

281; part of Temescal, (recently included within the city limits) 165. Total, 1,706.

The following table has been compiled from the above and other reliable data collected during the progress of the canvass for the present volume. Attention is respectfully directed to the figures contained therein, and the aggregate derived therefrom :

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| Males over 21, names of residents in the present volume..... | 3,350 |
| Females over 18, estimated.....                              | 2,950 |
| Males between 16 and 21, estimated.....                      | 525   |
| Males between 5 and 15, school census.....                   | 1,163 |
| Females between 16 and 18, estimated.....                    | 200   |
| Females between 5 and 15, school census.....                 | 1,234 |
| Males and females, of 5 years, and under, school census..... | 1,344 |
| Colored, Indians, &c., of all ages, estimated.....           | 70    |
| Floating, names refused, and not obtained in canvass.....    | 275   |
| Chinese, males and females.....                              | 900   |

Total population, City of Oakland, July 1st, 1872..... 12,011

This aggregate, after deducting therefrom 1,000 as the population of a part of Temescal recently added to the limits of the city, and compared with the returns of the Federal census of 1870, (10,500) shows a gain in two years of 511, or less than five per cent.; while the school census, which includes nearly forty per cent. of the population, shows a gain of 833, or thirty-two per cent. This discrepancy can be accounted for only upon the theory that a part of the township population residing outside of the corporate limits was included in the returns of the city, or that the enumeration was absolutely inaccurate. This must be assumed, because the school census shows a regular and proportionate increase. It is taken annually by some competent citizen of Oakland, and as the amount of school money to be received from the State and County depends upon the number of children, there is the strongest motive to make the returns as large as the facts warrant.

In support of the assumption that residents of the outside districts were included in the returns of the city, the fact is referred to, that at the general election in 1871, the precinct of Temescal returned 329 votes, which properly represent a population of 1974, by allowing one vote to each six of population, about the proportion of Alameda county, and the usual estimate for permanently settled agricultural districts; but according to the returns of the Federal census, the population was only 604. That over one-half of the population were voters is the conclusion to be drawn, and it is so obviously incorrect as to throw discredit upon the entire returns. If these deductions are correct, the population of the city of Oakland, August, 1870, was 9,130, and not 10,500, as reported by the Federal census.

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