

Round Valley.

"J.," a correspondent of the *Mendocino Herald*, gives a description of this valley, from which we make the following extract:

Much has been said about this valley abroad and the people living in it; and I am satisfied even from the superficial knowledge I obtained, that but little is known, either of its resources or the character of its citizens. From the fact of there being a Reservation here for the protection of the Indians, and because in times past supplies were high, and but few of the staples raised, the expense became enormous. Salaries, too, in those days for officers and attaches rated high, which added to the other expenses, afforded rich food for political capital among the discordant elements of office-seekers and penny-afinders. Round Valley became synonymous with Reservation, and Reservation and corruption one and the same word. A few wild spirits, scattered here and there, detracted somewhat, too, from the tone and respectability of the masses; and hence, the popular injustice so common towards the people of this valley. It is a grave mistake that but few, save government officers, attaches and soldiers reside here. This class is small as compared with the independent settlers or farmers.

The valley contains about eighteen thousand acres, whilst only five thousand are reserved for Government purposes.

The farms which I passed were mostly well fenced and contained good comfortable houses. I do not know the exact population, though they polled about sixty votes. One thing, however, speaks well for them, the Under Sheriff informed me that every dollar of their delinquent tax had been paid.

