

thousand inhabitants, and is increasing in an accelerated ratio. To sum up the advantages she unquestionably possesses, we may claim that she has at her command a first-class harbor, a superb site for building purposes, a glorious climate, a central location, is the key to the railway system of the State, has the best facilities for manufacturing, and is already the educational center. With an intelligent and enterprising population, backed by all necessary capital, her future will be more brilliant than her past; and whoever professes to make a definite prediction as to her coming greatness may live to wonder at his own moderation in conjecture.

Population of the City.

At the opening of the year 1875 the most reliable estimate placed the population of the city at about 25,000. That estimate was probably not far wrong; it may have been a little too high, certainly it was not too low. At that time there were 2,500 houses in the limits, and about 6,500 children were enrolled as under the age of seventeen. It was impossible to ascertain then, as it is now, the number of voters. Men who are entitled to vote do not always register. In Eastern cities, where a close canvass is made, an approximation may be had based upon the number of voters and school children. Here, where the population is fluctuating, where men do not have time to register, and where the arrival of children is so rapid that the school census taker has hard work to keep up, it is quite probable that any estimate based upon either of those two sources of information might be too low. Cities not half so populous as Oakland poll many more votes, and cities having far larger population return many less school children—therefore, as an experienced statistician, we do not deem any one