

Along this line towns will spring up, and a large accession to the population will be obtained.

Articles of incorporation of a new company, entitled: The Pigeon Point and Pescadero Railroad Company, have been recently filed, the objects of the corporation being to build, equip and manage a narrow-gauge railroad, to be operated by steam or horse-power, as the business may warrant.

This is to connect, from the high-water mark at the Pigeon Point landing, with the town of Pescadero, San Mateo County.

The length of the road will be seven miles.

The capital stock of the Company is fixed at \$70,000, divided into 700 shares.

Many prominent gentlemen of the County are connected with this enterprise.

The survey for the road was commenced some time since.

In visiting San Mateo County from San Francisco, with a private conveyance, one has the choice of two roads, both excellent, but differing widely in character.

One, the Bay View road, follows the conformation of the coast, is cut from the lateral faces of the cliffs, is undulating and tortuous, and is almost laved by the waters of the bay.

The other passes through a slightly rolling country whose scenery has no wildness or grandeur about it, but is entirely pastoral in its nature. The two roads merge into one, at or in the vicinity of San Bruno.

The chief resources of San Mateo County are grain and lumber.

It has several water and steam-power, lumber, shingle and grist mills.

### REDWOOD CITY,

the County Seat, is about twenty-eight miles South from San Francisco.

It is situated on the edge of a broad plain, extending from an estuary of San Francisco Bay, through which passes Redwood Creek, navigable for a short distance by schooners drawing not above seven feet of water.

This plain is but slightly elevated above the tide water level, large portions of it being salt marsh.

Nearly all of this is under cultivation. Toward the mountains the rise is perceptible, yet very gradual.

The city founded in 1851, contains many good stores, and a large number of fine buildings, both public and private. It has between 12 and 13,000 inhabitants.

The assessed value of its real estate is \$6,713,657.

The schools are said to be ably superintended. The system of grades has also been introduced here.

There are five churches, viz: a Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Catholic.

A fine hall, owned by Martin Knuck, holds out inducements to concertizing, parties or dramatic troupes which may penetrate the interior. This hall is well appointed and arranged, and has a large seating capacity.

The entire number of schools in the County, is 25.

During the election of 1874 the full number of votes cast in the County, was 1,357.

The county paper, the *San Mateo Gazette*, is published here. It is an able, fearless sheet, having the welfare of the county for its banner cry. It is quite well supported, having a large circulation, but should be still more liberally patronized.

Very many beautiful private residences adorn the town.

It is the chief shipping port of the county; large quantities of redwood, lumber, firewood, grain, flour, fruit, vegetables, milk, butter, cheese and other produce, are sent to the San Francisco market from here.

Redwood City is quite an attractive place. The hotels, in order to reap the fullest benefits which might accrue to them from their business, need to employ a little more courtesy, and evince a trifle more enterprise.

Their fare is far less amenable to criticism than their deportment.