

structors, is largely attended, and has the effect of stimulating the youth of the county to constant exertion by its competitive system.

The town of Santa Cruz has more the appearance of a smart Eastern manufacturing city, than the mongrel town, half Mexican, half American, peculiar to California. As regards

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,

The substantial rather than the pretentious seems to be the prevailing taste.

The Court House is roomy, makes a fine appearance, is surmounted with a dome, and is entirely occupied by Court and County offices.

Odd Fellows' Hall is a new building, two stories in height, with a mansard roof. Surmounting the entire structure is a clock tower. The building is slightly, well constructed, and an ornament to the city. Some of the churches, too, are very pretty structures.

The St. Charles Hotel is a large frame building, modern in construction, and in the introduction of all conveniences. The internal accommodations are in perfect unison with the neat exterior. All the appointments of table and room are unexceptionable, and patrons are shown every possible attention.

The Ocean House is a conspicuous, well finished two-story brick building. The apartments and table are well furnished and supervised. Guests receive prompt and polite attention.

The Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Episcopal, Unitarian and Catholic denominations, all have church edifices.

Temperance reform in Santa Cruz, seems to be taking the most rational course, and one which is consistent with the accomplishment of good work. Under the auspices of the ladies of the *Temperance Union*, a free reading room has been opened, located in the most convenient portion of the town. It occupies two rooms on the ground floor, and everything bodes fair for the lasting and perfect success of this undertaking. It is an advance in the right direction, and cannot fail in being productive of good results. We are always enthusiastic wishers for the success of any enterprise favored by the ladies, but in this case we go further, and give it our warmest sympathy as well.

Santa Cruz has two weekly papers, the *Sentinel* and *Enterprise*. They are well conducted, liberal sheets, and enjoy a large, well deserved circulation.

The town is well lighted with gas.

Quite a large number of the

MANUFACTORIES,

For which the county has become famous, are located here. Among the number are three tanneries, one flour mill, one feed mill, two machine shops and foundries.

As for comfortable and well conducted

STAGES,

The traveling public is well provided. There are two lines running from Santa Cruz to Watsonville; one from Santa Cruz to Soquel and Watsonville; one from Santa Cruz to San Jose, by way of Lexington; one from Santa Cruz to Santa Clara, by way of Saratoga; and one coast line Stage, from Santa Cruz to Pescadero. Two Express lines also are established between Santa Cruz and Soquel.

The most delightful place we visited while about Santa Cruz, we chanced upon while aimlessly roaming one day upon the sea beach. This was the Linda Vista Cottage, a cozy, comfortable, homelike little place, under the proprietresship of Madame LeMaro. Our footsteps were arrested at her door, and in half an hour we felt as much at home as though we had been a guest of the house for months. The establishment is conducted upon the European plan. The apartments are furnished in such a manner as to minister to the perfect ease and luxury of the occupant. In the drawing room every thing has been selected and disposed with a view to please the eye, while a new and elegant "Weber" Piano offers opportunities for delighting the ear as well. The dining room and kitchen are both separated from the main building, a provision which administers greatly to the comfort of patrons, as no odors from the cook's laboratory can possibly reach