

SAN JOSE.

The City of San Jose is the County Seat and has a population of about 30,000. It is in every respect a modern city. It covers an area of about fifteen square miles, though technically the municipal boundary includes only half that space. This is the result of the rapid increase of population without a corresponding enlargement of the city limits.

It is not only a city which presents much that is beautiful and substantial architecturally, but it is a center of art and music, culture and Christianity, noted for its atmosphere of elegance and refinement. Its streets are wide and many of them beautifully paved with asphaltum. Electric cars glide along the streets and far into the suburbs. It is brilliantly lighted, has magnificent and costly public and private build-



FROM THE ELECTRIC LIGHT TOWER, LOOKING EAST.

ings, and is furnished with all the improvements which assist in forwarding the interests of its inhabitants.

The streets of the city present an appearance which is always noted by strangers. The business blocks are, as a rule, handsome architecturally, and all the public buildings are both massive and imposing. Beautiful residences are so numerous that they always form a subject for remark among visitors from other localities. The streets are not paved with cobble stones, but with smooth and yielding asphaltum, over which vehicles roll almost noiselessly. As the streets are smooth, they are more easily swept than those paved with cobble stones and consequently present a neater appearance. The sidewalks are laid with cement or asphaltum, and the streets are sprinkled in summer, and cared for in winter.

Flowers grow here so luxuriously and with so little care that nearly every residence, however humble, has a flower garden. So