

CARSON CITY—the southern terminus of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad, which thus connects Carson with Virginia City—is situated on the west bank of Carson river in Eagle valley, this valley rivaling all others in the State in point of agricultural qualities. Carson is the county seat of Ormsby county, and capital of the State of Nevada. It is the oldest town in the State, and derives its name from the celebrated trapper, Kit Carson. Its population is estimated to be at the present time about 3,000. Its private residences are elegant and commodious, and its public buildings of the best on the Pacific coast. The State House has but recently been completed, although the last session of the Legislature was held within its walls, but not until May or June of the present year were all of the State offices removed from the old to the new building. It is a beautiful and finely finished edifice, wherein both good taste and political economy are displayed. The building of the U. S. Branch Mint, situated at this place, is one of the most substantial structures in the State, built of sandstone and tipped with granite. This, together with the Capitol building above mentioned, the Orphans' Home, but a short distance from the center of the city, and the State Penitentiary, a mile and a half from the town, are points of no little interest to the traveler. The buildings of the prison are solid stone, quarries of which are within the prison inclosure, and worked by the convicts.

Carson, as well as other cities, is well supplied with hotels, stores, saloons, etc.; has four churches, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopalian and Catholic; schools in prosperous condition; Masonic, Odd Fellows' and Good Templars' Lodges, literary clubs and engine companies. Distant from this place fourteen miles to the westward, is situated the delightful