

antness of its situation, the perfection of the climate, and the floral and arborescent ornamentation permitted by the rich soil on which it is built. The population is about 12,000, and the assessed valuation of property is \$11,000,000. Two lines of railroad from San Francisco enter the city, the Southern Pacific on the western side of the bay, and the San Jose branch of the Central Pacific on the eastern side. The Southern Pacific continues southward through the county, and to Soledad, in Monterey county, 93 miles. Water communication is had with the metropolis, via Alviso, eight miles distant, at the head of San Francisco Bay, to which point it is proposed to build a narrow-gauge railroad. The route is over an even plain without obstruction, and the bordering country is rich in agricultural resources. San Jose was established as a pueblo, attached to the Mission of Santa Clara in 1772, and at the date of the annexation of the country to the United States was one of the principal towns of California, and continues to be one of the most prosperous. The site is well chosen, being between two small rivers, the Guadalupe on the west and the Coyote on the east, one and a half miles apart, and having elevation sufficient for perfect drainage. The great valley of Santa Clara in which it is situated extends through the three counties, and at this point is eighteen miles wide, of great fertility, and constituting a perpetual resource for the city's support. From the elevated observatory which towers above the Court House a grand and impressive view is obtained of the broad valley extending north and south beyond the reach of vision, bordered by mountain ranges on the east and west, dimmed by distance and the soft lights of perpetual summer into tints of purple and blue; a landscape picture of enchanting loveliness, full of life, comfort and prosperity. The city is laid out regularly, with broad streets and rectangular blocks, and is distinguished for its fine avenues, gardens, and drives. The far-famed "Alameda," is a broad avenue leading from San Jose to Santa Clara, three miles, bordered and embowered by large willow trees, planted by the pious Fathers of the Mission in 1793. The Santa Clara avenue, the Alviso turnpike, the San Jose Mission road, and other fine highways there are to attract the citizen and visitor to pleasant rides. By grant from Mexico the Pueblo of San Jose was richly endowed with a broad area of land, which having been disposed of to good advantage since the confirmation of the grant by the United States, filled the coffers of the city treasury and enabled it to lay out parks, beautify the streets, and erect public buildings with but slight rates of taxation. The public schools are of high rank, and in the Second, Third and Fourth Wards are school buildings costing \$15,000 each. Two excellent academies are maintained, a business college, and the State Normal School for the education of teachers is established here. Ten places of worship accommodate the devotional, among which are two Roman Catholic churches, one Baptist, one Presbyterian, one Episcopal, one Jewish Synagogue, one Lutheran, and four Methodist—one each for north and south German, and colored. A theatre and three exhibition halls, furnish places of amusement, concerts and dancing. The Masonic, Odd Fellows and other organizations maintain fine edifices. Of the most noted business establishments are four banks, one woolen mill, two patent fruit preserving houses, and others. A volunteer fire department is maintained, having two steamships and one harbor tug, a hook and ladder company and other apparatus. The San Jose Gas Company supplies the city with gas, and the San Jose Water Company furnishes water from reservoir and pipes from Los Gatos Creek, 10 miles distant, besides which there are numerous artesian wells that send forth large and constant streams. The climate is pleasant and all the fruits and products of a semi-tropical country are produced in perfection. Three newspapers, the *Mercury*, *Patriot*, and *Advertiser*, are published daily; two, the *Argus*, and *Journal* (German) weekly, and the *California Agriculturist* monthly.

Officers: Bernard D. Murphy, Mayor; W. N. Castle, Clerk and Assessor; William A. January, Treasurer and Collector; James V. Tisdale, Chief of Police; George May, Police Judge; Reuben Burdett, Commissioner of Streets; J. H. Pieper, Surveyor; L. J. Chipman, Superintendent Public Schools.

