

and thirty-seven and one half feet square) on the northwest corner of O'Farrell and Stockton streets, will cost about \$110,000. It is already rented, partly to the United States Government and partly to the Concordia Club, for \$1,500 per month in all. The lot cost \$62,500.

One of the largest buildings erected in the city last year was the College of the Sacred Heart, on the southeast corner of Eddy and Larkin streets. It has three stories and basement. The cost will be \$50,000. The lot is one hundred and thirty-seven and one half feet square and cost \$25,000.

The "Harpending Block," on the south side of Market Street, opposite Sansom, which was burned down in 1871, was last year rebuilt, at a cost of about \$75,000.

J. L. Riddle, owner of the lot (fifty by sixty feet in size) on the southeast corner of Clay and Montgomery streets, will soon erect thereon a substantial four-story brick building, which will cost about \$60,000.

A handsome three-story brick building, now occupied as a store and warehouse, was last year erected on the east side of Battery street just north of Jackson. It cost about \$40,000. Jos. De La Montanya is the owner.

The above facts include the most important business and public buildings completed or under process of erection in 1872. The most important private residences built last year in this city were as follows: On the northeast corner of Taylor and California streets; cost \$75,000; D. D. Colton, owner. Northwest corner of Jackson and Franklin streets; cost \$40,000; John D. Fry, owner. Northeast corner of Jackson and Franklin streets; cost \$40,000; W. C. Talbot, owner. Southwest corner of Pine and Leavenworth streets; cost \$25,000; E. F. Hall, owner. On Pine Street, near Leavenworth; cost \$20,000; J. N. Suydam, owner. Southwest corner of Sacramento and Franklin streets; cost \$18,000; S. P. Collins, owner. Southwest corner of Hyde and Eddy streets; cost about \$15,000; William Burling, owner. Southwest corner of O'Farrell and Leavenworth; cost about \$35,000; R. C. Johnson, owner. Southwest corner of Sutter and Mason; cost \$18,000; Henry Barroilhet, owner. We have here only referred to the most expensive buildings, for private residence.

There was no excitement in the building business last year, but there was a greater demand for houses of all kinds, in all locations, than has existed for the past five years. One of the superintendents of the Spring Valley Water Company informs us that that company is now receiving water-rents from old or ineligible houses, for which tenants could not previously be found. That company supplied water connections to six hundred dwellings and buildings in 1872. Between the second of September and the seventh of October, one of the daily papers (the *Alta California*) published a series of articles showing the buildings and dwellings then in course of construction in this city. The number was ninety-three and the total cost \$2,381,800. Of this latter amount we only allow \$300,000 each for the total expenditures of the year on the new City Hall and Branch Mint.

Number of Buildings.—Total, December 31st, 1869, eighteen thousand six hundred and fifty-nine; December 31st, 1870, nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty-nine, of which four thousand three hundred and eighty are of brick and fifteen thousand and seventy-nine are of wood; March 1st, 1872, twenty thousand two hundred and eighty-seven, of which four thousand four hundred and twenty are of brick and fifteen thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven are of wood; March 1, 1873, twenty thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven; number erected from March, 1872, to March, 1873, six hundred. The Federal Census, August, 1870, returns the total number at twenty-five thousand two hundred and sixty-six. [See article on Population, page 11.]

NEW UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.—An appropriation of \$408,000 has been made recently by Congress for the erection of a block of buildings, for the use of the National Government, on the western half of the block on which the Custom House and Post Office now stand. The land to be built upon is bounded by Sansom Street, Custom-house Place, Washington and Jackson streets. It has a frontage on Sansom Street of two hundred and seventy-five feet, by a depth on Jackson and Washington streets of one hundred and twenty feet, to Custom-house Place in the rear. The land is worth about \$250,000. The buildings