

### Our Resources and our Future.

Our *Resources* are at least as numerous as those of any State in the Union, but their development will be gradual. Our *Future* is bright with hope. In San Francisco we have experienced hard times and disasters which would have crushed out the life of a less spirited community than our own. It rests with the people to perpetuate that affection for the State, hallowed by toil and travel, by placing California more prominently than ever before the eyes of the world. No other country has ever held forth such inducements for people to flock to her shores as this does at the present moment. Irrespective of her mineral wealth, this State possesses agricultural resources and manufacturing facilities unsurpassed by any other. 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 eleven years California has annually contributed between sixty and seventy 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. 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 and of the Pony Express, 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, though the harbor of San Francisco, is also undeniable. In a year we will be in telegraphic communication with New York, very probably with Europe—and in five years, perhaps—with every portion of the civilized world. The East and the West will be then one, and isolation no longer felt. Ten years hence, telegraphic wires will radiate from every point, and railroads will connect us with each State in the Union. If California has wants, it is but for inhabitants only, for Providence seems to have bestowed on it the choicest gifts of nature, with a lavish hand. This State is now the battle-ground of progress, where the tide of Empire has at length found a barrier. The first part of the august conception of Coleridge has been realized, and the probability of the second greatly increased. The United States now stretches "from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and ere the end of the present century, it will be inhabited by a hundred millions of Freemen—living under laws derived from Alfred—and speaking the language of Milton and of Shakspeare."