

ravages of fire and flood. Not only built the city, but built the ground on which it stands, for to-day it stands some ten feet above its original site. From the small and unimportant beginning of a few years ago it has emerged a thriving, bustling city. There is much of interest here aside from the fact of its being the Capital of the State. It is the heart of a great system of iron arteries, whose pulsations reach to the Atlantic seaboard on the east, and even to those far away and almost unknown nations of the west, the oldest, though the least known and appreciated of all the nations with which commerce has connected our western shores. Aside from these facts, there is a quiet beauty peculiar to this city which renders it attractive to travelers and dear to Californians. The city is laid out in a regular square, the streets running at right angles, fronting on the river, which here runs nearly north and south. Those running north and south are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Those running from the river back, or east and west, are named with the alphabet, A, B, C, etc. Its streets are well shaded; its gardens bloom with a tropical luxuriance. The city is built mostly of brick; the streets broad and well paved. It contains numerous elegant public and private buildings, including the new State Capitol and county buildings. Churches of nearly all denominations, and public and private schools are numerous. There are also many benevolent organizations and the numerous fraternal societies which are found in all California towns, large or small. Sacramento has six newspapers, four of which are dailies: the *Union*, established 1851, daily and weekly, independent in politics; the *Bee*, Republican, daily and weekly; the *Record*, daily and weekly, Republican; the *State Capitol Reporter*, daily and weekly, Democratic; the *Journal*, a semi-weekly, German; and the *Rescue*, a