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Natural Advantages of Oakland, and her Progress.



The earlier residents of Oakland were induced to become dwellers here because the climate was superior to that on the western side of the Bay, and because the surroundings were in every way more beautiful and attractive. These are the great natural advantages operating in favor of Oakland, and from their character they must be perpetual. Oakland is a city of residences. The vast majority of her people are interested in business at the metropol-

olis, but every part of California is represented in her population. The establishment of the State University and the development of a perfect system of public schools in the city are next in importance to the natural advantage of climate and healthfulness.

This educational system is such that a child six years of age can enter at one of the primary schools and pass through the successive classes until fully qualified to enter the State University. The University itself is upon the borders of the city. Thus parents can obtain for their sons and daughters educational facilities now equal to any in the United States. The extensive knowledge of this fact tends to hasten the influx of population. The people of the city have done much to increase its attractions and are now putting forward well-directed efforts to give to the place a commercial importance of its own. The half-million dollars expended in street improvements have given miles of splendid driveways. The liberal spirit of the people in maintain-

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