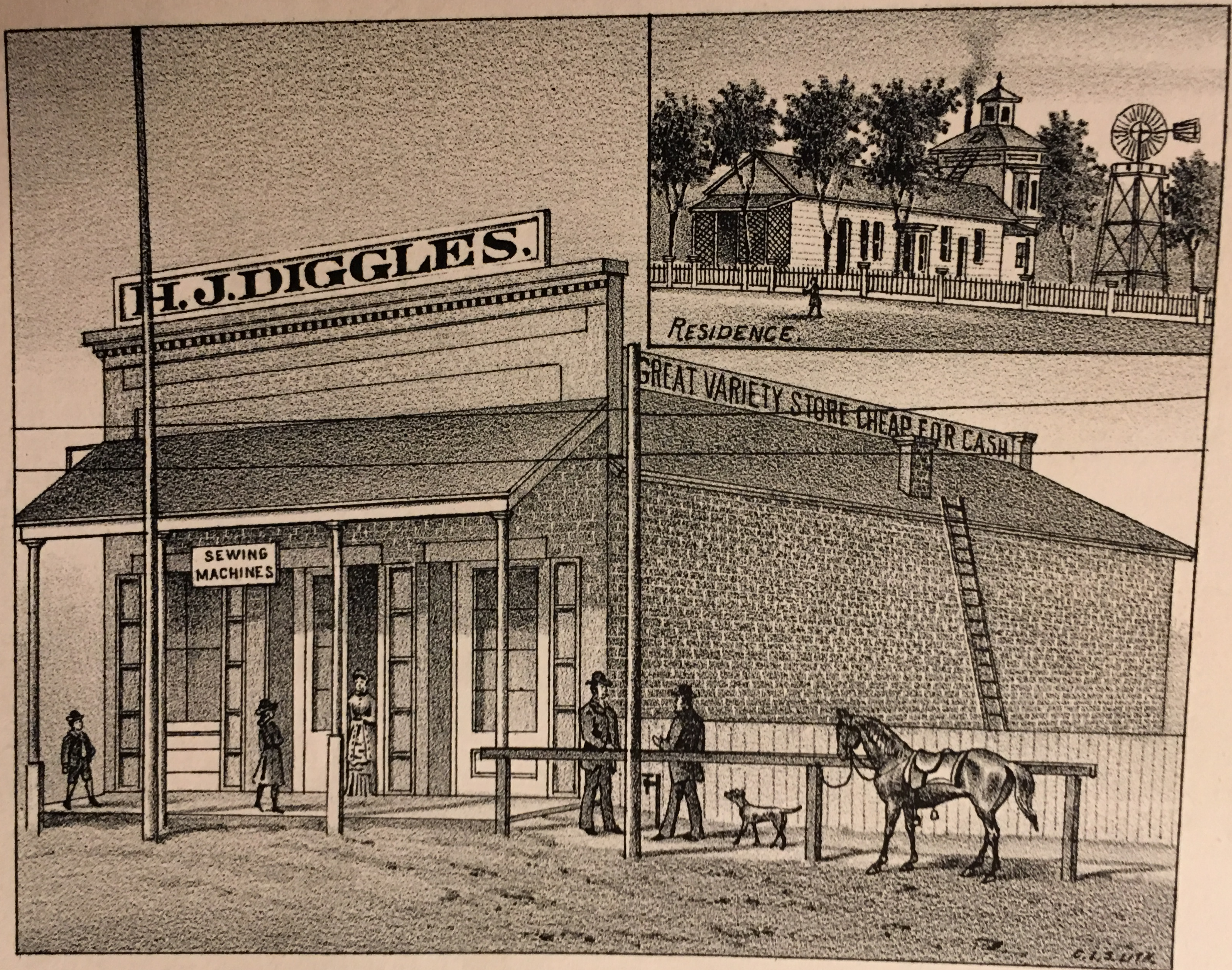


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BUSINESS HOUSE OF H. J. DIGGLES,
FORT JONES, CAL.

man, with great energy and perseverance.

HENRY J. DIGGLES

Was born at Taunton, Massachusetts, September 11, 1835. He was the son of Jonas and Marietta (Alden) Diggles, who were married at Taunton. His father was an Englishman by birth, and his mother a native of Plymouth, belonging to the family of Aldens of revolutionary fame. Henry has an elder brother, James A. Diggles, who now resides at Etna. While Henry was five years old his parents removed to Lowell, Massachusetts, where for seven years he lived with his father, who was a manufacturer of clothing. Here he attended the superior public schools of that city. When he was twelve years old his parents again changed their residence to New Sharon, Franklin county, Maine, and Henry lived there till he was eighteen, when he and his brother started for California *via* the Isthmus on the boat *Illinois* from New York, and the *California* on the Pacific side. At that time the building of the Panama railroad was just begun and 1,000 men went down on the same boat with them. For several years the Diggles brothers engaged in mining, first on the North Yuba and latterly near Yreka. After making a stake they gave up mining and went to Fort Jones, building the first store in the town on the site of the present Odd Fellows hall, where they did a fine business. In 1861 they built the brick block, now occupied by Mr. Henry Diggles. This was the first brick structure in the valley. Its size is 33x100 feet, with a warehouse 30x100 feet. In 1864 the brothers dissolved partnership, Henry J. continuing the business alone,

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which in its palmy days amounted as high as \$125,000 per annum. In company with others Mr. Diggles erected the steam flouring mills now owned by Mr. Reynolds, which was not a paying venture. For many years this was the principal point of supply for the entire valley and the mining districts adjoining. Mr. Diggles was married October 16, 1862 to Miss Charlotte S. Pattison, daughter of Silas and Harriett Pattison, a native of Plymouth, Wayne county, Michigan, and came to California when she was but nine years old. By this union there are seven children, as follows:—Henry E., born September 13, 1863; Lottie Alden, born August 4, 1865; Marietta E., September 11, 1867; Grace P., October 26, 1869; James A., August 10, 1871; Harriett A., June 29, 1873; Robert Newton, June 10, 1875. All are living at home with their parents. Mr. Diggles has a common school education, but might have availed himself of the benefits of a collegiate course, had he not been so eager to enter active life and business. He has done more than any other man in the valley to build up churches, schools and other public interests of the community. He is a member of North Star Lodge, No. 96, Free and Accepted Masons; Cyrus Chapter No. 15, at Yreka; Fort Jones Lodge, No. 115, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Scott Valley Encampment, No. 39. He has held all the offices in the Blue lodge and the Odd Fellows; has represented the Masonic fraternity in the grand lodge five consecutive years; on several occasions has also represented the Odd Fellows in their grand lodge, and has been to the grand encampment. Mr. Diggles is a Protestant in religion and a Republican in politics. He takes a lively interest always in all matters pertaining to the public good and the welfare of his fellow-man.

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