

and pedestals. The windows of the principal story are semi-circular, have keystone heads, architraves and other ornamentations. The upper windows have segmented arches. A grand corridor extends from southern and northern entrances, and a wide hall-way from the eastern to the western or grand entrance. Upon the first floor are the parlor and reception room, the office and recording rooms, rooms for instruments, apparatus and library; also five class rooms. Upon the second floor, are three class rooms, music room and museum, several smaller recitation rooms, and Normal Hall—one of the largest and loftiest halls in the State. It is 91 feet long, 65 feet wide and 41 feet high. Upon the third floor is the lecture room, in front, the rear part being occupied by the galleries of the grand hall below. The upper story contains society rooms, a gymnasium, etc. The building is thoroughly ventilated by the most approved modern appliances, and is furnished with hot water and steam apparatus. Two immense tanks, each supplied from a source independent of the other, afford water for ordinary use, besides an ample supply for the greatest emergency. Fifteen offices in the building are supplied with hose for use in case of fire. To the architectural skill of Theodore Lenzen are the people indebted for the design of this magnificent structure. In this connection it is in place to state that an elegant representation of the Normal School Building may be obtained, on letter sheets and envelopes, from E. H. Guppy, general bookseller, 361 First street, San José.

Public Schools. •

The public school accommodations of San José have been nearly doubled within the past two years. The growth of the city, however, is so rapid and continuous, that further improvements are contemplated, and must, ere long, be made. No city in the State has better public school facilities, a more competent corps of teachers, or more energetic school officers. The completion of the First and Fourth Ward school houses demonstrated the fact that they were needed, for no sooner were they opened, than the seats in one of them were all filled, and it became necessary to send applicants away; and the other is nearly full. These people's colleges are fine specimens of architecture, and occupy good commanding sites, adding much to the impression which a first view of the city makes upon a stranger. In this age of enlightenment and progress, the intelligent new comer looks first at the domes, and spires, and school structures of a town, to judge of the public spirit and intelligence of its population.