

Charles Jurgens has erected a spacious two-story and cellar brick building, the lower story of which is for stores, on the south side of Twelfth Street, between Broadway and Franklin; value, \$16,500.

Walter Blair has built six fine two-story frame residences, at a cost of \$12,000, on Broadway near Twenty-first Street.

A \$40,000 hotel building, three stories in height, the first floor consisting of stores, has been erected by Walter Blair, on the north side of Fourteenth Street, between Clay and Washington.

Besides erecting several fine residences, Dr. Samuel Merritt has remodeled one of the old University buildings into a fine edifice, now known as the Central Pacific Hotel, on the northeast corner of Eleventh and Webster streets, at a cost of about \$9,000.

LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

In another place special mention is made of the several manufactories in the City of Oakland. Foremost is the establishment for the manufacture of jute bags. Manufactures are a sure source of wealth to any community; those who have the facilities to create articles of commerce from raw material will never be dependent. They create wealth, and there is no surer basis for permanent business prosperity. The tanneries, potteries, and establishments for the making of artificial stone, are all sources of revenue that possess a peculiar value; they draw upon the outside world, and a large part of their receipts are disbursed so as to benefit the city. The immense plaining mills that are kept running so steadily are not second in importance to any in the State. There are peculiar facilities for the manufacture of woolen goods, iron, glass, and many other articles of commerce, which will be more fully developed as the improvement of the harbor advances. On each side of the San Antonio Creek there are miles of frontage, the property being equally accessible by rail or by water. This is one of the most important elements in the locating of factories. Equal conveniences can be obtained nowhere else in the vicinity of the metropolis, and they will be rendered available at the earliest possible moment. Then the city will be largely self-supporting, and no longer dependent on San Francisco. But without looking forward to the time when this idea will be realized, looking at things as they are, it will be seen that a heavy capital is already invested, that a vast amount of work is done, and that hundreds of people are kept in constant employment. The works of the Central Pacific Railroad Co., at West Oakland, have drawn there a large population of thrifty and intelligent persons, who quickly became owners of homesteads, and add to the wealth and standing of the city. That company has constructed a marine railway, and during the past year has rebuilt the Chrysopolis, a Sacramento River boat, and transformed her into a ferry boat that is probably unequalled in America for its elegance. A freight boat, for the carrying of cars, similar to the Thoroughfare, has also been completed. There are many localities where the business of building steamers and small vessels can be carried on advantageously, and in this direction there seems to be a fair opportunity for safe investments. Very many local industries have languished on account of the high rates of interest that have heretofore prevailed, and when the conditions become more favorable in California, Oakland will be the first to feel the benefit.

THE OAKLAND PLAINING MILLS were built by Burnham, Standeford & Co., and have been in operation since February, 1869, the firm name remaining the same. In addition to their old mill, they have just completed and occupied an extensive brick addition, besides purchasing of

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