

and Franklin streets, a building which, when completed, will be one of the largest and most magnificent business structures in the city. It is one hundred feet square, and will be three stories in height above a spacious basement. There are few buildings in any of our Western cities that excel in size, design and cost this progressing block. The cost is estimated at from one hundred thousand to one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

The Germania Association are proceeding rigorously in the construction of a magnificent building, to be known as Germania Halle. It is located on the east side of Webster street, between Sixth and Seventh. The building will be of wood, three stories in height, above a basement of brick, its ground dimensions being seventy-five front by one hundred and thirty feet in depth. Its cost will not be far from forty thousand dollars, and it will be the largest hall of a similar nature in the State.

Greens' Block, on Broadway, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, will be fifty feet front by a depth of one hundred, will be of brick, iron and stone, fire-proof, four stories in height and will cost about forty-five thousand dollars.

An elegant building fronting fifty feet on Twelfth street, with a depth of one hundred feet will be erected A. Martin. It will be three stories high, and its estimated cost is thirty thousand dollars.

A. C. Henry, Esq., the banker, has in a forward state of progress a substantial brick block seventy-five feet front by ninety feet in depth, on Ninth street, between Broadway and Washington. The front walls of this massive structure will be fifty-five feet high. The building is of brick with basement, is three stories and will cost about forty thousand dollars.

J. L. Wetmore, a prominent real estate dealer, of Oakland, will build an immense three story frame, ninety feet by one hundred, on the corner of Eighth and Clay streets, at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars.

In addition to the above list a large number of business houses of more moderate dimensions are in progress.

From a general view of the ground and personal interviews with the principal builders and dealers in building materials of the city, it is without hesitation that we place the probable cost of building improvements in Oakland at a figure not lower than three millions and five hundred thousand dollars for the current year ending with the advent of 1878.