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ELKO COUNTY  
RUBY VALLEY

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WHITEHILL, FOR THE YEARS 1873-1874, p. 32.

Ruby Valley is 75 miles in length, and about 30 miles in width. It is surrounded on all sides by mountains, the range to the west being the highest of any of the ranges between the Sierras and the Wahsatch Mountains. Numerous streams of pure cold water flow into the valley from the mountains to the north and west, and near the southern end there is a large lake of fresh water. The most fertile portion of the valley is on its northwest side. There are about 2,500 acres here in a high state of cultivation, producing fine crops of grain and vegetables. There are also several thousand acres of hay and grazing lands, on which are pastured 10,000 head of cattle. There is a good grist mill in operation, and in 1869 a distillery was built, but at present it is idle. Most of the farms are well improved, with fences, barns, and houses.