

At Marysville, in the early days, the lines of the larger express companies, such as Adams', Wells, Fargo & Co.'s., Gregory's, Freeman's, and the Pacific, ended. A swarm of smaller concerns were concentrated there, and connecting with these larger companies, reached out in all directions over this gold producing territory, like the arms of an octopus. Each one of these also acted as a feeder to the main lines.

Their names are seldom heard of nowadays, and specimens of their franks are equally uncommon. Embraced in the list are:

*Adams Express Co.*

*also listed in 1854*

*1) Freeman & Co. which runs to the Northern mines*

*2) Newell & Co. - had routes to the South mines*

*Haskell established route to Sacramento & Shasta*

*where the Co. connected with F. and*

*at 2 with N.*

*Adams Co. closed Oct. 25, 1855*

*ATLANTIC & PAC. EXPR. est. June 18, 1849*

*connected with Adams Co. of the East -*

*Anthony's & Co. in 1853*

Becker & Co.

Chase's

Cram, Rogers & Co.

Downieville and Howland Flat

Dearing & Co. 1

Evarts, Snell & Co.

Greathouse & Slicer

Hogan & Co.

Hopkinson's

Langton

La Porte

Mann & Co.

McBean & Co.

Oroville & Quincy

Pauley, N.O.

Philips, Jack and Henry

Patley & Nohrman's

Rhodes & Lusk

Rhodes & Whitney

Rollins 2

Rumrill & Co.

Taggart's

Tinnen & Owen's

Tracy & Co.

Wells & Co.

Whiting's

and many others.

√ 'Marysville' in those days was a thriving, bustling town, ranking fourth in size in the State of California, and was pre-eminently an express center.

To indicate the prominence attained by its numerous express enterprises, it boasted of an "Express Hotel", used as headquarters by many of the express lines, and a newspaper called the "California Express", a tri-weekly published by J. McElroy & Co. and largely maintained by the advertising patronage of various express companies.

Some of these feeder lines were made up of other less important lines, one beginning where the other ended, the whole network of express service closely resembling the present-day postal service in its subdivisions of star routes.