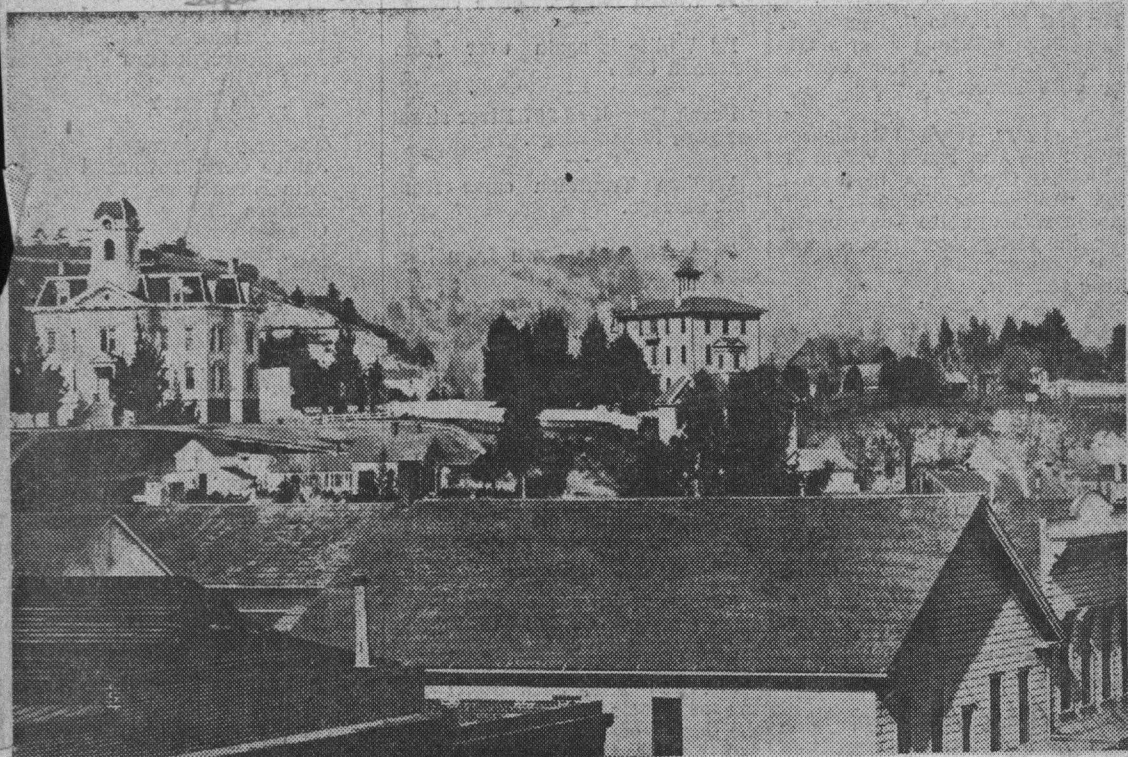


# Santa Cruz Yesterdays

Sept 25 '49



## LANDMARKS OF THE EIGHTIES

(From the Preston Sawyer Collection)

It was about 1885 when Photographer Aichberg made the above picture, looking northwestward from probably the roof of Ely Block No. 1, above his studio.

In the center foreground is the roof of the Whidden building, erected in 1866 or 1867 at Locust and Pacific, by R. K. Whidden, a Nova Scotian. With his brothers-in-law, George and Harvey Boomer, he had a sawmill in Boomer Gulch. For period of time during the 70's the Weekly Sentinel paid Whidden \$20 a month for print shop quarters on the second floor of his building. It stood until 1910 when the Farmers and Merchants bank was erected on the site.

### Early Sentinel Home

The roof of the McPherson brick building of 1867 is seen in the lower left hand corner. Still standing, with a third floor added, the upper stories house the Alexander hotel. When this photo was made, the Daily Sentinel was being print-

ed on the second floor.

The school building of 1876 is the large one at the left. With its high basement and mansard roof it was four stories high. The high school was started in its top floor but had moved to Walnut and California before the 1906 quake weakened the older building and its top story was removed. The rest stood until 1930.

On the slope just below the school is a cottage, erected in 1859 by Isaac H. Pierce, a plasterer, who gave it an exterior of lath and stucco and did it so well that it is still occupied, the original stucco dwelling of Santa Cruz.

The three story wooden building to the right was built by the Sisters of Mercy in the late sixties to house the school they had founded in 1862 in an adobe near it which had been part of the Franciscan mission establishment. It was razed in 1944.

### Old Temperance Hall

Just below the Sisters of Mercy

school, almost obscured by two trees, is Temperance Hall, built in 1861 by the thriving Sons of Temperance. It stood originally on a level with the Catholic school back of it but in the eighties was dropped 50 feet as the earth was cut away beneath it to the new level of Mission street. Later it was moved to Bulkhead near Water street where it housed the M. Tan laundry and served other purposes until it was torn down in 1930.

Immediately to the left of the Sisters' school, above the trees can just be seen the steeple of the old frame Catholic church which gave way in 1899 to the new brick church. This wooden church, however, stood until 1898, when it was finally dismantled. Left of the trees, in the middle background, across the upper plaza, is the Jackson Sylvar building, at Sylvar and High streets.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Spande were over from Cool, Calif.