



In 1870, one year after the completion of the Central Pacific-Union Pacific transcontinental line, the Central Pacific-owned California Pacific Railroad completed a line connecting the transcontinental end-of-track at Sacramento with the San Francisco Bay port of Vallejo. Also in 1870, the California Pacific completed a 35 mile branch line north from its main line at Davis to Yuba City. In the middle 1870's, the Northern Railway, another Central Pacific subsidiary, commenced construction of a line north from Woodland, 12 miles north of Davis on the California Pacific, through this location at Arbuckle in 1876, and reached Tehama in 1882, where the Northern tracks joined another Central Pacific subsidiary, the California & Oregon Railroad (1872). By 1888, the California Pacific and Northern Railway came under the control of the Southern Pacific and became known as the SP's West Valley Line. Today, the California Northern Railroad currently operates over SP's former West Valley Line.

Northward view of the Northern Railway (now California Northern) and an old facility of some sort at the agricultural center of Arbuckle.



Southward view of the Northern Railway (now California Northern) a mile north of Arbuckle, with a spur to a processing plant for California Family Foods. Note the upgraded welded tracks.