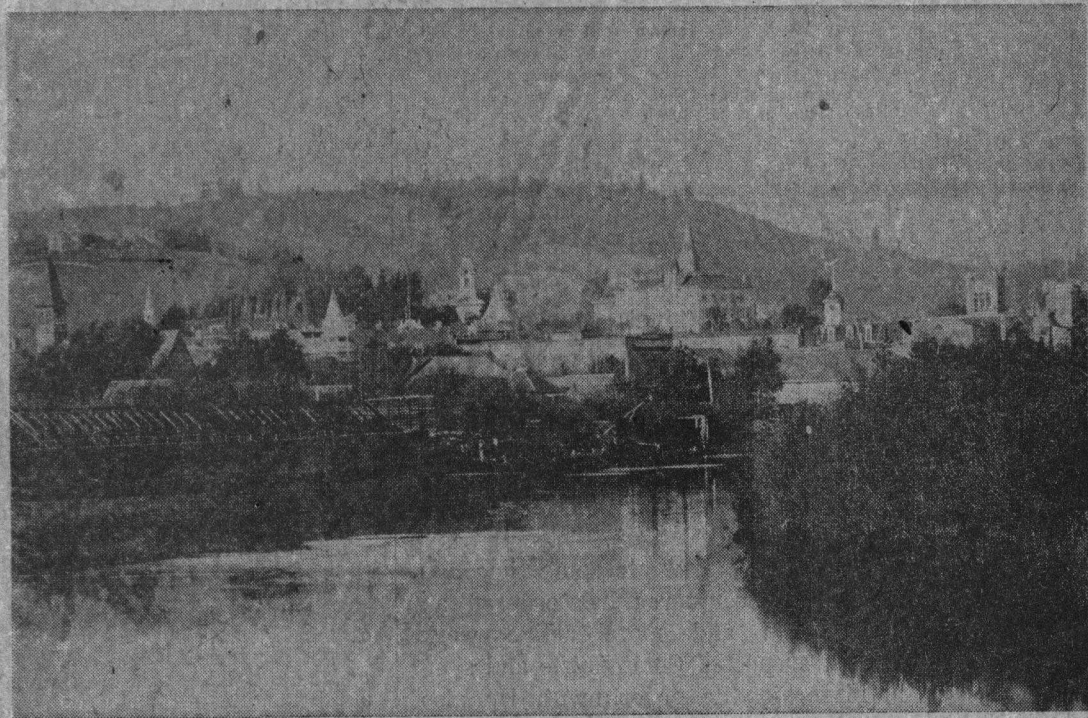


# Santa Cruz Yesterdays



LATE 90's SKYLINE VIEWED FROM RIVER

(From the Preston Sawyer Collection)

Photographer George Webb gained a striking telescopic effect in the above photo when, some 56 years ago, he poised his camera from a point near the 10 years old "Cut-bias" (Riverside avenue) bridge.

The broad bend of the San Lorenzo at Laurel street dominates the foreground in bankfull beauty, at high tide. And impressive is the far ridge, largely Cowell land, high in the background.

It is interesting to note, and a significant testimony of the changes that come with the passing years, that but a single feature of the skyline of that day remains at the present time: the spire of the Catholic church on High street, then not quite ten years old. It can be seen a little to the right of the central background, rising directly behind the Holy Cross school, often called the "Sisters' school" and sometimes the "convent", dismantled during the World War II period.

## Loganberry Source

In the left background, prominent on what was first known as Logan Heights, above High street, is seen the fine home of Superior Court Judge J. H. Logan, who with his wife, is credited with here producing the now famous Loganberry, named for them.

Later the property was purchased by Theophilus Noel, from the east, a wealthy medicine manufacturer whose "Vitae Ore" was widely advertised. He promptly renamed the property Noel Heights. The old residence was removed when development activities were started there not too long ago.

Numerous spires, steeples and towers, all of them now gone from the scene, are evident, starting from the extreme left.

## Steeple and Towers

First is that of the old Presbyterian church, Pacific and Cathcart, which stood there from 1892 until 1938.

A little to the right is the more

distant white steeple of the old Congregational (until 1890) church on Church street. This disappeared when the present Methodist church was developed. Next is seen first the since-removed cupola of the Hihn building at Pacific and Lincoln. Then a little more to the right, that of the Alta building at Pacific and Walnut, now replaced by the Newberry store.

Looming in the background is the easily recognized oldtime Mission Hill school, long since removed.

To the right of the Holy Cross school is the old town clock tower, burned in 1899, and replaced by the present IOOF building and clock. The court house tower, next seen, had only a couple of years before being added to the picture, after the disastrous fire of 1894 had taken the original structure.

And at the extreme right are the turrets of the armory on Front street, then newly created after the original fair pavilion of 1883 had been moved from Soquel avenue to Front street.

The large Farmer's Union building, Pacific and Soquel avenues (1883-1929) can be distinguished in the nearer center background. On the east or back of the structure is a large sign reading, "A. M. Johnston Co. Flour, Feed, Grain, Seeds."