kemler Charles, hotel, and general merchandise
Merchant J B, postmaster
Pierce S B P, flour manufacturer

Patterson, Nye Co, P O address, Hamilton, White Pine Co, 160 e of Belmont
Travis J W, hotel, and general merchandise

Pine Grove, Esmeralda Co, P O 45 miles n e of Aurora

Beam J & Co, butchers, and liquor saloon
Dickinson Benjamin, express
Gundry E, hotel
Robinson A D & Co, general merchandise
Robinson Amos D, postmaster

Pioche, Lincoln Co, P O and County seat, is a prosperous town in the Ely Mining District, and is distinguished for the richness of the silver-bearing veins upon which it is founded. The mines were discovered in 1839, known as the Meadow Valley mines until the formation of the District, and upon development proved so extraordinarily valuable and extensive that work was vigorously prosecuted upon them, mills for the reduction of ore were erected, and a "city" sprung into existence as by magic. The town lies on the southern slope of a mountain, about one hundred miles in a direct line southeasterly from Hamilton, and near the Utah line. The mountain protects it from the cold north winds, and its situation assures it a genial climate. The neighboring hills and mountains are clothed with forest trees, affording an abundant supply of