

among the most prominent institutions of its class in the State, and the Santa Clara College is not surpassed either in the completeness of its course or in the widely extended range of its influence. So many first class institutions of learning, entitle San José to the claim of being the educational centre of the State, and their combined influence adds largely to the material prosperity of the city.

Of manufacturing we have spoken elsewhere. This city has all facilities within reach, and if she will but grasp them, she may become the Birmingham of the Pacific.

### **The Lick Observatory.**

The donation by James Lick of a munificent sum for the establishment of an observatory on Mount Hamilton, and the construction of a telescope to exceed in power the largest now in the world, is a source of much pride and gratification among the citizens of San José. Mount Hamilton is in plain view from the city, and a good wagon road will be speedily completed to the summit. The "largest telescope in the world" will attract many scientific men thither, Mount Hamilton will become world-renowned, and all the renown will be shared by the city at her foot. It is a grand acquisition, and quite unparalleled. What names of illustrious scientists from the old world and the new will yet be registered at the hotels of San Jose, and partake of the hospitalities of her citizens! It is an important and appropriate addition to her higher educational facilities, and one that is a subject of just and commendable pride to the city.

Her attractions as a place of residence, the genial climate—never cold and never excessively warm, the sun's rays being tempered by breezes from the sea—attracts many people from abroad. The atmosphere is pure and clear, the scenery is charming, and rents and living are far cheaper than in San Francisco. A few people whose business is in the metropolis reside here; and were the time required in transit between the two cities reduced one half, a large number of business men would avail themselves of the advantages to be obtained here and make homes in our midst. Rapid transit will probably be secured shortly, and then this new element of growth will be added to many now combining to double our population every five years.

The population of San José is variously estimated at from 15,000 to 18,000. The register of names in this Directory numbers 5,874, which indicates a population of 17,472.