

A handsome brick bank structure is now being completed on the northeast corner of California and Battery streets. It will cost \$25,000. Tallant & Co., the bankers, are the owners, and will occupy the main portion of the building.

The new frame Presbyterian Church ("The Tabernacle"), occupying the lot on the north side of Tyler Street, above Taylor, will soon be completed. Dr. Thomas M. Cunningham is the pastor. The lot (which the building will nearly cover) has a frontage of eighty-two and one half feet by a depth of one hundred and thirty-seven and one half feet. The total cost of the edifice will not be less than \$50,000.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company is now erecting a magnificent building, with pressed brick front and stone dressings, on the lot (two hundred and seventy-five feet square) on the north corner of Fourth and Townsend streets. The building will have a frontage on each of the streets named of one hundred and eighty-one feet by a depth of sixty feet on the one and seventy feet on the other. The entrance on each street will have a portico, with stone columns, carved caps and molded pedestals. The building will be occupied as the general offices of the Central Pacific Railroad Company, which have heretofore been located at the State capital (Sacramento). The total cost will be about \$200,000. This building will be one of the most substantial and ornamental in the city.

Three mammoth freight warehouses were last year erected by the Central and Southern Pacific Railroad companies on Townsend and King streets, between Fourth and Fifth, and on Kentucky Street, near the Long Bridge. These warehouses are sixty by four hundred, seventy by five hundred, and fifty by five hundred feet in size, respectively. The freight depots of both the Central and Southern Pacific Railroad lines and branches are now all located on Townsend and King streets. The total expenditure of the above companies in this city, for land and buildings, in 1872 was \$1,662,000, as before stated.

The new United States Branch Mint is still in process of construction. It occupies the lot (two hundred and seventy-five feet square) on the west corner of Fifth and Mission streets, for which the National Government paid \$100,000 in March, 1867. The building is in the Doric style of architecture, and is constructed of California granite and British Columbia freestone. The exterior is now complete; the portico is both massive and ornamental. The building will cost at least \$2,500,000, of which sum over \$1,000,000 has been already expended. The new Mint will contain one hundred and twenty rooms. Some of these rooms are nearly as large as an entire story of the old building.

Work was commenced on the new City Hall building about eighteen months ago. The foundation and superstructure, for an average height of about eight feet above the ground, are now completed. The total expenditure up to February 6, 1873, was \$690,000. It was originally supposed that the building could be completed for \$1,500,000 or \$2,000,000, but it is now understood that the total cost will be at least \$3,000,000. It is the opinion of the Commissioners that the building will be completed in three or four years. All of the Eastern and other experts, civil and military, who have visited the building, say that, for strength and solidity, it is, thus far, unsurpassed by any building in the United States. The plan selected by the Commissioners—after full advertising and the payment of premiums for the most meritorious—is now admitted to have been decidedly the best. The Board of City Hall Commissioners is composed of P. H. Canavan, Charles E. McLane and J. G. Eastland. Augustus Laver is the architect. One hundred men are now employed on the building. The lot on which the edifice stands forms the northern half of Yerba Buena Park, which was used as a cemetery in the early days of the city. The lot has a frontage of eight hundred feet on Park Avenue, six hundred and sixty feet on McAllister, and five hundred feet on Larkin Street. The building will be as nearly fire and earthquake proof as possible. Its façade will be most imposing and magnificent.

The new Catholic Orphan Asylum, at South San Francisco, has been already occupied, though it is not yet completed. The foundations cover a lot two hundred and four by two hundred and eighty-two feet in size. The total cost, when completed, will be over \$200,000. The building is a frame one.

The new four-story frame building, now nearly completed, occupying the lot (one hundred