

voted to the different branches of carriage and buggy manufacturing. Cost, \$4,000.

Captain Samuel James has just finished an extensive frame building on the north-west corner of Railroad Avenue and Wood Street, Oakland Point, known as James' Block. This building is about one hundred feet front by forty feet deep. The lower portion is occupied by stores and the second story is known as the Grand Western Hotel. Cost, about \$15,000.

Col. John Scott has lately erected a fine residence on the corner of West Eighth and Poplar streets.

Sheriff H. N. Morse has in the course of construction an elegant and conveniently arranged residence on the Watson Tract, near Lake Merritt. It is two stories in height, with a frontage of forty-two feet, and will cost about \$10,000.

A new school building on Twenty-eighth Street, near Telegraph Avenue, is nearly completed. It is two stories in height, with large and commodious rooms, each having sixteen-feet ceilings. Its frontage is one hundred and forty-eight feet, with a depth of sixty-five feet.

The Rev. David McClure, principal of the California Military Academy, is about completing two large three-story and three small frame buildings, to take the place of those destroyed by fire, September 20th, 1873. These additions will afford ample accommodation for the energetic teaching of the different branches of education acquired at this most excellent institution. Cost, \$22,000.

The improvements herein referred to are but a part of those erected in Oakland during the period named. In nearly every portion of the city may be observed buildings of an attractive appearance, completed during the present year, and occupied as residences, worth from one to three thousand dollars, which might be included in the list as additional evidences of the growing prosperity of the city.

Manufacturing Enterprises.

The advantages of Oakland, as a manufacturing center, are very great, and must, in due time, command attention. The city is connected with the general railroad system of the country, and is also accessible by water, so that goods can be exported by railroad or by sea-going vessels. The manufacturing establishments in Oakland are few in number, but the business transacted is quite respectable in volume.

THE PIONEER PLANING MILLS were started in the year 1863, and in March, 1868, were purchased by Blethen & Terry, the present owners. The business consists in the manufacture of sashes, doors, and blinds, and in furnishing such mill-work as is required in house-building. The mills are located on the south side of First Street, between Broadway and Washington streets, and contain the most valuable and serviceable machinery. The warehouse and offices are upon the opposite side of First Street.

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