Abel & Carmichael, general merchandise, cor El Dorado and Market
Abrahams I, cigars, tobacco and coal, 310 First
Adams & Toney, butchers
Adol W T, carriage maker, 263 First
Albertole S, proprietor Swiss Hotel, 250 Market
Alvord II B, hardware, 326 First
Amidon G W, ladies' furnishing goods, 231 Santa Clara

Anderson John, fruit preserving, East nr Alameda Road
Anderson Otto, wagon maker, 660 First
Anderson R, physician, 276 Santa Clara
Aram E W, attorney at law, and notary public, Santa Clara
Archambault Joseph, harness trimmer, 465 First
Archer & Lovell, attorneys at law, 314 First
ARGUS, W A January, proprietor, 338 First
Armstrong M Miss, millinery and fancy goods, 303 Santa Clara
Ashiveley W B, dry goods, 421 First
AUZERAIS HOUSE, S W Churchill, proprietor, Santa Clara
Auzerais & Pomeroy, general merchandise, Mariposa Block
Babeock A B Mrs, coiffures, 460 First
Bailey George, liquor saloon, and boarding, 373 Market
Baker J E, agent W U Telegraph Co, 295 First
Balbach John, blacksmith, and wagon maker, Second
Balts Peter, restaurant, 338 First
Bank of San Jose, T Ellard Beans, president, Clement T Park, cashier, cor First and Santa Clara
Barbara K, barber, cigars and tobacco, 343 Santa Clara
Barbour & Brand, lime manufacturers, 314 Santa Clara
Barker S A, attorney at law, 292 Santa Clara
BARKER & TOWNE, proprietors New York Exchange Hotel, First
Barr Charles, liquor saloon, 349 First
Barrow G S, homeopathic physician, cor Santa Clara and Market
Barthel E, boots and shoes, 251 Santa Clara
Bassler Alice Mrs, millinery, 276 Santa Clara
Batinick Luca, liquor saloon, 274 El Dorado
Bauer E, liquor saloon, San Antonio
Baxter J J, tailor, 354 Fourth
Bayl D A, restaurant, 316 Market
Bayle J D, proprietor Lake House, Delmas ave
Beach Tyler, ice, wood, and coal, St John nr Market
Bear Creek Lumber Co, S H Chase and W F Ellis, managers, Third nr Santa Clara
Beckford & Portal, real estate and insurance agents, 322 First
Belloli J A, groceries and provisions, cor San Fernando and Third
Benn —, physician, 276 Santa Clara
Bennett & Co, furniture, First
Bernzotte Frank, boots and shoes, cor First and Market
Biebrach F, bakery and liquor saloon, 636 First
Black & Stephens, attorneys at law, Santa Clara
Blackbord G W, attorney at law, Santa Clara
Blackmore William, liquor saloon, 322 First
BLANCHARD & CO, butchers, 23 City Market
Bland & Jones, auctioneers, and real estate agents, 313 Santa Clara
Bloom M, clothing, 335 Market
Bloom M, tailor, 236 Santa Clara
Blythe & Straus, grain buyers, 334 First
Bodley Thomas, attorney at law, Bank of San Jose Building
Boggs & Sage, groceries, crockery, and hardware, 345 First
Bolton William, mason, 532 First
Bompard B, groceries, and hardware, 344 First
Bonetti G, cutler, 273 El Dorado
Bonjovani Dominic, shoe maker, 377 Market
Bonnore Madam, physician, cor Market and Santa Clara
Boschken J, hardware and cutlery, 412 First
Bourbon & Ferro, groceries, and liquors, 238 Market
Bradlee & Braly, real estate, and business agents, 265 First
Bradley H, carpenter, 436 Third
Bradley Mark, bakery, 280 St John
Bradley T S Mrs, dress maker, 253 Santa Clara
Brandon H Mrs, dress maker, and milliner, 292 Santa Clara
Brassy & Co, wholesale wines and liquors, Mariposa Block, Market
Braun C W, dry goods and clothing, s w cor First and San Fernando
Bremer & Wallace, livery stable, 386 First
Brewer George, marble worker, San Antonio
Broyfogel C W & E S, physicians, cor Third and St James

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