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OAKLAND, the fifth city of the State, is situated on the east shore of San Francisco Bay, opposite San Francisco, about six miles distant. Large groves of evergreen oaks used to cover the ground on which the city is built. Very many of these have been preserved, so that the streets and gardens of this city have more trees than those of any other city in the State; hence the name, Oakland, sometimes called Park City. There are 2,000 houses in this city, and a population of 10,000. It is distinguished for the number and high standing of its educational institutions. There are six public schools, a Military Academy, Female College, Young Ladies' Seminary, Convent of the Sacred Heart, University School, and State University. Also a public library, nine churches, two daily newspapers, City Hall, banks, street railroad, gas, water works, etc. The immediate harbor of Oakland is an arm of the principal bay called San Antonio Creek, which is obstructed by a bar at the mouth which prevents the passage of heavy vessels except at high tide. The bay in the front being very shallow, compelled the construction of a wharf nearly two miles in length, in order to conveniently connect it with San Francisco. By this means a railroad and steam ferry, making hourly trips, was established, and Oakland rapidly grew to its present importance. This railroad and ferry now constitute

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