

The Carriage and Wagon Material Establishment of Messrs. H. W. BRAGG & Co., at Nos. 29 and 31 Battery street, San Francisco, and Seventh street, between I and J, Sacramento, was founded in the last named city in the year 1854, by Mr. H. W. Bragg, now resident partner there, and Mr. C. Waterhouse, now resident partner in this city.

During the great flood which inundated the city of Sacramento in the year 1862, the firm were compelled to move a considerable portion of their stock to this city for preservation, and from this circumstance sprung the origin of their present mammoth establishment here. Several years prior to this event, Mr. J. W. Lester, now resident partner in New York, was admitted to an interest in the business, and during the past five years of his connection with the firm has personally supervised the buying and shipping of all material received by the house here, and the one in Sacramento.

Of the important features of this establishment, our space will admit of only a partial view, and to begin with, would state from personal knowledge that the House of Mr. H. W. Bragg & Co. is the largest and most extensive, and conducted with better facilities than any other similar establishment on the Pacific coast. The building occupied by them for their business in this city is a substantial fire-proof structure, three stories in height (including the basement, in which are stored the heavier materials), and covers an area of 60 by 120 feet.

The systematic arrangement throughout all the varied departments of this establishment speaks for itself of the business qualifications of the proprietors.

Of the extent of their business, we would state that the house is in constant receipt of large shipments from Boston and New York, of a full assortment of all material in their line, and have a trade extending to all parts of the Pacific States and Territories, including Mexico and the British Provinces.

Their stock of materials in trade is full and complete, was selected with great care, with a view to this market, and the very best that money could buy.