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PLACERVILLE, incorporated city and county seat of El Dorado county, is situated in the foothills of the Sierras, about fifty miles from Sacramento, at an altitude of 1,880 feet. It is the oldest town in the mining district, it having been settled in 1848, though not incorporated until 1859. Owing to its mining advantages, and its location on the principal route of overland immigration, it was rapidly settled, and in a comparatively short time its population numbered from five to seven thousand. From an unfortunate incident having occurred here, for the first four years of its existence it was known as Hangtown; but as this name—as it naturally would—grated harshly upon the ears of its citizens' more refined taste, they gave to it the name of Placerville. With the transfer of travel to other routes, and the decline of attention to mining, the importance of the place also declined, and the inhabitants migrating to more remunerative quarters, its population was reduced to less than 1,000. But prospects have been brightening again with the interests of agriculture and more extensive developments of the mines, and the permanent prosperity of the place has been established. One of the oldest papers of the State, the *Mountain Democrat*, and *El Dorado Republican* are published here weekly.

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