

Should the much-talked-of breakwater be constructed at Santa Cruz, Monterey Bay will become a very important port, of great advantage to the commerce of the coast.

Coming into Monterey by the S. P. R. R., which passes through the North-western portion of the County, we have an opportunity of gazing upon a valley widely known, and nowhere excelled for the richness of its soil, or the character and diversity of its products. This valley is divided by the Pajaro River, which, being the boundary between Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties, not only changes the topography, but the proprietorship of the territory.

VEGA

Is the first station on the road, and is a mere station; it is situated on the land of a Mr. Clough.

PAJARO,

The second station, is one-half mile South-east of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, and about twenty miles North-west of Salinas.

Here are two warehouses, a hotel, and a number of private residences.

In going South-east from Pajaro, the railroad passes the landing at Elk Horn Slough, where is a large warehouse and landing, the property of Messrs. Goodall, Nelson & Co., of San Francisco.

Large amounts of grain are shipped from here, and on the hillside near are many pretty residences. The warehouse is on Elk Horn Slough, about three miles from its mouth. In the vicinity are a great many settlers, mostly engaged in dairying. At the mouth of the slough is another landing owned by the same firm. Near here, also, is the Watsonville ferry.

The railroad, crossing the slough at the upper landing, passes down the East side for several miles; when making an abrupt turn, it plunges over some rolling hills, into

CASTROVILLE,

Nine miles Northwest from Salinas City. The town was established in 1854. It consists of two hotels, one restaurant, ten saloons, several general stores, a drug store, a brewery, one tin and hardware store, a saddle and harness shop, a blacksmith and wagon shop, a grist mill, two livery stables, a feed yard, and many other business places. A printing office is also located here, the office from which is issued the *Castroville Argus*, a weekly paper, which is meeting, we believe, with deserved success.

A graded school is in session here, having an average daily attendance of one hundred and twenty-five pupils.

Two miles West is

MOSS LANDING,

one of the largest grain-shipping ports of the County. This landing is at the mouth of the Salinas River. From this place the railroad runs up the Salinas Valley in a Southeasterly direction to Salinas City.

CHULAR CITY

Is Southeast of Salinas, 15 miles. The first house was erected only a trifle over a year since. It now has a population of fifty-one persons, 32 males and 19 females. A good hotel, known as the Pioneer House, renders the stay of travelers as pleasant and agreeable, as a careful attention to their bodily comforts can.

This is quite a business place, there being merchandise stores, restaurants, shoeshops, etc., and a blacksmith shop. To the good quality of the material used and good workmanship of the proprietors of the latter, we can bear witness.

The town has also a good school house, with a regular and full attendance.

A substantial freight depot, with a capacity of 25,000 sacks, ministers to a want of the producer, giving him ample store room.

The city is increasing very fast, and new buildings are going up rapidly. Everything argues well for the ultimate success of this little hamlet. Its situation is attractive and advantageous, its contiguous lands fertile and well tilled, and its people industrious, enterprising and correspondingly prosperous.

Six miles further up the valley we come upon