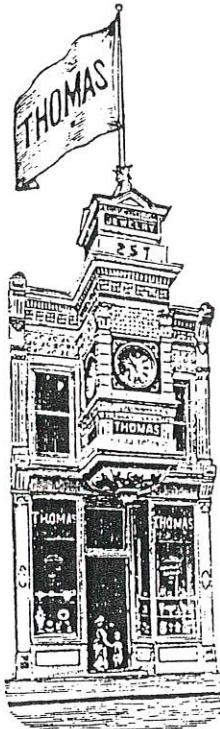


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STEPHEN THOMAS, JR., & BRO., jewelers and watchmakers, at 257 King street, have been in partnership since 1881. Mr. Stephen Thomas had been in the trade for many years before that, however, as one of the firm of Thomas & Lanneau, and before the war with Hayden Brothers & Co., then and for many years after leading jewelers of the South. He abandoned the business during the war but resumed right after it. J. M., his brother, is a much younger man, but he has been fifteen years engaged in this line.

The illustration presented with this matter shows the building occupied by this firm, with its projecting clock tower and modern front. It was one of those shaken up by the earthquake in '86 and was reconstructed then, embellished and made one of the handsomest throughout to be found here. The decorations and appointments, ceilings, walls, cornice, chandeliers, etc., are in the latest style of interior finish, and serve to display the valuable stock carried to better advantage than before these changes were made. Upstairs is the workshop, with apparatus and tools for the artisans employed, including furnaces, rolling mills, and all the latest devices. The house has two watchmakers employed, one of them a man distinguished in his business, F. Sumner, a German. He built the two "regulators" in this establishment, one running twelve and the other three months, the latter valued at \$1,000.

Messrs. Thomas & Brother buy direct from the manufacturers. They make a specialty of diamonds and diamond setting, optical goods of all kinds, silver and fine plated ware, and watches. They are the agents for two great makers, Philip Patek, of Switzerland, and the Rockford Company, American. Watches needing repair or regulation may be expressed to them from the country. They fill mail orders from all parts of the state and have a man on the road selling for them.



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