

for themselves homes in our city. The influence upon our prosperity which will attend the completion of the Pacific Railroad from one border of the continent to the other can scarcely be estimated. It will change the whole character of the place, rapidly multiply its population, create an extensive business, and give to Oakland the position of a commercial city.

There are now within the charter limits of the city, or in such close proximity to it as to be virtually a portion of the town, not a few educational institutions and manufactories. There are two female seminaries of the highest grade, and one Roman Catholic Convent. The only college in the State, entitled to the name by law or usage, is in Oakland. There are two high schools or academies, that have obtained a wide celebrity, and are in advance of all other private institutions in California, if not in Oregon or on the entire Pacific coast. There are numerous private schools for young children, which receive an extensive patronage from abroad. There are two Congregational Churches, one Presbyterian, one Methodist, one Baptist, one Episcopal, one Catholic, and one African Church; and there are in the city eight church edifices. There are five public school buildings, two of them being expensive structures, and ornaments to this or any other city in the State.

We have two grist mills to grind into flour the wheat crop of the county, and supply to our citizens an article of flour that has no superior in the State, or anywhere on the continent. Two costly planing mills find employment in supplying material for the numerous buildings continually being erected. Two extensive tanneries and one pottery are in close proximity to the city. Cotton and woollen fabrics are manufactured at our very doors.

For the length of about six miles, our streets are beautifully paved. An equal length of gas and water pipes is laid through them. Over one thousand feet of the frontage on the San Antonio Creek is occupied with wharves, and the wants of the city are supplied by means of three steamboats and numerous small sailing vessels. The extensive and valuable improvements