

which forty thousand are male residents of this city—an increase of eight per cent. over that of last year. In the different departments of the work the same gratifying evidences of the rapid growth of the city will be noticed. The Business Directory contains over thirteen thousand business firms, so arranged as to be of easy reference, to which especial attention is invited. This department has been prepared with unusual care, and it will be found to embrace a mass of information relative to the business of this city, not to be found in any other work.

The present population of San Francisco is estimated at one hundred and nineteen thousand of which thirty-five thousand are whites under the age of twenty-one. The number of females over eighteen, is estimated at twenty-five thousand. These figures are made up from the most reliable data; and they may be regarded as a fair approximation of the population.

The number of buildings erected during the past year is estimated at one thousand and seventy-five, of which three hundred and twenty are of brick—making an aggregate in the city and county of fifteen thousand five hundred and eighteen.

The thoroughness of the San Francisco Directory may be appreciated to some extent by a comparison with the directories of other cities. The New York Directory gives one name to each seven of the population; Philadelphia, one to six; Baltimore, one to five; Boston (1864), one to four; and the San Francisco Directory, if the floating population are excluded, one to two and one-half—or nearly three times as many names, in proportion to the population, as are contained in the New York Directory.

Some idea of the cosmopolitan character of the City of San Francisco may be ascertained by comparing the different family names comprised in the present volume with those contained in the New York and Boston directories. The New York Directory, 1864, contains thirty thousand eight hundred and fifty-five family names; or, estimating the population at one million, one name in thirty-three. Boston, eight thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight; or, estimating the population at two hundred thousand, one in twenty-two. San Francisco Directory, fourteen thousand four hundred and ninety-four; estimating the permanent population at one hundred thousand, one in seven. The San Francisco Directory, therefore contains, in proportion to the population of the city, over four times as many different family names as the New York, and three times as many as the Boston Directory.

In the Appendix to the present volume will be found the Consolidation Act with its amendments so arranged that the changes in the law are perceptible at a glance, and 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 "Street Directory" has been carefully revised and conforms to the official data of the office of the Assessor of the City and County.

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 features of this department of the Directory are the Tables, presenting a correct census of the city and county for 1861, 1863, and 1865, the compilation of the United States census of the city for 1860, and the statement of the buildings within the city limits.

Prefixed to the Directory is a valuable map of the City of San Francisco carefully revised and corrected to 1865, with the different railroad routes and the new Election Districts.

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