

on Fourteenth street, between Broadway and Washington street, with a frontage of 100 feet and depth of 70 feet, at a cost of about \$25,000.

C. R. Lewis has built a substantial brick block, 50 by 75 feet, on Washington street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, at a cost of \$10,000.

J. Dunn built a three-story brick block $37\frac{1}{2}$ by 82 feet on Washington street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, at a cost of \$15,000.

The Galindo Hotel, built by Francisco Galindo, located on the corner of Eighth and Franklin streets, fronts 175 feet on Eighth street and 150 feet on Franklin street, and three stories in height, is probably the largest brick structure in Oakland. Work was commenced in the Spring of 1878, and the building is now ready for occupancy. It contains 125 rooms and cost \$100,000.

Peter Orr built a handsome three-story brick business house 25 by 98 feet, fronting on San Pablo avenue and Fifteenth street, at a cost of \$13,000.

William F. Curtis built a block of brick stores fronting 50 feet on San Pablo avenue by 70 feet in depth, two stories in height, at a cost of \$9,000.

Robert Dalziel built a brick block fronting 50 feet on San Pablo avenue by 70 feet in depth on Curve Street, costing \$14,000. This building is in the English Gothic style of architecture, very ornate, and striking in appearance and effect.

J. J. Hanifin built a brick block of two stories 100 feet in frontage on San Pablo avenue by 70 feet in depth on Curve street, comprising six stores and costing \$25,000.

William Atkinson built a block fronting 100 feet on Seventh street by 68 feet on Brush, two stories in height, comprising five stores and a family hotel. The cost was \$15,000.

A. J. Snyder built a three-story brick block on Ninth street between Broadway and Washington, at a cost of \$20,000. It is 75 feet in frontage and 75 feet deep.

James Dalziel built a two-story brick block on San Pablo avenue between Curve Street and Thirteenth. This building has a frontage of 60 feet by 70 feet in depth, and cost \$12,000.

J. Gariot built a two-story block of frame stores fronting 75 feet on San Pablo avenue by about 100 feet on Sixteenth street, at a cost of \$8,000.

Isaac Copeland built a business block, two-story frame on San Pablo avenue and Isabella street, costing \$6,000.

J. Tyrrell built a two-story business block on Market, corner of Sixteenth street, costing \$5,000.

B. M. Collins built a block of frame stores, six in number, on Market street, corner of Myrtle, at a cost of \$8,000.

J. S. G. Gordon built a large two-story frame building for the purposes of an ice factory and retail business on Tenth street, between Franklin and Webster streets, at a cost of \$10,000.

Beaudry & McEvoy built a two-story business block, fifty feet by eighty, on the corner of Washington and Eighth streets, at a cost of about \$8,000.

NEW DEPOT.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company has built a new passenger and freight depot at the foot of Eighteenth street, near the Bay, at a cost of about \$30,000. The Overland trains receive and discharge passengers and freight at the new quarters, and the vicinity is assuming a business aspect in consequence.

Numerous smaller stores were erected in various parts of the city. The above list of business blocks augments the number of eligible stores, or rather store rooms, by fully one hundred and twenty. The aggregate cost of the buildings enumerated above is \$531,800. To construct the same buildings three or four years ago would have cost fully a million, so great has been the reduction in the cost of building material and labor.

RESIDENCES.

A considerable number of residences of the better class, ranging in cost from \$5,000 to \$15,000, were built. In East Oakland particularly are many large, handsome and substantial new houses to be noticed. The slightly elevations to the northward and eastward are chosen as sites for suburban villas and mansions, several of which have been built during the year.

Houses costing from \$2,000 to \$3,000 or \$3,500, have been built in large numbers, while the ordinary proportion of cottages and small homes have sprung up on those streets where lots are yet cheap, or sold on accommodating terms. The Watts' tract has greatly improved, some fifty houses having been added, and it's principal street, "B," graded, macadamized and sidewalks laid. Peralta and adjoining streets, from Seventh to Twelfth, has gained rapidly through the enterprise of Mr. John Ziegenbein. The new depot of