

blessings to be the direct result of railroad connection with San Francisco, and the surrounding country. Situated in the heart of a rich grain and fruit-producing district, she can now avail herself of speedy transportation for products, which less rapid facilities would largely cheapen, by reason of their perishable nature. Again, thousands of people are induced to visit the town because of the ease and speed with which the trip can be accomplished. That railroads have a faculty for developing the latent resources of a country, and that they give an impetus to those already established, has come to be very generally believed. One must visit the counties cut off entirely from the markets of the State to realize the value of railroad facilities to an agricultural section, where the cost of wagon transportation exceeds the value of the produce, where producers have no incentive to labor further than may be necessary to supply their own primitive wants, or the demands of a scantily settled neighborhood.

San Jose lies about fifty miles South-east of San Francisco, nine miles from the head of the bay of the same name, elevated some ninety feet above its waters. It is lighted with gas, well supplied with pure water, and possesses good drainage facilities. The beautiful drives in the vicinity afford the tourist and the resident opportunities such as they will meet no where else in the State. The Alameda, leading from San Jose to Santa Clara, is especially beautiful. It has rows of willows on each side of the way, planted by the missionaries in 1799, for the purpose of shading the walk which connected the pueblo of San Jose with the mission church, occupying a site near the church now standing in Santa Clara. This magnificent avenue is justly appreciated by the residents of the city, as the care bestowed upon it fully evinces. It is kept in perfect repair, and in as cleanly a condition as the much vaunted streets of Philadelphia. The dust is never allowed to riot here; no dissipated molecules of the sand family are allowed to gather upon street corners and improvise miniature whirlwinds to the horror and detriment of passers-by. In fact, cold water is dashed upon every such effort, the street being constantly kept well watered. People here stoutly insist that water is a decided preservative of street pavement, a fact one can easily believe from the perfect condition in which this street is always maintained, at trifling expense.

A new road is being made by General Naglee from San Jose to Alum Rock Springs, a distance of eight miles from the city, in an Easterly direction. About three miles of the road are already completed and in public use. The General is devoting his time to a personal superintendence of the work. Shade trees are being planted upon either side, and at no distant day this promises to share the honors equally with the famed Alameda. The small hotel at Alum Rock Springs, having been found inadequate to meet the public wants, will be shortly replaced by one more commodious and pretentious. These springs are situated in Penitencia Canyon, and are the property of the city.

Many of the nurseries, for which the county is so justly famed, are located near San Jose.

Its railroad connections are the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific on the north, and the Southern Pacific on the south. A road is also projected connecting with Alviso, seven miles north. Coming overland, one can connect at Niles station, the junction with the Central Pacific, and approach San Francisco through San Jose, if deemed advisable.

### THE EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES,

Offered by the Public School system of San Jose, are said to be very thorough. The schools are perfectly systematized, and the course of instruction is sufficiently comprehensive, without being too discursive.

The popular bias in schools of many cities, seems to be in favor of superficial linguistic acquirements in every direction save that of the mother tongue, and so one can speak French, with the true Parisian accent, converse in Spanish which bears the warrant of Madrid, and carry on a conversation in German, avoiding the provincial idioms, he feels perfectly at ease when murdering and maiming the English language, and commits the most egregious solecisms with the complacency of a stoic.