

establishment of J. H. O'Brien & Co. This is one of the finest structures of the past year, and adds greatly to the appearance of the neighborhood. Its cost was \$45,000.

**WORMSER'S BUILDING.**—On the south side of California Street, near Sanson, Mr. Isaac Wormser has erected a substantial three story iron front building of 25 feet front by 80 in depth, taking the place of one of the olden style which was in unpleasant contrast with the handsome architecture of its neighbors. This improvement completes the financial quarter of California street at least on the southern side, which now, from Montgomery to Sanson streets, presents a front of architectural beauty seldom surpassed. The cost of the alteration has been \$25,000.

On the corner of Mission and Beale streets, Mr. Henry Droger has erected a large wooden building in place of others destroyed by fire on the night of October 20th, 1870. This has a frontage of 137½ feet on Beale Street by 45 feet 10 inches on Mission. The corner is occupied as a store and the remainder by the saw mill of Richardson, Dell & Co. On Beale Street north of Mission the extensive carriage factory of Casebolt & Co., burned last year, has been replaced by a strong brick structure of the same dimensions as the one destroyed, and business is resumed as though never interrupted by the fire fiend.

**CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD DEPOT.**—Great changes have been made during the past year at the foot of Second Street where is the freight depot of the Central Pacific Railroad. Substantial wharves have been built, upon which a capacious shed of several hundred feet in dimensions has been erected. Within this the necessary offices of the company have been made and over the wharf runs a labyrinth of tracks conveying to one on an adjustable apron which can be raised or lowered so as to permit cars to or from the deck of a steamboat by which they are transferred with their cargoes to the main track on the opposite side of the bay. A track also extends to the wharf of the Pacific Mail Steamship at the foot of First street, whereby cargoes direct from China, Japan or wherever those steamers ply, can be transferred at once to the cars for the journey overland. The works are extensive and answer the purpose designed but do not constitute such a depot as is worthy the great transcontinental road nor of the Metropolis of the Pacific. Two thirty acre tracts of tide lands south of the present landing have been granted by the State to the Southern and Central Pacific Railroad Companies for depot purposes but these are yet unimproved.

**LIGHT GUARDS' ARMORY.**—This building erected on the northwest corner of New Montgomery and Howard streets, has a front of 146 feet on New Montgomery and 80 feet on Howard streets. It is built of brick in the most substantial manner, and of a pleasant style of architecture. The main upper story is devoted to the purposes of the S. F. Light Guard as an armory, drill room and gymnasium, and the lower story is rented in stores.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**—Mr. John Conly has had built a block of six houses on O'Farrell Street between Jones and Leavenworth. These are of two stories and basement, of wood and cost about \$16,000.

A fine two-story house, with ornamental grounds, has been added to the improvements on Leavenworth Street between Ellis and O'Farrell, cost \$6,000. Similar ones, under the same superintendence, were built on Folsom Street between First and Second, cost \$8,000; another between Eighth and Ninth, cost \$4,000; one on California Street near Leavenworth, cost \$4,000; one on Harrison Street between Third and Fourth, cost \$5,000, and one on Twenty-fourth Street between Mission and Valencia, cost \$7,000.

On Larkin Street near Sutter, Mr. L. Brown has erected four tenement houses, costing \$5,500. On the same near the corner of Post, Mr. Bashim has built a two-story dwelling of ten rooms with a studio for working casts in plaster and stucco, cost \$4,000. At the corner of Ellis and Larkin streets, a fine three story dwelling has been constructed for Mr. E. Conlay, cost \$4,000. On Post Street east of Larkin, Mr. Russell has erected a tenement block of three stories, having a frontage of 22½ feet on Post Street by a depth of 60 feet. Each floor forms a separate tenement of seven rooms, cost \$4,500. On the corner of Larkin and Post streets, a two-story tenement house costing \$2,000, and on Pine Street near Larkin is a similar house costing \$3,000, lately constructed. Mr. S. H. Carlyle has built on Larkin Street near California a block of fine private residences three stories in height, costing \$14,000. Each dwelling contains eight rooms and bath room. On Geary Street near Hyde, Mr. Tiesig has built a private dwelling of two stories and basement, costing \$4,500. Mr. Folkers has a similar house on Hyde Street near Sutter, built at a cost of \$4,000. On the corner of Turk and Taylor streets, Mr. Max Englander has erected a three-story boarding house, containing twenty-four rooms, cost \$10,000. In this vicinity, corner of Tyler and Hyde streets, Mr. Wolf has in course of construction a block of seven dwellings to cost \$14,500. Another, by the same proprietor, at the corner of Hyde and McAllister streets, two stories high, cost \$3,500. On Willow Street, west of Larkin and south of Ellis, is a block of four buildings two stories, and six rooms each, cost \$8,000. Messrs. Norton, Morehouse and Capt. Norton have built each a private residence on Larkin Street near Turk at the aggregate cost of \$10,000. Mr. Davison, on Tyler Street above Larkin has erected a fine dwelling house, cost \$3,500. On the corner of Fulton and Franklin streets, Mr. S. D. Cary has built a store and dwelling at a cost of \$4,000. Mr. Kloppenburg, City Treasurer, has erected three private dwellings on the corner of Grove and Franklin streets, each three stories high, costing \$9,000. On Post Street above Mason, a three-story dwelling has been erected at a cost of \$3,000. On Ellis Street near Jones, Colonel Fray has built a dwelling costing \$3,000. Mr. Turner has erected on California Street between Stockton and Powell a fine private dwelling of ten rooms, cost \$4,000. On Clay Street between Stockton and Powell, Mr. McCormick, Detective Officer of the Insurance Companies, has erected a dwelling at a cost of 3,000.

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