

José, the San José Savings Bank, the Commercial and Savings Bank, the Auzerais House, the Academy of Music, the Hensley Block, the Wilcox Block, the Knox Block, and Arquilla's Block, the compactness of the business part strikes the observer favorably. The sidewalks are of concrete, and awnings very generally protect from the sun and rain. In every direction from the business center wide shaded avenues stretch out until their outlines are lost in the distance. There are three public parks in the city and a city reservation for park purposes, comprising over four hundred acres, located to the eastward, and reached by a pleasant drive. The scenery of this embryo park is of the most diversified and romantic description. The Court House is one of the finest in the State. Its cost was over \$200,000. It is in the Roman corinthian style of architecture, and is indicative of the substantial ideas of the community of which it is the seat and temple of justice. The County Jail is very strongly built, costing \$80,000. The State Normal School Building we have described elsewhere. The College of Notre Dame is a large and flourishing institution, with costly and extensive buildings and grounds. There are four first-class school buildings, two of which are of recent construction. Private residences of the "palatial" order are numerous, but what is better, the cosy, tree embowered cottage and modest homestead of the tradesman and artizan are more numerous and form the great groundwork of this representative American City.

A City possessing so many attractions and such a diversity of resources as San José cannot fail to continue in growth, and to become a large and important city. It is fair to estimate the capacity of the Valley for development and production at twenty times that already attained. San José is the natural and inevitable center for the trade of this vast productive industry. Its population will be augmented even more rapidly than that of the surrounding country, inasmuch as it will draw largely from the Commercial Metropolis of the State; that element of population which, having abundant wealth, seeks retirement. To sum up, we may recite the following as chief among the causes which ensure to this city an importance in the future second, on the Pacific Coast, only to San Francisco. First, Agriculture. It is safe to estimate the capacity of the tributary country at five million bushels of wheat, besides a considerable production of barley, rye, oats, corn, peas and beans. The culture of hops has already become an important industry, and bids fair to attain to ten-fold greater results. The quality of Santa Clara