

MATTOLE RIVER AND VALLEY.—A large river, hitherto unknown to the people of that section, was recently explored by Mr. Hill, who furnished an account of his trip to the *Humboldt Times*. The river is larger than Eel or Weott river:

“The Indians had apparently never seen a white man before. Mr. Hill had with him Indians from the Bay who interpreted for him; the Mattole Indians had no knowledge of any settlements below them; upon the assurance of the Indians he had with him, the wild ones came to him. Mr. Hill struck the river a few miles from the ocean. He describes the valley of the river in glowing terms—the lands are rich, with open prairie sufficient for a large settlement of farmers—the lands above the river bottoms are open timber table lands, easy to clear, and affording sufficient timber for fencing and firewood for ages to come. Near the river cottonwood is the principal growth, but as you recede from the water, spruce, pine and redwood predominate. The prairie is covered with the finest specimen of clover, which grows to an almost unheard of height; the timbered lands are covered with wild oats and several varieties of grass.”

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