

CITY

Paving Company,

OFFICE, S.W. COR. MONTGOMERY AND COMMERCIAL STS.

Mill, Cor. of Fourth and Berry Sts.

This Company contracts for Street Paving of every kind which is accepted by the City Authorities of San Francisco, but makes a specialty of paving under the patent known as the "STOW FOUNDATION PATENT," which they claim as the best known wooden pavement. In proof of this assumption, they are prepared to exhibit certificates from the most celebrated engineers in several of the largest cities of the Union where this style of pavement has been introduced.

The great superiority of this pavement over all others, lies in its mechanical construction, and not in the materials used. Experience has clearly demonstrated in this city, which material can be safely used, and which should be rejected. All objections which have yet been urged to the Stow Foundation Pavement attach to the quality of lumber used, and not to the construction of the work. The following extract from the report of the Committee on Pavements at the last Industrial Exhibition in this city, speaks for itself, to wit:

"For general practical use and public benefit, we do not hesitate to pronounce the Stow Foundation Pavement, exhibited by the City Paving Company, together with the actual tests of its durability, as presented by the wear and tear in the streets of San Francisco, to be superior to all others, when taking into consideration the method of laying it, the time it has been laid, the form of its construction, and by an honest comparison with others which have been submitted to the same test.

We award to it the First Premium. Signed,

EDWIN A. SHERMAN,
JOHN V. HUNTER,
Committee.

Certificates showing the superiority of the Stow Foundation Pavement over all others ever introduced into this city, were furnished to the City Paving Company by his Honor, Frank McCoppin, and the entire Board of Supervisors during his last term of office, and by his successor, the Hon. Thos. H. Selby, and eleven out of twelve of the Supervisors during his term of office; and though some objections have latterly been urged to this Pavement, it is plainly manifest to any one who will investigate the subject, that the fault lies entirely with the quality of materials used, *when objections lie at all*. To no sample of this pavement laid with "Black Heart Redwood," has there been a word of objection yet raised, and it is proposed to use this quality of lumber in future, unless the property-holders, by express petition, request otherwise.

The fact is not generally known, but it is a truth nevertheless, that the objections so often urged to wooden block pavements, because of their swelling and bursting up in humps, apply to the pavement laid under the Nicolson Patent, all of which, however, would have been remedied by a moderate expenditure in sprinkling the streets during the long dry season; the fact having been clearly demonstrated that no defects of this kind have shown themselves upon streets which have been sprinkled, as for example, Kearny Street and Montgomery Street. The damage does not arise from the swelling of the blocks themselves, but by the foreign substance which is held between the shrunken blocks when they swell to their original size.

PHILIP CADUC,

Gen'l Superintendent City Paving Company.