

created by the discovery of the silver mines of Utah Territory, and the steady decrease of a class included in the preceding table, as "floating." This element of our population, hitherto so numerous, is, from a variety of causes, becoming less every year; and at no period has the decrease been so apparent as during the past twelve months. Again, the City and County have been more thoroughly canvassed than heretofore, and many persons, whose names were not obtained last year, are included in the Register of the present volume. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, it is believed, that the increase of the permanent residents, especially families, will more than overbalance the losses occasioned thereby; so that the aggregate of our present population will exhibit a healthy increase over the estimates of last year.

The near approach of the completion of the National Census, renders it unnecessary to present any further speculations upon a subject which will be definitely settled by the official canvass itself.

IMPROVEMENTS, Etc.

The progress of the City during the past twelve months, has been more rapid than at any similar period of its history. The improvements are more permanent in their character, and nearly every section bears evidence of its onward march, in all the elements of civilization and commercial prosperity.

NEW BUILDINGS.—The number erected since June, 1859, is nearly four hundred, of which one hundred and forty are of brick. Several of the latter will compare favorably with those of any other section of the Union. Particular mention may be made of the following: New Masonic Temple, (now being erected), Music Hall, Academy of Music, Stevenson's Block, Mercantile Library Building, Government House, and New Helvetia Hotel. Each of these buildings is over sixty feet in width, and varying in depth from one hundred to one hundred and forty feet.

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS.—The number of buildings in the City and County, is 10,123, as follows:

<i>Wood.</i> —One story.....	3,714				
" Two stories.....	4,733				
" Three "	152				
" Four "	4				
	—	8,603			
<i>Brick.</i> —One story.....	243				
" Two stories.....	925				
" Three "	253				
" Four "	37				
" Five "	3				
	—	1,461			
<i>Iron.</i> —One story.....	8				
" Two stories.....	30				
" Three "	6				
<i>Iron.</i> —Four stories.....	3			47	
<i>Adobe.</i> —One story.....	1				
" Two stories.....	3				
" Three "	1				
" Four "	1				
	—			6	
<i>Stone.</i> —One story.....	1				
" Two stories.....	3				
" Three "	1				
" Four "	1				
	—			6	
Total.....				10,123	

In the above table, there are included each, as one, over seventy buildings, varying in width from fifty to one hundred and forty feet.

IMPROVEMENTS OF STREETS.—The condition of the Streets exhibits a marked improvement over former years. Many of the leading thoroughfares have been either re-paved or re-planked, and the system of sewerage now being extended throughout the City, must have a tendency, not only to improve its sanitary condition, but also to enhance the value of real estate.