

carriages, tanneries, flour mills, wineries, breweries, windmill factories, brick and lime kilns, ice works, glove and box factories, etc., give employment to many hundreds of our people, and the trade of these concerns is scattered throughout the State.

At New Almaden, twelve miles south of San Jose, are located the richest and most productive quicksilver mines in the world, excepting only the Almaden mines in Spain. The location of the ledge was known to the Indians, who used the vermilion for face paint, at least three-quarters of a century ago. In 1822 they told Luis Chabolla and the Robles family concerning the ore, and in 1824 Senor Robles showed it to Don Antonio Sunol. The latter, supposing that the bright globules in the ore were silver, spent a year and \$400 in trying to extract it. During the succeeding twenty years no efforts were made toward its development.



COURT HOUSE AND HALL OF RECORDS, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

On November 12, 1845, Andres Castillero, a Mexican officer sojourning at the Mission Santa Clara, examined the ore, and pronounced it cinnabar. He filed a claim upon the ledge on November 22, 1845, and formed a company with a view of development. The property in 1864 passed into the hands of The Quicksilver Mining Company of New York, by whom it has since been operated. They paid for the mine \$1,700,000. Up to March 6, 1891, the product amounted to \$14,939,055.41. The land owned by the company aggregates 8,500 acres.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

Is located at Agnews, seven miles north of San Jose. It has a magnificent building of stone and brick, three stories high, with the administration building four stories. It has a frontage of 750 feet by 400 in depth and cost \$800,000. It has 275 acres of grounds surrounding it, which are devoted to orchards, gardens, pastures and hay fields. The