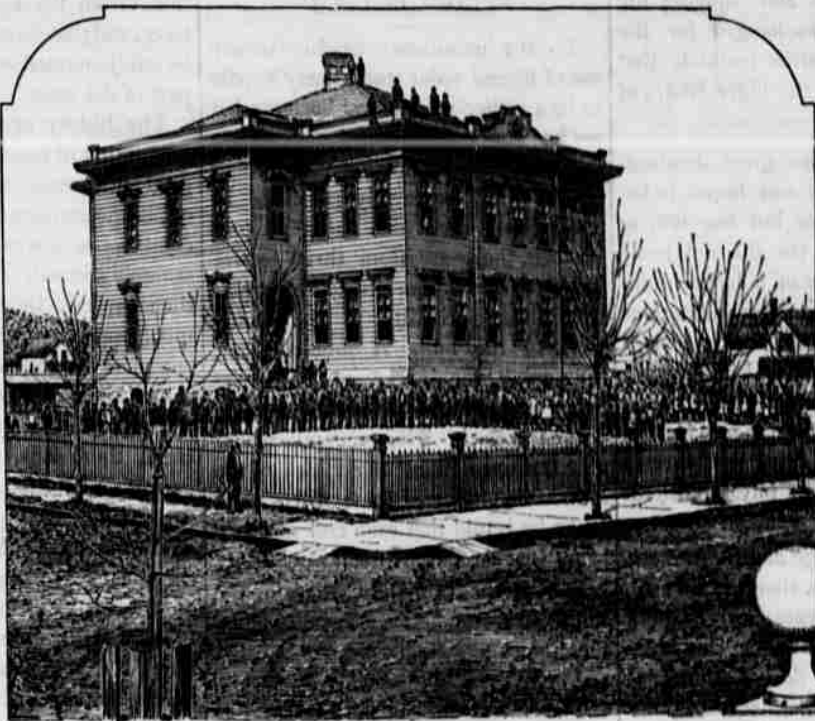


in a fair way of adding another million of subjects to our great commonwealth before the expiration of the current year. It is by no means an easy matter to predict the ultimate results of this prodigious growth or portray its essential effects upon our political, social and moral economy. The Pacific States and Territories may yet be considered as sparsely settled when compared with the Atlantic seaboard and middle States. This cannot much longer be said of us,

however, and the time is fast approaching when it will be no longer an idle question to ask our Eastern neighbors, "What shall we do with our boys and girls?"

It was a simple thing for Horace Greeley to tell young men to go West; but so long as the silent Pacific receives the setting sun, no such ready alternative can be ours. If such terms as the "oriental" and "occidental" ever possessed any romance or poetry, steam and the electric current have pretty thoroughly divested them of all their choicest sentimentalism. Within the memory of our children, telegraph wires and iron rails have caused the influx of a new dispensation among us. Practically speaking, old things have passed away, and all



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things have become new.

In the days when it required six months for a rustling emigrant to span the continent with his family, and another three months for friendly greetings to complete the round trip by mail, this coast was practically iso-

lated from the East, and a visitor coming among us from New England or the middle States, could not fail to discover a clearly defined provincialism in our language, our literature, our social intercourse and business relations. But we are fast parting with these peculiarities, and even now, our old pioneers are wont to look back to the days of '49 as old age looks back to the halcyon days of youth.

Much as many of us would desire the beautiful vista to remain intact, stern destiny decrees that changes must needs come, and the active concerns of life leave us very little time to indulge in the dreams of fancy or sentiment.

Notwithstanding the inexorable laws of progress; albeit there is a good deal of inspiration in the utterance, "Westward, the star of empire takes its way," yet do we believe that there are certain elements that go to make up our Pacific coast society which ought to be perpetuated.

There is an undefinable Western cast observable in our social structure which should, by all means, crop out in our future citizenship. We believe we are giving expression to the honest convictions of every true Pacific coaster, when we say that our untrammelled, free and easy ways of liv-



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