

ANNUAL REVIEW —OF THE— TRADE OF SACRAMENTO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1881.

It is shown that the City Business has advanced in the Past Year from \$31,112,050 to \$36,392,935.

A Year of Prosperity—A Gain of \$4,280,885.

In presenting the annual review of the trade of Sacramento, the RECORD-UNION refers to its former carefully prepared reports in previous years, as indicating the steady and certain advancement of this city. At the close of the year 1877, our statistics showed the volume of commercial transactions to be \$25,500,000; for 1878, \$27,600,000; for 1879, \$29,273,000; for 1880, \$31,112,050; and now, for 1881, it aggregates \$36,392,935, a gain of \$4,280,885. This figure is verified by the most careful calculations, and is the strongest evidence possible of the position uniformly maintained by this journal concerning the importance of Sacramento as a trade center.

In 1881 was proportionately better in Sacramento than in any other section of the State. Notwithstanding the crop failures in this section, merchandising and manufacturing in Sacramento, unaffected by the shortage, have had a uniform advance, and the market area of the city has broadened and increased in importance. Some declination is noted in a few lines, while a remarkable advance is noted in others. The uncertain condition of affairs in some of the mining sections, and loss of trade from sections injured by the overflow of the preceding year, limited the extent to which any provision lines. It is not, however, intended, into an extended consideration of the advantages of Sacramento as a commercial center. These are now well understood by the people of California. In brief, the points may be recalled, as follows: of centrality of the city; the many lines of transport by rail and water, operating at Sacramento; the lowering of freights and local expenses; the existing freight facilities between San Francisco and Sacramento; the small fixed capital necessarily locked up in property on which to conduct business; the absence of wharfage and drayage charges; the saving in time in the shipment and transport of goods; the importation facilities enjoyed by the merchants of the city; the dryness of the climate, and the general climatic advantages for storage of liquors and for the production of all kinds of wood work, etc. As to all this, it may be specified that the boxes for the great fruit trade of the State, which has here its chief market, are principally made here, and even San Francisco has this year anticipated the coming fruit season by filled orders here to an extent that will test the capacity of our works, when added to the regular trade that must be supplied.

OTHER TRADE CONSIDERATIONS.
Which tend to enhance the commercial importance, etc., of Sacramento, are found in the popular agricultural and mining sections which contribute to our trade; the fertile area of developing country to the north and west of the city; the productive foothill sections, the mountain regions and the demands of the transmontane States and Territories. On the eastern side, the British Columbia, southward to Mexico, extend toward along the lines of the Central Pacific Railroad and Southern Pacific Railroad and the Mississippi Valley, and is commanding, to a large extent, as it does throughout the valley of the Sacramento. The superior lumber regions eastward of Sacramento are important to the city's trade. Sacramento is the geographical center of the State and its political capital.

ITS BUSINESS.
Has the fostering care and wise direction of the Board of Trade; its business men are united in purpose and labor, and their relations towards each other are of a character to strengthen the commercial influence of the city. Real estate is held less for speculative purposes than for occupancy. During 1881 real estate values were much increased, and rents on leading streets have naturally appreciated. Prices for desirable business property have advanced from 15 to 20 per cent. Money has rated at a lower figure for interest, and on good security is obtainable at 7 to 9 per cent. Outside eligible residence property (say east of Tenth street) has advanced from 20 to 25 per cent. Along Front street, to west of the city, business rentals have declined, owing to the gradual movement of the trade eastward along the chief streets. Building during the year 1881 was carried on largely and aggregated an outlay of over \$600,000. New industries have been introduced, banking property has been much improved, banking business has been active and profitable, labor has been plenty, comparatively few strikes have been seen in the streets, wages have not depreciated, manufacturers have increased the volume of their products, additional capital has been launched in business, and new houses have been added to the commercial circle. The jobbing trade is on a firmer basis than ever before, and the efforts by rival markets, both home and foreign, to weaken our volume of trade have failed. The houses that report a decrease in the volume of business may be numbered on the fingers of one hand, and those that report neither less nor advancement are less than a dozen in number. Sacramento's educational facilities, its private seminaries, its banks, its churches, its mansions, public buildings, libraries, drives and its parks; its system of government, its moral and social features; its manufactures, shops, hospitals, societies, charities, mills and its publishing houses, together with the homes of the city, the horticulture and agriculture of the country, this year it is not deemed necessary to mention in detail, though they furnish topics for extended and appropriate remark. To the specific notes of business transactions for 1881 attention is directed, and these will be found to add force to the remarks of Mr. Hittell in his recent work on "The Commerce and Industries of the Pacific Coast," that "Sacramento is

