

operated upon it. Eddy's gulch is a Shasta county boundary, where the rail-tributary of the north fork of Salmon road reaches us from the south, the river, which latter stream has yielded placer claims have been worked with between \$8,000,000.00 and \$10,000,000.00, good success. It is believed that good according to well posted authorities, with ledges will yet be found in the mountain ranges dividing Shasta and Scott several good bank and river claims still left. The south fork of Salmon river valleys, in which good prospects of both was once a good field for the miner, and gold and silver have been found at various times. On McCloud river good has a number of good hydraulic claims still in operation, including the Spooner, marble abounds, capable of a high polish, and fine specimens of onyx have Campbell & Smith claim at Summer-ville, Messrs. Bennett & Co's. claims at been discovered in the vicinity of Mount Niggerville and Oliver's flat, the McNeal Shasta. Rich gold ledges have lately claim at Crappo creek, besides a large been discovered in Squaw valley, south scope of ground awaiting development. of McCloud river, and considerable Know Nothing creek is a newly discovered prospecting has been carried on in hunting quartz field, in the ridge of mountains for silver along the Shasta and Siskiyou boundary line in the same vicinity. on southern border of this county, and From the preceding review, it will be the New river quartz mines of Trinity seen that the mining interests of the county, which created so much excitement two years ago. Loftus and Morrison are deriving good profit from their claim on this creek, and Radelfinger & Funk's Gold Run, and other localities, show good ore. All the streams and gulches leading from the Salmon and New river mountains into the Salmon river, in the above named districts, pay well wherever prospected, and only time and capital are needed to prove their great value. A large extent of this country is yet unexplored, especially at the head of Independence creek, south of Marble mountain, where elk trails only are visible through the thick brush. This is a good place, no doubt, for finding rich gold deposits, or by clearing off brush and timber, to make good dairy ranches.

In the Salmon range of mountains between Scott valley and Salmon river, is the noted Marble mountain, which furnishes superior marble in endless quantity, or for use in making good lime.

In the Mount Shasta neighborhood quartz ledges have been found, and at Soda creek and other creeks near the

From the preceding review, it will be seen that the mining interests of the county are quite extensive. There are, however, large tracts of good placer ground which have remained unworked, because capital is necessary to provide the means of working them profitably, and on a large scale. The same is true of the quartz lodes. Of the hundreds of locations, but a few have been developed into mines, owing to a lack of the necessary means by the owners, and the difficulty of interesting capital in a region so isolated from railroad communication as this has been until recently. Now, however, things wear a different aspect. A railroad has been constructed through the heart of the county, connecting it with both San Francisco and Portland, the two financial centers of the Pacific coast, and uniting it with the great railroad system of the United States. A more rapid development of its valuable ledges of quartz and placer deposits may now be reasonably expected. In fact, this county offers the most inducements of any in the gold region of California, since it has hundreds of located claims of undoubted value, as well as vast areas whose mineral bear-