

nothing of the miles of walks, bridle paths and boulevards traversing the parks. Golden Gate Park is one of the world's most noted playgrounds. It comprises 1013 acres and is about 3 miles long and a half-mile wide, extending from Stanyan street on the east to the Pacific Ocean on the west and lies in the midst of San Francisco's choice residential districts.

In the park are many museums, monuments, an aviary, aquarium, music temple, stadium, tennis courts, baseball grounds, football grounds, trotting and packing horse track, athletic field and running track paddocks, and children's playgrounds. There are more than 25 miles of improved drive-ways in the park. Wild animals of many species are to be seen, while every bird and squirrel known to California roams or flies at will through the dense woods and shrubbery. At the western end of the park is to be seen the sloop "Gjoa," the only vessel that ever navigated the Northwest Passage, and which was given to San Francisco by its owner and explorer, Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole also; the gift was accepted by San Francisco June 16, 1909. The ship was hauled upon the beach and is protected by a high iron fence.

### SOCIAL

San Francisco has more than 340 churches, representing many denominations. The congregations of the churches include people of many nationalities, such as English, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Scandinavian, Russian and Chinese.

There are numerous societies, clubs, lodges and fraternal groups beside the civic, historical, military, religious and sporting groups, San Francisco contains many foreign colonies, where the daily life and social events familiar to their native countries have been reestablished here.

The cosmopolitan character of San Francisco is well portrayed by the many interesting and diversified events which

take place daily. The citizen or visitor may find many educational things of interest, such as lectures, concerts, readings, recitals, special exhibits of drawing, painting, sculpture, and other works of art.

There are two public art galleries and several semi-public galleries which offer exhibits and collections of national and international fame.

There is a main public library in the Civic Center with 21 branches and 6 depositories. This system has 550,000 volumes. There are nearly 100 private and special libraries, including technical and institutional. There are also numerous circulating libraries.

The Municipal Auditorium, with a seating capacity of 12,000, contains a magnificent organ and is in use for a variety of events daily throughout the year. The Civic Opera House and the War Memorial Building provide a home for opera, the symphony orchestra, and a permanent war relics museum. San Francisco is the first city in the nation to have a civic opera house. It has a seating capacity of 3285.

### HEALTH

San Francisco is a clean city with a cool, bracing equable open-all-year-around climate. The daily mean maximum temperature is 62.6 degrees. The daily mean minimum temperature is 50.3 degrees. The average daily temperature range is 12.3 degrees.

The hours of fog over San Francisco Bay recorded by the Lighthouse Service averaged only 153 per year.

San Francisco is one of a few of nature's air-conditioned cities—relatively warm in winter and cool in summer. The long-time record of the Weather Bureau reveals the sun shines in San Francisco sixty-six of every one hundred possible hours.

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