In the fall of 1871, James K. P. Eldridge (1840-1912) bought a claim for &nbsp-miles south of Little Valley from a man named Jones. Eldridge lived there for the next 36 years, until his health forced him to move to Palo Cedro, Shasta County, Where he died. On the fifth of January, 1914, his widow, Arabella, sold the land.