

THE FAUNAS OF THE SHASTA AND CHICO FORMATIONS

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HISTORICAL REVIEW.

Earliest Literature.—The earliest published opinion concerning the age of the beds now known as the Chico formation seems to be that of Dr J. B. Trask,* who described *Ammonites chicoensis* and *Baculites chicoensis* in 1856. On account of the modern aspect of the fossils associated with those species he referred the strata containing them to the upper Eocene. Shortly afterward Professor J. S. Newberry† discussed the same beds,

*Proc. Cal. Acad. Nat. Sci., vol. i, 1856, p. 85.

†Pacific R. R. Reports, vol. vi, pt. 2 [1857?], pp. 21, 25. The title-page bears the date 1855, but there is internal evidence that the volume was not published before 1857.

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