

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION.

BUTTERCUPS.

Ranunculae Californicus. Benth.

More or less pilose; stems erect, or nearly so, twelve to eighteen inches high; root a cluster of somewhat thickened fibers; radical leaves, commonly pinnately ternate, the leaflets laciniately cut into three to seven lobes or parts, which are usually linear; flowers five to ten lines in diameter; petals usually ten to fourteen, narrowly obovate; sepals shorter than the petals, reflexed; akenes nearly two lines long, much flattened and with sharp edges; beak short and curved; heads compact, ovate or globular (Brewer & Watson).

EVENING PRIMROSE.

Oenothera Californica. Watson.

Hoary-pubescent and more or less villous; stems herbaceous from a running root-stock, decumbent, about a span long; leaves narrowly oblanceolate, acuminate, mostly petioled, sinuately toothed or irregularly pinnatifid two to four inches long; flowers large, white, becoming pinkish, axillary (Brewer & Watson).

BURR-CLOVER.

Orthocarpus linearilobus. Benth.

A foot high, above with hirsute or somewhat hispid pubescence; leaves with few or several long and slender divisions; floral ones equaling the densely spicate flowers, the tips of their divisions commonly tinged with purple; calyx-lobes much longer than the tube and equaling that of the (purplish?) corolla; sacs of the latter narrow, tapering gradually downward, much longer than deep; the ovate-subulate teeth thickish and short (Brewer & Watson).