

numerous and beautiful are they that San Jose is everywhere known as the Garden City. Every month in the year flowers may be found in bloom.

Another prominent feature is the opportunity presented for driving. Not only are there asphaltum streets, smooth and pleasant to drive upon, but in every direction stretch away broad, hard, well-kept roads. Roads leading through shady lanes, by handsome villas and beautiful gardens, out by converging lines of fruit trees, under spreading oaks and by fields where gentle zephyrs go laughing o'er the wheat. Roads lead in every direction, and in summer nearly every road is sprinkled. Roads lead up and down and across the valley, and one may drive in sunshine or shade, among orchards, by open fields, or ascend to summits overlooking the valley. There is in our roads a variety that never fails to interest, and a beauty that always charms. There is probably no other city in the world which presents such inducements



CITY HALL.

for bicycling, as there are in the city and its suburbs hundreds of miles of roads that can scarcely be approached for excellence.

San Jose has a number of handsome and costly public buildings. Most of them have been constructed within the past few years, and are furnished with the latest improvements in methods of heating, lighting and ventilation.

The City Hall, situated in the center of Market Street Plaza, was built at a cost of \$150,000. It is two stories high with a basement, is built of brick and stone and finished with pressed brick and stone trimmings. It is well heated, and lighted with both gas and electricity. Besides furnishing abundant room for city officers, it contains a very large, light and well-ventilated room in which is located the Public Library of over 15,000 volumes.

The Court House and Hall of Records have already been mentioned.