

of a high character. The county embraces the region lying between the lower Sacramento and the Coast Range, being a broad area of valley land, with a soil of unsurpassed fertility and a climate of delightful temperature. The southwestern portion is hilly, but covered with an arable soil, growing the native wild oat in luxuriance, of which hay is made in large quantities. A great portion of the cultivated land is devoted to the production of wheat, but all cereals, vegetables and fruits grow to perfection. The Sacramento River flows along the eastern and southeastern border, emptying into Suisun Bay, which indents the southern portion; and the Straits of Carquinez and San Pablo Bay embrace the southwestern extremity, giving near one hundred miles of water front, with navigable streams and sloughs reaching inland, thus offering the best facilities for commerce and the transportation of products. Additional facilities are given by the California Pacific Railroad, which has its initial point at Vallejo and runs northeasterly 46 miles through the midst of the most populous portion of the county. Solano, though regarded as strictly agricultural, is not without its mineral resources. In the range of hills terminating on the Straits of Carquinez, a most valuable hydraulic cement is obtained, which is used largely in public works. In this range are indications of coal, and it being a part of the Monte Diablo system, the existence of this valuable mineral is probable. North of the town of Suisun is a range of hills from which the beautiful "Suisun marble" is obtained, used for ornamental work, and is also burned for lime. In the same range are found numerous veins of cinnabar, some of which are developing into what promise to be valuable mines. The detail shows the county rich in natural resources, favorable in location, and it is rapidly advancing in prosperity.

Officers: John M. Gregory, County Judge; Joel A. Harvey, Clerk; Joseph F. Wendell, District Attorney; Eben D. Perkins, Sheriff; Ed. F. Gillespie, Recorder and Auditor; William G. Wyman, Treasurer; Peter Timm, Tax Collector; Joseph Hoyt, Assessor; Albert Gunning, Surveyor; James Topley, Coroner; Hazen Hoyt, Public Administrator; Charles W. Childs, Superintendent Public Schools.

Soledad, Los Angeles Co, P O address,
Lyon Station, 58 miles n w of Los Angeles
Harper Samuel, hotel and feed stable

Soledad, Monterey Co, P O 26 miles s of Salinas
Bird C, blacksmith
Bazzell J F, liquor saloon
Everett A, postmaster, and agent Wells, Fargo & Co
Gable Sylvester A, hotel
Grist Z S, hotel
Harrison W H, contractor and builder
Josselyn H, livery stable
McGraw C O, agent Southern Pacific Railroad
Metz & Mackfee, butchers
Ostrum Charles, liquor saloon
Pratt H S, general merchandise
Williamson A, general merchandise

Somersville, Contra Costa Co, P O 25 miles southeast of Martinez, is a busy mining town on the northern slope of Mount Diablo, and its inhabitants are chiefly engaged in the coal mines which underlie that famous mountain. The Pittsburg, Union, and Central mines are in this vicinity, and produce large quantities of coal, which is transported by railroad to Pittsburg Landing, seven miles distant, on the delta of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and two and a half miles west of Antioch, as well as by teams to the latter place. The Black Diamond Mine is but one mile distant, measuring through the dividing ridge at Nortonville, (see Nortonville) which sends its coals to market by a railroad seven miles in length, with its terminus at New York Landing on the same water. About 13,000 tons of coal are shipped monthly from the Somersville mines, and the number of men employed is about three hundred. There is a Catholic and a Methodist church, lodges of the orders of the Sons of Temperance, Odd Fellows, Masons, Red Men, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Workmen's Accident and Relief Association are established at this place.

Brown Patrick, liquor saloon
Brown Samuel, justice of the peace
Davis Francis, liquor saloon
Dillingham H E, liquor saloon
Hamilton & Rankin, hotel
Holbrook C E, physician
Hughes John J, general merchandise

Lando Joseph, agent Wells, Fargo & Co, and general merchandise
Lee A W, varieties
Richmond T W, general merchandise
Riddle J R, physician
Riddock & Ward, livery stable
Scammon G H, postmaster and agent Whitney & Co's express
Scammon J E, hotel
Shattuck & Hillegass, proprietors Central Coal Mine
Stevens, Baker & Co, proprietors Pittsburg Coal Mine
Whipple Stephen B, proprietor Union Coal Mine

Somes' Bar, Klamath Co, P O 11 miles n e of Orleans Bar
Brizard A & Co, general merchandise
Tripp William A, postmaster
Tripp William A & Co, hotel, and general merchandise

Sonoma, Sonoma Co, P O 23 miles s e of Santa Rosa, lies in the beautiful valley of the same name, at the head of navigation on Sonoma Creek, eighteen miles from its entrance into San Pablo Bay. Light draft vessels and steamers built expressly for the trade, ply regularly between this and San Francisco. Stages also connect it with Vallejo, Napa, Petaluma and Santa Rosa. The valley is the most lovely of the many of which our State can boast, and furnishes attractive homes to a happy and prosperous people, who literally "dwell beneath their own vines and fig trees." The soil is as fertile as the climate is balmy and salubrious, and the scenery is rural and romantic. Schools, churches, and a college are maintained, and all business houses and private residences indicate high taste, refinement and comfort. The growing of grapes and making wine is the predominant interest, and the product of the vineyards of the valley in 1874, is estimated at 1,500,000 gallons, and Sonoma wine is well known throughout the State. The Buena Vista Viticultural Society has in the valley a vineyard of 450 acres, and manufactures large quantities of wine and brandy. Sonoma occupies an important place in California's history, as it was here that the American residents of the Pacific Coast first assumed their rights as citizens. Having been threatened by Governor Don Jose Castro with expulsion from the Territory, a party numbering thirty-three men was raised in the Sacramento Valley, and, under command of Captain Merritt, marched upon Sonoma, then the most important town north of Monterey. On the 14th of June 1846, they took possession of the place and raised the "Bear Flag," which they had adopted as their emblem. A few slight engagements, in which a score or less of men were slain, and "The Bear Flag Revolution" was over in the northern section of California. This was anterior to the knowledge of the declaration of war against Mexico, and preceded by twenty-two days the hoisting of the American flag, by Commodore Sloat, at Monterey. Thus Sonoma was the first town of California in possession of the Americans.

Aguillero Camille, wine manufacturer
Alden Fruit Preserving Co, B C Brown, manager
Clark G W, shoe maker
Croswell Rev, clergyman (Cong)
Dohrman W, liquor saloon
Duhring F & Co, general merchandise, and agents Wells, Fargo & Co
Faure Victor, physician
Fisher & Treub, wine manufactures
Gaffney John, liquor saloon
Gibson H G, liquor saloon
Glynn M, livery stable
Goethe A, cooper
Greathouse F, liquor saloon
Green & Gaffney, hotel
Hester Martin, shoe maker
Holman Arnold, druggist
Killer Fred liquor saloon and bowling alley
Kitz Adam, wine manufacturer
Knackstadt F, barber
Lawlor James, hotel
Lind John, liquor saloon
Linehan Jeremiah, livery stable
Ludemann & Erzgrabner, liquor saloon and restaurant
Lyon Robert, blacksmith
Martin James, blacksmith, and wagon maker
Maushardt & Hoelscher, wine manufacturers
McDonald A, liquor saloon

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