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Clear Lake is located in the coast range, and is about sixty miles west of Colusa and fifty north of Napa city. From this latter point a rough road, but over which you may nevertheless drive a wagon, leads on to the point in question. You there find a beautiful body of water, twenty miles in length, and from four to five in average width, clear and deep, and filled with fish in abundance. The valley of the Lake is some twenty miles long and three wide, sandy and dry, but still growing grasses well, and said to produce barley and wheat abundantly. This valley is under no "Spanish grant," and the land is being surveyed. Here are fifteen families living, making in all seventy-five persons. They have two stores, a blacksmith shop, and one sawmill. The latter is situated on the main trunk of Cache creek, one mile from the point where it leaves the lake, and is a most excellent water privilege, furnishing constant water, and power to any desired amount.

The pine timber from the adjacent mountains furnishes sufficient material for the mill, and a market is easily found, by floating the timber down the creek to the neighboring agricultural regions. The mill is owned by Mr. N. S. Chapin, one of the pioneers of the Valley, and is by him considered valuable property. Now is the running season for trout, and it is a low calculation to say that twenty barrels of these fish pass over the mill dam daily. To the Indians this furnishes a luxuriant season, and by scores they hang around the dam during the entire day. This tribe of Indians are decidedly different from the diggers of our neighborhood, being large and fine looking, industrious, and with all in every way superior. The men are employed, to a considerable extent, by the whites of the Valley, and found quite efficient in every kind of labor. They are hired at \$8 per month. During the last season the Mexicans carried on quite a kidnapping process in this neighborhood, and first murdering the adults, they captured and sold three or four hundred of the tribe. Water fowl may be reckoned by the acre, and game, consisting of bear, elk and deer, is abundant and easily obtained.

Stock raising is the principal occupation in this valley, and it is estimated that there are now congregated there, of cattle 2,500; horses 500, and hogs nearly 2000. A large dairy is in successful operation and others are contemplated. Messrs. Boyd & Giles are manufacturing daily 100 pounds of cheese of most excellent quality. The profits of their dairy is over forty dollars per day.

The waters in the coast range, are all somewhat impregnated with minerals, and there is little of what may be termed good water for drinking, from the time of leaving the Nevada range. The Doctor observed a number of Soda Springs, from which, for ages, alkaline matter has been precipitated, showing a white surface up the mountain side for hundreds of feet.

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TERRITORIAL JUDICIAL TENURE.—The Supreme Court of the United States has sustained the course of Presidents Fillmore and Pierce in regard to the Territorial Judges. The former dismissed, for some cause, Mr. Goodrich, a Federal Judge in Minnesota. He resisted that summary dismissal as unconstitutional, and applied to the Court for a *mandamus* upon the Secretary of the Treasury to pay him his salary since his dismissal. The Court refuses to grant a *mandamus*, and thus sustains the right of the President to dismiss, at his discretion, the Judges of the Territorial Courts. Gen. Pierce made similar dismissals on his accession to office.

U S ship St Marys came down from Mare Island last evening and anchored off North Beach.