

has been contracted for the coming year. The terminal car shops of the Northern Pacific are located at Tacoma and form an important industry. They give employment to a great many men and place large sums of money in circulation. The locomotives and rolling stock of the road are kept in repair at these shops, and flat cars are made. New brick shops will be constructed and supplied with machinery for building cars, coaches and locomotives. Other manufacturing enterprises consist of Williams' Cannery, where 4,000 cases of salmon and a few cases of clams and herrings were packed last year, and seventy-five men employed; the Pioneer Candy Factory, where 36,250 pounds of sugar were consumed in 1884; the Mattress Factory of Messrs. Whittier, Stansberry & Co., which has just been started, and to which it is the intention of the proprietors to add a steam furniture factory; tin and galvanized iron works, employing thirty men; soda works, marble works and brick yards.

Tacoma possesses some of the finest brick business blocks north of San Francisco. So great was the haste of her citizens to erect buildings during the first two years of her growth, since 1880, that wood was employed almost exclusively. Brick yards have during the past three years turned out many millions of brick, which have been laid in the substantial structures which now line the streets. The transformation has been almost magical. Occasional fires have destroyed frame structures here and there, and in their places have arisen solid walls of brick and iron. It will require but a few years more to complete the substitution of brick for wood, and render the city secure from extensive conflagrations.

The Tacoma Land Company has erected the largest and handsomest hotel building north of San Francisco, and though not yet a year old, "The Tacoma" has a national reputation, disseminated by the hundreds of tourists who have enjoyed its hospitalities. This elegant hotel stands on the bluff above the water front, overlooking the bay, the valley, foothills and mountains. The most prominent object in the landscape is Mount Tacoma, of which a magnificent view is obtained from the veranda and lawn of the hotel. The possession of such a house of entertainment renders the city a favorite summer resort and a headquarters for those who desire to spend a few days or weeks amidst the beautiful scenery of the Sound. This is also the starting point for those who desire to take a jaunt in the mountains or ascend the great snow peak. The latter feat is easier of accomplishment than formerly, and is undertaken more frequently every year. There is not a great mountain in America which is now as easy of access to tourists, or from whose top such a magnificent view can be had.

The St. Luke's Memorial Church is an imposing stone edifice, erected at an expense of \$25,000. This was presented to the congregation by Mr. C. B. Wright, of Philadelphia, an enthusiastic believer in the great future of Tacoma, and formerly President of the Northern Pacific. Another of this gentleman's munificent gifts is the Annie Wright Seminary, which he endowed with \$50,000, the \$35,000 which it cost to erect the building having been

raised by subscription by Bishop J. A. Paddock. Mr. Wright has endowed an academy for boys on the same terms. Another institution is the Fannie C. Paddock Memorial Hospital, dedicated to the memory of the estimable wife of Bishop Paddock. The citizens have exhibited the same liberal spirit in educational matters, and have erected a very large and substantial school building. Twelve teachers are employed and 600 scholars are in attendance. School property is valued at \$30,024.

A complete system of gas and water works has recently been constructed by the Tacoma Light and Water Company. The gas works have at present a capacity of 50,000 cubic feet per day, which may at any time be easily doubled. The works are complete in every respect, and have just been finished. The water works are not yet completed. They comprise a reservoir of 1,500,000 gallons capacity, situated 262 feet above low tide water, and supplied by water brought by a canal from a lake nine miles distant, together with that of creeks and springs in the vicinity. The lower part of the city is supplied by direct pressure from the reservoir, while the higher levels are reached by means of powerful Holly pumps, which will give a fire pressure at the highest point in the city. All the money for these enterprises was supplied by Mr. Wright, the company issuing bonds to the amount of \$300,000. This is another evidence of his great faith in the future greatness of the city.

There are two banks in the city—Merchants' National Bank and Tacoma National Bank. These are solid institutions and handle all the financial business of the county. During the year 1884 these banks purchased exchange to the amount of \$3,000,000. Their aggregate deposits are \$5,234,451. This is an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 in exchange and \$1,600,000 in deposits. There is an incorporated Chamber of Commerce, composed of the enterprising business men of the city. Besides St. Luke's, there are numerous other religious societies. St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, Catholic (dedicated to St. Leo), First Presbyterian, First Congregational, Baptist and Tacoma Methodist Episcopal Mission have good houses of worship, while Scandinavian, German Lutheran and Unitarian church societies are organized. A flourishing Young Men's Christian Association occupies commodious rooms in one of the business blocks.

There are many improvements already projected for the future. A street railway project is on foot; several new manufacturing enterprises are in contemplation; a large increase in the size and capacity of the car shops is to be made; great harbor improvements have been laid out and will be made, and it is expected that the Northern Pacific will establish a line of steamers between this port and Japan and China as soon as the road is completed across the mountains, a year hence at the latest. Two daily and weekly papers—the *News* and *Ledger*—are published in the city. They are ably edited and rank among the best on the Pacific Coast. Every one who desires to keep himself informed about Tacoma and Puget Sound is advised to subscribe for those excellent papers.