

of a large tract of land in this vicinity in 1844, and has been a resident of this county ever since that time. The city of Stockton and the land adjacent is upon the grant made to him, and he has done much to make Stockton the prosperous and important city it has now become.

The corporate limits of the city at present extend over four square miles, and its streets run at right angles, dividing the city into blocks three hundred feet square. The principal streets are graded and graveled, and compare very favorably with those of other interior cities in California.

COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES.

Viewed as a commercial center, Stockton has few rivals and no peers. While Sacramento gathers in the harvests of the north, to a limited extent, Stockton, with its immense warehouse facilities, opens wide its doors and bids the farmer walk in and store his grain at a small percentage. There is not in California to-day so fruitful a field for honest, upright labor, as Stockton and San Joaquin county offers. We propose to show this by facts and figures :

STOCKTON AS A GRAIN MART—ITS STORAGE CAPACITY, ETC.

For a number of years Stockton has headed the list of the grain markets of the Pacific Coast. A better price is given for grain—a larger percentage is advanced on grain in store—than in any other shipping point in the State. For proof of this it is only necessary to cite the great grain producing counties of Butte and Tehama. The farmers in those counties find it advantageous to ship their wheat to Stockton and store it here. From the capacious warehouses it can be placed on board of steamers or sailing vessels and then, in the bay of San Francisco, be transferred to ships bound for Liverpool. By reason of this, shippers save the enormous WHARF TAX levied in San Francisco which with poetic justice, is termed the “Toll Gatherer of California.”

CAPACITY FOR STORING GRAIN.

Stockton has some of the largest and most commodious grain warehouses in the State, and no city outside of San Francisco has equal storage capacity. The warehouses are all of brick, built in the most substantial manner and are in close proximity to navigable water. The different warehouses have a storage capacity as follows: Eureka Warehouse, owned by the Farmer's Co-operative Union, situated on Levee street, 15,000 tons. Baggs' Warehouse, W. M. Baggs & Son, proprietors; Levee street, 12,000 tons. Stockton Warehouse, owned