

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 31, 1905.

GREAT GROWTH OF LOS ANGELES

IMPROVEMENT STATISTICS
Total Permits . . . 9543
Total Valuation
Year 1905 . \$15,382,057

The official improvement figures issued Saturday from the office of Building Superintendent Buckner for the year 1905, present most gratifying showing of the rapid expansion of Los Angeles in the line of new business blocks, factories and homes for the people.

In brief the total number of building permits issued for the entire year was 9543, authorizing improvements aggregating in value the large sum of \$15,382,057, an increase of 2453 in permits, and \$1,972,995 in valuation over the year 1904.

In the accompanying tabulated statements are given the grand totals of improvements yearly for ten years. It will be observed that 1905 leads in total valuation, substantial evidence that Los Angeles is not only one of the principal cities of the United States in solid development, but is destined to become at an early date one of the leaders in population and industrial enterprises, as it is now already in commercial importance and

in the beauty of its charming homes and attractive suburban and beach resorts.

What the Figures Show
The detailed statement of improvements for 1905 show that six reinforced concrete structures were erected; also one steel structure, one eight-story brick, two seven-story brick buildings completed.

The list of business blocks and factories of brick construction includes one 6-story, seven 5-story, four 4-story, thirty-eight 3-story, one hundred and twenty-two 2-story and one hundred and twenty-two 1-story buildings erected; also 200 alterations of brick structures.

In frame construction for homes, the returns show that 9300 structures were erected to provide shelter for the new arrivals—new homes for 60,000 people. In detail the exhibit is: One 3-story frame, 969 2-story, 456 1 1/2-story, 4884 1-story frame dwellings; 105 flats, 61 apartment houses and 1714 frame alterations.

Other improvements for the year include the erection of 61 churches. Demolitions numbered 14, and the total of stables and sheds erected was 896.

Growth by Wards
Below is given the improvements for the year 1905 by wards:

Table with columns: Ward, Permits, Value. Lists wards from First to Ninth with their respective permit counts and values.

December Improvements
Below is the classified statement of improvements for the month of December, 1905:

Table with columns: Structure, Permits, Value. Lists 6-story brick building and 1-story brick building with their permit counts and values.

TOTAL VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS IN LOS ANGELES ANNUALLY SINCE 1894

Table with columns: Year, Permits, Value. Shows annual improvement statistics from 1894 to 1905.

In this district lies high and level and the numerous electric rail-ways projected, now under way or proposed, which would grid-iron the whole section appears very strongly to purchasers and the whole territory over which extensive improve-ments are being made is about two-thirds of a mile square. The tract im-provements planned therein aggre-gates nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Lots in this section vary in price from \$500 to \$5000, and the acreage prices have increased during the year from \$1000 to as high as \$4500. The whole section is high, the drainage system is perfect and for scenic beauty it is unequalled.

One of the leading operators in the Los Angeles real estate field is quoted as saying: "Los Angeles will have 1,000,000 inhabitants within fifteen years—possibly within ten. That will make it about the fourth American city in size. Think of that and guess where the value of good close-in business property should be. Then get busy and buy a piece of it, hold on to it, no matter what pessimists say, and you won't regret it. We are to have a steady supply of pure mountain water. It will be brought from one of the most wonderful mountain ranges in the world—more than 200 miles distant—at an expense of about \$23,000,000. Our banking business is increasing remarkably, our building record is equalled only by five or six cities in America, and still it is difficult to find a comfortable house for rental. In San Francisco are thousands of vacant flats—here only a few. We should make great efforts to tell them of some of our resources—such as alfalfa lands that produce seven crops annually, instead of one, with a revenue ranging from \$75 to \$100 per acre net; English walnuts (one ranch produced in 1904 about \$75,000 worth); almonds, olives, figs (as fine as the world knows). Almost every kind of citrus and deciduous fruits and thou-sands of tons of these products, no retail production, but millions of tons; oil, asphalt, coal, borax, grains of all kinds. Our mining industries are enormous. Our climate is the best on earth, not only during the winter months, as the easterners think, but the year around. I do not believe a finer summer climate can be found than in Southern California."

One of the big things in the construction line near Los Angeles is planned for the new town of Hamilton on the Chino road, where the Pacific Sugar Construction company will erect an extensive beet sugar plant. The cost of the improvement, with equipment, will start at \$1,000,000. The big factory will start a new and prosperous community; many business blocks and scores of homes will be erected. A Los Angeles firm will build the factory.

Many of the leading architects of Los Angeles who have made it a point to object to their line have commenced posting themselves fully in the construction of reinforced concrete structures. Books on the subject, profusely illustrated, have been published and the pages now are being scanned closely and studied by the local designers. Four or five reinforced concrete buildings on the principal thoroughfares of the city soon will be completed and it is expected that they will stand for an indefinite period. The only objection or criticism advanced is that in case of an earthquake the concrete buildings will go to smash, while the steel frame structures will be but slightly damaged. Concrete as a building material appears to have come to stay. The Los Angeles city council has by ordinance created the office of inspector of reinforced concrete structures, providing a salary of \$150 a month.

Principal Building Permits
During the past week the following building permits were issued: Towne avenue, 772—Miss Sarah C. Shipman, builder; two-story, eight-room frame residence; \$4200. Main street, 4101 South—William Wagner, owner; W. J. Klits & Co., builders; one-story, seven-room frame residence; \$2340.

Another Big Deal
Mrs. Pearl P. Arbuckle has sold to J. A. Vaughan and associates through Robert Marsh & Co. a lot 40x125 feet on the east side of Hill street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, for \$50,000. Improvements nominal. This purchase was made as an investment.

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LOS ANGELES BANK CLEARINGS
FIGURES TELLING STORY OF ENORMOUS BUSINESS
Clearances for the Full Years of 1904 and 1905 and for the Fiscal Years Since 1888 Are Shown

The clearances of the Los Angeles clearing house for the full year of 1905 indicate the enormous volume of business transacted to carry on the varied interests of our growing city. The total clearances for 1905 were \$479,985,298.30; for the full year of 1904, \$345,343,956.35, an increase of \$134,641,341.95.

Showing for Eighteen Years
J. G. Mossin, secretary and manager of the Los Angeles clearing house, recently submitted the following interesting table for eighteen years, the full period of the existence of the clearing house. The figures are for the fiscal years ending September 30 each year:

Table showing clearing house figures from 1888 to 1905, with columns for Year and Amount.

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