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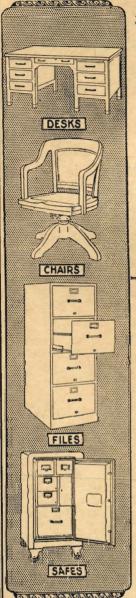
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INTRODUCTION

The volume herewith presented constitutes R. L. Polk & Co.'s Sacramento Directory for 1926. The publishers have endeavored to produce a volume combining all that is vital in the civic, social and industrial life and activity of Sacramento.

A careful enumeration of the citizens and business interests of the community and a compilation of the result by trained employees assures as correct and reliable a work of its character as is possible to be produced. The publishers have an organization solely devoted to the publication of directories, and their methods and resources are unrivalled. Their imprint on the hundreds of directories published for cities throughout the country attests the quality and reliability of their product. Directories are an essential and indispensable means of reference and an index to what is in a community. They portray it as it actually is and they are the only means whereby its various features can be learned by the general public throughout the country.

The several essential departments of the Directory are set forth in the order following:

THE MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT, pages 11 to 18, include data concerning city and county officials, churches, clubs, associations, schools, societies, parks, public buildings and halls, secret and benevolent societies, etc.

THE BUYERS' GUIDE, pages 29 to 80, contains the advertisements of the leading and progressive business men and concerns alphabetically arranged under headings adapted to the class of business conducted. This feature is printed on tinted paper.

THE ALPHABETICAL LIST OF NAMES OF CITIZENS, business firms and corporations is embraced in pages 81 to 559.

THE STREET AND AVENUE GUIDE AND DIRECTORY OF HOUSEHOLDERS extends from pages 561 to 731.

THE CLASSIFIED BUSINESS DIRECTORY is included in pages 733 to 807, and shows the various manufacturing, mercantile and professional occupations, compiled under headings appropriate to the class of business pursued. This department will be appreciated as a special trade directory. The directory is the common intermediary between buyer and seller.

SACRAMENTO FACTS AND HISTORY

Supplied by the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce

Located at the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers is Sacramento, Capital City of the State, and county seat of Sacramento County, fourth largest city in the State, served by two transcontinental railways, the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific, which, with their local branches, cover the entire Pacific Slope; three electric railway systems serve the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and territory between Sacramento and San Francisco Bay cities. Ten motor truck lines and 126 auto stages operate daily in and out of Sacramento in every direction over the net work of paved highways, supplementing steam and electric railways and river transportation; 254 vessels ply the Sacramento River transporting annually 1,500,000 tons of freight and 105,000 passengers. The city is built on a level plain with an area of 14 square miles; 23 feet above low water level and 71 feet above sea level. The climate is semitropical with an average mean temperature of 60 degrees.

The streets of the city are wide and attractive and are lined with elm, palm and orange trees; there are 11 municipal parks comprising 1,000 acres of park system; Sacramento is the location of the State Fair Grounds and the State Agricultural Society maintains exposition buildings, parks and race course with all facilities for fruit exhibits and stock shows; main points of interest are the State Capitol, built in 1873, which is famed for its architecture and mural paintings; the Capitol is surrounded by a park of 34 acres which is a veritable botanical garden; the grounds are studded with trees, shrubs and plants from every country on the globe. The Crocker Art Gallery houses the finest collection of paintings west of the Mississippi; an especially fine court house has been erected at a cost of \$1,000,000; a city hall that is an architectural gem; Sutter's Fort, the greatest of old trading posts of the west. The old fort was built in 1839 and was the first interior settlement of white men in California. It now houses a priceless collection of relics of the gold rush period. Sacramento has 24 public school buildings, 15 of which were erected recently at a cost of more than \$5,000,000 to replace older buildings; total school attendance in 1925 was 20,636; 50 churches embracing all denominations; 14 hospitals, asylums and homes; 700,000 volumes in her libraries; 9 business and private schools; 22 hotels; 148 trains daily; 110 lodges; 417 industrial plants turn out annually \$48,301,500 in products; assessed valuation, \$107,000,000.

Sacramento is the largest deciduous fruit market in the world and is the distributing point for an area containing 20,562 farms and having an annual production valued at \$115,500,000, the bulk of which is marketed through this city. Twenty northern counties are embraced in this area. The annual value of the mineral products in the area is \$22,443,000; timber cut, \$30,986,653; manufactured products, \$132,571,507. A large export trade is carried on in flour, rice, beans, canned fruits and vegetables (output valued at \$8,900,000) and vegetable seed. The Southern Pacific shops occupy 20 acres and employ over 3000 men, while the Western Pacific shops employ nearly 1000. In 1925, there was an average of 8055 employed daily in industry. Other industries include steel works, rolling mills, sheet metal shops, packing plants, planing mills, flour and rice mills, canneries, auto bodies plants and brick kilns and potteries.

Building permits issued in 1925 were valued at \$11,351,277, and dwelling permits numbered 1273. Since January 1, 1923, more than 100 homes have been erected monthly in the city. Bank clearings for 1925 totalled \$450,001,211, an increase of \$19,863,712 over 1924, while postal receipts amounted to \$803,893, and there were 23,287 documents filed with the county recorder. In 1925 there were 19,444 delegates brought to the city by 21 conventions.

"City Manager" form of government is in operation. There are seven State banks with four branches and four National banks, and deposits of \$76,654,713.15. The population of Sacramento in 1850 during the gold rush period was 6,820, in 1870, 16,283; in 1890, 26,386; in 1900, 29,282; in 1910, 44,696; in 1920; 65,908; 1925, 102,000.

Within the trade, or tributary area, of Sacramento and the minimum freight rate area of Sacramento, is a population of 559,217 persons and basic production from agri-

culture, mining, lumbering and manufacturing valued at approximately \$226,000,000 annually. The characteristic industries and development projects of the area create a large market for such products as agricultural and irrigation equipment, mining equipment and supplies, lumbering machinery and some semi-finished products for manufacture and building construction.

History—Sacramento was founded in 1839 by Capt. John A. Sutter who came up the river from San Francisco to inspect a large grant of land which he had secured from the Mexican Government. A fort was erected; the grain and cattle industry built up, and in 1848 the town was laid out; gold was discovered at Coloma, 60 miles distant on the American River; in another 12 months the gold rush started with Sutter's Fort and Sacramento the Mecca for that frenzied mob of adventurers, the "Forty-niners"; Sacramento immediately developed into an important trading and distributing center for the mines; the city was built up very rapidly and in 1852 suffered a loss by fire of \$5,000,000; in early days the city suffered severely from floods; the level of the streets was raised and dikes erected, and reclamation projects have relaimed 250,000 acres in Sacramento Valley which were previously subject to overflow. These lands are productive almost past belief; Sacramento was incorporated as a town in 1849; it became the State Capital in 1854 and was chartered a city in 1863.

All lands in the Sacramento section are adaptable to the culture of all deciduous fruits, grapes, berries and nuts; also citrus fruits and cereal crops; Sacramento County with an area of 632,108 acres produced crops in the year 1925 valued at over \$33,000,000.

THE SACRAMENTO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

This organization is the active representative of the commercial, industrial, financial and civic interests of Sacramento in promoting its welfare and prosperity. It is equipped to supply complete and authentic information on all matters relating to Sacramento and Northern California. The chamber maintains an Industrial Department, Agricultural Department, Tourist Bureau, Convention Department and a Mining Department for this purpose. E. C. Porter is Secretary-Manager. The chamber occupies its own building at 917 Seventh Street.

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