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## *Butte County on the Map.*

**B**UTTE COUNTY is situated in the northern portion of the State of California, between parallels 39 and 40 north latitude. Its eastern boundary is the summit of the most westerly range of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and its western boundary is the Sacramento River. The county lies partly on the western slope of the mountain range, and partly in the great Sacramento Valley—California's valley of opportunity.

The area of Butte County is 1,777 square miles—one-third more than the area of the State of Rhode Island. The surface is divided between level valley, rolling foothill and higher mountain into three nearly equal parts, each of which possesses advantages peculiarly its own.

The Sacramento River, which forms the western boundary of the county, is California's largest stream, and is navigated by large river steamers throughout the year. Other important streams are Feather River and its branches, Butte Creek, Chico Creek and Honcut Creek, all of which rise in the Sierras and flow into the Sacramento. The Feather drains an area of approximately four thousand square miles.

The county is traversed north and south by the California and Oregon Railway, Southern Pacific system (main line), and a branch extends to Oroville, the county seat, 154 miles from San Francisco. The Diamond Match Company is just completing a railway from Chico to Stirling, a distance of 35 miles, and two railway companies are preparing to build through Oroville up the North Fork of Feather River, acknowledged the best route through the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Butte County is in the world's orange and olive belt. A line projected eastward from Oroville on a parallel of latitude would pass through the principal orange and olive regions of the old world. It would enter Europe near Lisbon, pass through central Spain, through the islands of Majorca and Sardinia, and through the extreme south of Italy. In Asia it would pass near the city of Smyrna.



