

Music Hall, located in a building of the same name, is spacious and well arranged. It is fitted with a stage and scenery, and will seat sixteen hundred persons. There are several other halls, public and private, among which are the Masonic, Odd Fellows, and Turn Verein.

For purposes of worship, San Jose has three Methodist Churches, one of which is German. The Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Baptists and Friends, are denominations which are also represented by church buildings. There are two Catholic Churches, and one Hebrew, while the Unitarians invoke God from various places, and the Society of Free Thought, not having forethought sufficient to provide themselves a place of worship, are in more senses than one, wanderers from the fold of Israel, and have no altar whereon to offer up their sacrifices.

San Jose has two daily papers, morning and evening, called, respectively, the *Mercury* and *Patriot*; also five other publications, four weekly and one monthly.

It has also a Library Association, centrally situated, with commodious and comfortable apartments. It was incorporated in 1872, has established a building fund, is making large accretions to the stock of books, and is apparently destined to achieve perfect success.

Of the banking interest, the Bank of San Jose may be said to take the lead, by virtue of its seniority, since it is the oldest bank in the county. Its cash capital amounts to an half million of dollars. It is a joint stock corporation, and numbers among its directors and officers some of the most successful, enterprising and substantial citizens of the place. It does a general banking business, and also has a savings department. The building is a very fine one.

The San Jose Savings Bank is also an institution receiving general patronage. It enjoys the utmost confidence of all residents, has a fine location and building, and whether making money or not, is certainly helping others to save it.

Messrs. McLaughlin & Ryland employ a large capital, do a general banking business, and enjoy the favor and confidence of the entire business community. In addition to these, a new bank has just been established, called the Farmers' Gold Bank.

The Fire Department is entirely composed of a volunteer force, numbering about two hundred and eighty men, divided into five companies. There are two steam engines, one hand engine, one hook and ladder company, and one hose company.

San Jose has two Street Railroads, one commencing at the Eastern portion of the town, extending through the full length of Santa Clara Street, and the Alameda connecting with Santa Clara. This makes an entire length of about four miles. The First Street road extends from the Southern Pacific Depot on the North, nearly to the Southern limits of the city. The latter, we believe, is to be extended still further in both directions, while the building of roads in other portions of the town is considerably talked of.

Two very roomy and well-ventilated markets have recently been erected at a large cost. They are elaborately finished and furnished with every appliance and convenience which can add to their fitness.

To the tourist we can recommend, unreservedly, the hotels of San Jose. The Auzerais House enjoys an enviable reputation, both at home and abroad. The building is among the noteworthy ones of the city.

The New York Exchange occupies two large brick buildings at the corner of First and St. John Streets, and has roomy and unexceptionable accommodations for a host of guests. In fact, like an omnibus, it has always room for one more. The proprietors of this hotel, Messrs. Barker & Towne, toward whom we have sustained the relation of guests, are courteous and accommodating, supervise their business personally, and no want of their numerous patrons is neglected or uncared for. The rooms are spacious and well furnished, while the table is provided with every seasonable delicacy.

## THE MANUFACTURING

Interest in San Jose is by no means what it should be. The high price of skilled labor, together with the usurious rate of interest, effectually prevents any expansion in this direction.