

have been published. But it is certain that a large cotton mill will soon be put in operation here, it having been satisfactorily established by at least fifty farmers in Merced, Fresno, Tulare and Kern counties, within two years, that the climate and soil of the southeastern counties of the State, at least, are as well suited for the successful and profitable growth of cotton as the very best regions of the Southern States.

WHOLESALE DRY GOODS.—Murphy, Grant & Co., our largest wholesale dry-goods house, report a greatly-increased home business, with rapid extension of trade in Idaho, Montana, Utah, etc. The new lines of railroad from Corinne northward, through Utah, Idaho, and on to Montana and the British boundary, will, this firm believes, open up the entire "New Northwest" to a brisk and profitable trade with San Francisco. Murphy, Grant & Co.'s building covers, and the firm partially occupies, the lot (one hundred and thirty-seven and one-half feet square) on the northeast corner of Sansom and Bush streets, which is about the present center of the wholesale dry-goods trade. The building cost \$130,000; the lot is now worth at least \$230,000.

THE WHOLESALE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.—S. W. Rosenstock & Co. manufactured two hundred and fifty thousand pairs of boots and shoes in 1872, the wholesale value of which was \$750,000. This house employs three hundred and fifty men, women, boys and girls. Its average weekly wages account is \$6,000. The home boot and shoe trade is making rapid headway, and has already supplemented the imported article nearly altogether. A few years ago Benkert, and other large eastern manufacturers, had one of their largest and most profitable markets on this coast. They have since had the cream of their business, in all cases and their entire business in some, taken away from them by the manufacture of cheaper and more lasting goods at home, into the composition of which leather manufactured on this coast enters very largely. San Francisco will be the second Lynn of the United States in a few years.

WHOLESALE SADDLERY.—The firm of Main & Winchester is the largest in this department of wholesale business in the city. It now employs two hundred hands; the men are paid \$2.50 to \$3 per day; the girls, \$1.75 to \$2 per day, and the apprentices \$4 to \$7 per week. This business has been steadily increasing in volume here of late. Large quantities of goods are now exported to all our Pacific States and Territories, while Mexico, Central America and Japan are also large consumers of them. The goods manufactured here are constantly increasing in favor, and are rapidly superseding imported articles. Several other firms are also extensively engaged in the same line, the most important of which is J. C. Johnson & Co., who employ about seventy-five hands.

CALIFORNIA SUGAR AND THE LEADING REFINERY.—A native beet-sugar factory is in active operation at Alvarado, Alameda County. Its success has been very gratifying, despite the attempts of rivals to reduce prices below a paying standard and crush it out of existence. The California Sugar Refinery is the largest establishment of the kind on the Pacific Coast. It refined twenty-five million pounds of sugar, and about three million five hundred and seventy-one thousand four hundred and twenty-eight gallons of molasses, or syrup, in 1872. It employs one hundred and fifty hands; its average monthly wages account is now \$12,000. Large quantities of our sugars are shipped to and consumed in all the United States and Territories. Our raw sugars come from the Sandwich Islands, Manila and China.

THE CALIFORNIA PLANING MILLS.—This is the largest machine wood-working establishment in the city. The lumber worked up by it in 1872 had a value, in the rough, of \$90,000, and of \$265,000 in its manufactured shape. One hundred and ten hands are now employed by these mills; the average weekly wages account is from \$1,900 to \$2,000. The mills occupy a lot one hundred and fifty by two hundred feet in size. Adams, Blinn & Co., the lumber merchants, and owners of the Puget Sound line of lumber vessels, are proprietors of the California Planing Mills.

THE REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATES.—This is now the largest of three associations which were formed for the purchase and distribution of city real estate, and for the erection and sale of houses on city lots, the property sold being payable on the installment plan. Since December,