

Pacific, and elegant ladies, no longer fearful of the disagreeable jostling of former times, now resort to it, not only for purposes of business, but as a pleasant promenade, and as the value of property in the fashionable retail street of a great city increases with the number of promenaders, so the value of property on Montgomery Street, has risen, perceptibly, in consequence of the widening of the sidewalks. The following figures from the report of G. T. Bohen, Street Superintendent for the past year, deserve a permanent record here :

CLASS OF WORK DONE.	MEASUREMENT.	COST.
Grading.....	979,643 cubic yards	\$226,788 85
Planking	1,721,310 feet	52,235 91
Paving	122,754 square feet	20,542 75
Macadamizing	29,417 square feet	1,436 75
Sidewalks.....	16,806 front feet	15,443 36
Brick Sewers, etc.....	10,308 lineal feet	61,915 59
Redwood Sewers, etc.....	1,606 lineal feet	4,942 63
Crosswalks, Curbs, etc.....	6,324 lineal feet	6,329 95
Piling and Capping.....	771 lineal feet of Caps	2,628 22
Total.....		\$392,264 01

BUILDINGS.—These great street improvements were accompanied by a relative increase in the number and quality of the edifices of the city. During the year, 1,228 buildings were commenced, and most of them finished. About two-thirds of them, 856, were of wood, and the remaining third, 372, of brick. Among these were many of the largest and most elegant houses of the city, including the Russ House, the Lick House, the Occidental Hotel, and the Metropolitan Theater. Parrott's building, on the northwestern corner of Montgomery and Sacramento, and Belden's building, on the southwestern corner of Montgomery and Bush, were greatly enlarged and beautified. Besides, 200 buildings commenced in the previous year, were finished in this. Among these, is the Masonic Temple, on the northwestern corner of Post and Montgomery streets. It is 75 by 160 feet on the ground, and one of the highest in the city. Most of the new buildings have been erected south of Market Street, but all parts of the city have improved greatly. The northwestern district made more progress within a twelvemonth than in three years before.

The three principal hotels of the city were erected during the last year. Previous to 1862, the Oriental, the International, and the American Exchange were the favorite resorts of transient fashionable people; but now they have been thrown into the second rank by the larger, more magnificent, and more favorably situated Lick House, Russ House, and Occidental Hotel.

The Russ House was opened in April, 1862. It is one of the largest hotels in the world—that is upon the ground, but in height it is only three stories. It is 275 feet long by 137½ wide, and occupies the whole block on the western side of Montgomery, between Pine and Bush, fronting upon all those streets. Whether any other hotel in the world has so long a front, we know not. The ground floor fronting on Montgomery Street is used for stores, save an entrance for the hotel, and a dining room. The material of the building is brick, covered with light yellowish brown stucco. The name is derived from the former owner of the land, who came to California in 1847,