

Deeth—is passed 7.7 miles from Bishop's, and 12.9 miles further we arrive at

Halleck.—At this station Government stores are left for Fort Halleck, a military station on the opposite side of the river. At the foot of the mountain—about twelve miles distant from the station—can be seen some settlers' buildings, which are situated on the road to the post. The military post is hid from view by the intervening hills. It is situated on an elevated plateau, which lies partially behind the first range, debouching thence in a long upland, which extends some distance down the river. The valleys which lie along the hills, as well as this upland, are settled, and have proved very productive. Wheat, barley and vegetables are extensively cultivated, and a ready market is found along the railroad for the surplus crop.

Peko—is an unimportant station 3.3 miles west of Halleck. Just after leaving the station we cross the north fork of the Humboldt on a truss bridge. This river, where it unites with the main stream, is about of equal size. It rises about 100 miles to the north, and receives as tributaries many small creeks and rivulets.

The valley of the North Fork is from five to seven miles wide and covered with a heavy growth of grass, and, like the main valley, is susceptible of a high state of cultivation. Wheat, barley and vegetables of all kinds, where cultivated, yield handsome returns. The seasons are long enough, and the absence of early and late frosts insures a natural crop. Around the head of this valley are many smaller ones, each tributary stream having its own separate body of valley land. Some are perfect gems, nestled among the hills and almost surrounded by timber. Here game in abundance is found—quail, grouse, hare, deer and bear, and sometimes a "mountain lion." The tourist, angler and hunter will find enough to occupy them pleasantly for a short stay, should they choose to visit this region. In the main and smaller valleys are many thousand acres of Government land unclaimed, excepting that portion owned by the Railroad Company.

The Humboldt and all its tributary valleys, as a range for stock, have no superior west of the Rocky Mountains. The winters are mild—snow rarely falling sufficiently deep to render it necessary to



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