

County—of which Virginia is the county seat—the richest in the state. Being the metropolis of the State, and, from its position in the mining district, more easy of access than other places, 'tis the main source from whence most of the mining towns receive their supplies, the many excellent wagon roads leading in every direction making the transportation of freight, from place to place, comparatively easy. Virginia is connected with Carson City—the State Capital—by a railroad not long since constructed, and stages leave daily, connecting at Reno with the great Trans-continental Railroad trains.

This road, the Virginia and Truckee Railroad, will soon be pushed through to Reno from Carson, thereby connecting Virginia with the former place, direct by rail, enabling the traveler to make the trip between those points in about two and a half hours. The religious interests of Virginia are represented by five churches costing from \$10,000 to \$100,000; the educational, by the City Public Schools and the School of the Sisters of Charity. The Libraries are four in number, the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Public School and St. Mary's, in the aggregate numbering about six thousand volumes. There is one printing office, that of the Daily and Weekly *Territorial Enterprise*. There are flourishing Lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows, Good Templars and two Military Companies. The Fire Department is composed of six Engine Companies, one Hook and Ladder Company and several Hose Companies. The Water for all uses is supplied by the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company and the town is lighted by gas.

There are many beautiful and costly residences in the city which, wherever possible, are surrounded by handsome and well kept grounds; and in the vicinity are a few fine gardens, but generally, instead