Kneeland—Prairie and Mountains Meet

PICTURE VIEWS, WOODLANDS AND EARLY HISTORICAL MINGLE

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Kneeland Prairie comprises one of California’s nearest mountain districts, for it is located hardly more than 15 miles from the county court house. In fact, portions of Kneeland’s ridge are closer than that, while the road sign by Kneeland school, on the eastern, or Japa Buttes side, gives the mileage to Eureka as 17.

Distance by air is, of course, considerably less, and when there is none on the prairie, it looks almost within walking distance. Its elevation is given officially as 2,600 feet at the “prairie point” on the western edge of the prairie. This was determined by a survey during the war, according to Tom Conger, master of a nearby ranch. Actually, its altitude varies considerably, but it is high enough throughout for some bit of winter snowfall.

In fact, Kneeland Prairie, because of its location, has been popular for winter sports, and in the winter time, when the seaside air is invigorating for Eureka, Kneeland will be warm and close with a whiteless sea breeze.

Kneeland can best be described as a place of magnificent views. It is a plateau between the lower Siskiyou Divide, to the west, and the upper Siskiyou Divide, to the east, which is broken by a deep ravine, cutting the ridge in two. The Buttes, being in the middle of the ridge, are the principal landmark.

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