



streets and gardens of this city have more trees than those of any other city in the State ; hence the name, Oakland, sometimes called Park City. There are 1,200 houses in this city and a population of 8,000. It is distinguished for the number and high standing of its educational institutions. There are six public schools, a Military Academy, Female College, Young Ladies' Seminary, Convent of the Sacred Heart, University School, and State University. Also a public library, nine churches, two daily newspapers, City Hall, banks, street railroad, gas, water works, etc. The immediate harbor of Oakland is an arm of the principal bay called San Antonio Creek, which is obstructed by a bar at the mouth which prevents the passage of heavy vessels except at high tide. The bay in the front being very shallow, compelled the construction of a wharf nearly two miles in length, in order to conveniently connect it with San Francisco. By this means a railroad and steam ferry, making hourly trips, was established, and Oakland rapidly grew to its present importance. This railroad and ferry now constitute the Western terminal portion of the Central Pacific Railroad. San Antonio, Brooklyn and Clinton are contiguous villages separated from Oakland by a branch of San Antonio creek, around which it has

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