

compiler especial attention, and he feels confident that the industry devoted to that branch of the work has produced a very complete list of all trades and professions carried on in our city, with an accurate register of the names of all persons or firms engaged therein. In this list over twelve thousand names will be found so arranged as to be easy of reference, and supplying to the stranger ready means for procuring much valuable information in regard to the trade of this city. The "Street Directory" has been carefully revised, and now conforms to the official data in the office of the Assessor of the city and county.

In the "Appendix" the Consolidation Act has been republished, with all the amendments so methodically arranged, that the changes in the law are perceptible at a glance. In this part of the work is embodied a mass of information, extremely varied and much of it very interesting, embracing lists of the Federal, State, and Municipal Officers, notices of Local Societies and Associations, Churches, Military Organizations, etc., etc.

The "General Review" presents a diary of the interesting local events of the year, brief notices of Schools, public and private, Benevolent Associations, Cemeteries, Public Improvements, Railroads, and other subjects worthy of special mention, with historical data of present interest, and well calculated to make the book a valuable work of reference to future generations. But the particular feature of this department of the Directory is the Tables, presenting a corrected census of the population of the city and county for 1861 and 1863, the compilation of the United States census of the city and county of 1860, and the statement of the buildings within the city limits. To these there has been devoted immense labor at considerable expense to the compiler, but as they satisfactorily prove the permanent growth and prosperity of the city, constitute most valuable data for subsequent reference, and set at rest speculation on a much vexed question, he is fully rewarded for the expenditure.

Prefixed to the Directory is a valuable map of the city and county of San Francisco, compiled and drawn from the United States surveys, carefully revised and corrected to 1862, with the copious materials in the custody of the city and county Assessor.

The compiler would again express his thanks for the uniform courtesy extended to him during the progress of his labors. The prompt and willing assistance accorded by public officers, officers of societies, and others, to whom application was made for information for the work, is properly appreciated. To Messrs. Towne & Bacon, to whom the typographical department was intrusted and to whom the work is much indebted for the exceedingly neat appearance it presents, he would especially offer his thanks.

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