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The following table shows the mean annual and seasonal relative humidity for the years from 1878 to 1881:

Year	Mean Annual	Mean Winter	Mean Spring	Mean Summer	Mean Autumn
1878	69.7	68.3	68.4	69.3	69.9
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1880	68.6	67.2	67.3	68.2	68.8
1881	68.4	67.0	67.1	68.0	68.6

The following table will show the season of the year that has the most wind; the winter table is for winters of 1877-8, 1878-9, 1879-80, 1880-1.

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The following table gives the number of clear fair, cloudy days, and days on which rain fell for the year, from 1878 to 1881, both inclusive.

Year	Clear	Fair	Cloudy	Rain
1878	23	46	11	13
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The following is a brief summary for each month of the year 1881:
January—Mean temperature warmest since 1878; lowest temperature during freezing period; mean rainfall since 1878, and greatest total monthly velocity of wind.
February—Mean temperature warmest since 1878; lowest temperature during freezing period; mean rainfall since 1878, and greatest total monthly velocity of wind since 1878; very highest ever known, viz., 26.6.
March—Mean temperature normal; highest temperature; least total rainfall since 1878; mean wind velocity normal; total velocity wind not so great as 1880.
April—Mean temperature higher than usual; thunder and lightning first part of month; otherwise the month was normal, respecting its meteorological conditions.
May—Mean temperature higher than any May since 1878; sprinkles on 22d and 24th; lightning on 25th.
June—Shows the lowest mean temperature ever before recorded by the Signal Office records; mean rainfall thus far has fallen in June for 32 years.
July—Mean temperature shows it to have been the coolest since Signal Office opened; mean rainfall since 1878, and greatest total monthly velocity of wind.
August—Cooler than usual; no rain and no clouds; very mild than usual for the month.
September—According to the mean temperature was cooler than the month usually recorded by the Signal Office.
October—By its mean temperature was very much cooler than usual; light frosts occurred almost from first to last of month.
November—Mean temperature a little below average; an excess of .77 of an inch of rainfall over the average for past five years; there is a deficit of .81 of an inch in the rainfall compared with the average for the past five years. The month was very dry, and the rainfall was less than any other month since 1878.
December—According to its mean temperature was the warmest since 1878, and the greatest total monthly velocity of wind since 1878; very highest ever known, viz., 26.6.

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opened up, the trade area has extended, and the average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000. In clothing and woollens there was sharper competition, but an extensive trade, and the total volume of business was about 5 per cent. making transactions \$1,075,515.

The wheat rate, selling at the mills for flour production, averaged 80 cents per bushel during 1881, per hundred weight, as follows: January, 81.20; February, 81.20; March, 81.20; April, 81.20; May, 81.20; June, 81.20; July, 81.20; August, 81.20; September, 81.20; October, 81.20; November, 81.20; December, 81.20.

The average for the year 1881, 1.43 1/2. The average for the year 1880, 1.43 1/2. The average for the year 1879, 1.43 1/2. The average for the year 1878, 1.43 1/2. The average for the year 1877, 1.43 1/2.

The postal statistics of Sacramento for the year ending December 31, 1881, bear witness to the advance of business as follows: Total number of pieces registered matter handled, 70,300. Carriers employed, 5. Delivery trips, 5. Registered letters delivered, 1,905. Mail letters delivered, 34,914. Mail parcels delivered, 26,589. Local postal delivery, 5,253.

The flouring mills of the city are worked up to their full capacity, and the demand for flour is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

Sacramento is the largest fruit exporting market of the State. A number of houses are engaged wholly in the production of fruit, and the demand for fruit is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

The business in agricultural implements and hardware is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

The business in the lumber trade is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

The business in the wine trade is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

The business in the distillery trade is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

The business in the soap trade is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

The business in the leather trade is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

The business in the saddlery trade is large. The average of the reports for the past year is 100 per cent. Total, \$1,535,000.

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