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In no previous issue of the SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY are there presented more unmistakable evidences of the continued progress of this city in all the elements of civilization and wealth than are contained in this, the ninth volume, issued by the present compiler. In each department of the work are given in detail the operations for the past year, exhibiting an unusual degree of prosperity, and conveying a mass of information useful to all classes of our people.

The number of references in the present volume is over forty-seven thousand, of which nearly forty-five thousand are male residents. The increase of our population during the last eighteen months is much greater than a comparison of these figures with those of last year would indicate, from the fact of the omission from this issue of a number of references to incorporations, etc., which no longer have an existence. The BUSINESS DIRECTORY contains over fifteen thousand business firms, so arranged as to be of easy reference, to which especial attention is invited.

The population of San Francisco, August 1st, 1867, is estimated at one hundred and thirty-two thousand, of which forty thousand are whites under the age of twenty-one. The number of females over eighteen is estimated at twenty-seven thousand. These figures are based upon the most reliable data, and they may be regarded as a fair approximation of the population.

The number of buildings erected during the year ending June 30th, 1867, is one thousand and fifty, of which three hundred and forty are of brick; total in the city and county, seventeen thousand three hundred and sixty-eight, of which three thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven are of brick. The estimated cost of the improvements during the same period is nearly nine millions of dollars. The sales of real estate for the first seven months of the present year, exceed ten millions of dollars. The operations of the department of Streets and Highways for the year ending June 30th, 1867, show an expenditure exceeding one million of dollars.

The Appendix contains the Consolidation Act with its amendments so arranged that the changes of the law are perceptible at a glance, and in addition, the following laws relative to our municipal government: changing the time for holding the Municipal Elections; establishing a Paid Fire Department; relative to Public Lands; reorganizing Justices' Courts; Registry Act; maintaining an Alms House and Hospital, and establishing a Quarantine. There will also be found a variety of information, and much of it of an interesting character, embracing lists of the Federal, State, and Municipal Officers, notices of Local Societies and Associations, Churches, Military Organizations, Incorporations, etc.

The Introductory and General Review present a diary of the interesting local events of the year, brief notices of Schools—public and private—Benevolent Associations, Cemeteries, Railroads, Banks and Insurance Companies, and an extended description of the different mechanical enterprises in operation at the present time in this city, together with 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 work, are the tables presenting a correct census of the city and county for 1860, 1861, 1863 and 1867, a review of the improvements made during the year ending June 30th, 1867, and a statement of the number of buildings within the city limits.

The compiler would respectfully tender his thanks for the prompt coöperation extended by public officers and others, who have been applied to for information for the work. To his numerous patrons for their substantial evidences of good will, and to Messrs. TOWNE & BACON, to whom the typographical department was intrusted, he would especially offer his thanks.

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