

Yerba Buena was changed to that of San Francisco. Six months afterward, a census was taken, when it was found that the population had increased to 459 persons; and now, in 1859, this—the metropolis of the Pacific—numbers in population over 78,000 souls, and can boast of an assessment roll of more than \$30,000,000. In exports standing first, and in imports and tunnage among the very first of the great ports of the Union. The ordeal through which San Francisco has passed, has been severe and without example in the history of cities. The discovery of gold in 1848, gave an impetus to emigration from which San Francisco derived in so short a period, the title of city. Her growth was sudden; there was no *infancy* to her history. An existence of only ten years has given her rank among the cities of the world; and after passing through the fiery ordeal and financial abuses and disasters, she is now in her onward march to wealth and greatness.

Our Future.

No country in the world has ever held forth such inducements for people to flock to her shores, as does California at the present moment. Irrespective of her mineral wealth, this State possesses agricultural resources and manufacturing facilities unexcelled by any other in the Union. Her great range of climate, varying from almost tropical heat to regions of eternal snow—with a geographical position equal, at least, to the most favored country on the globe. For ten years California has annually contributed between fifty and sixty millions of dollars, in treasure, to the wealth of the world and the purposes of commerce, all of which pass through the Golden Gate. Her population now numbers nearly 600,000 souls, who obtain their foreign supplies and export their own productions, through the port of San Francisco. The interior of the State abounds in fine cities, beautiful and thriving towns and villages, mining hamlets, extensive and productive farms and ranchos, all of which depend on San Francisco as the great and only commercial center of operations. In the words of an able Journalist,* “manufactures have been established on a large scale, and the merchant fleets of the civilized world traffic with our people; and all depend entirely upon the port of San Francisco. Lines of steamers are established, connecting us with the East, with Oregon, Washington Territory and British Columbia, and incidentally, with South America and Australia, all going from and returning to the harbor of San Francisco. The establishment of the overland routes by the General Government, has lent an additional value to many interests in this State, each of which is nourished and vivified through the harbor of San Francisco. The recent treaties with China and Japan, give promise of a vast and lucrative trade, at no distant day, between those countries and San Francisco. The certainty that a Pacific and Atlantic railroad must sooner or later be built, and that when constructed, the greater portion of Oriental commerce must find its way to Europe and the Eastern States, through the harbor of San Francisco, is also undeniable.” In the felicitous language of another, “the heavens are not more clear and starry than is our future. The face of the world is towards us. The glittering treasures, the rivers and bays, the towns and cities, the farms and fields, were made for a purpose. The Pacific is to be the Ocean of the Future, and San Francisco will preside as the commercial mistress of the princely domain, and wave her jeweled hand over the proud hereafter.”

* San Francisco Herald.