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A number of unfinished jobs are still keeping the California quarries busy, and there is enough new work coming up from time to time to take up the surplus output. Indeed, there is a tendency at present to enlarge the scope of operations and seek a wider market as an outlet for this state's production of marble, which has so far been confined almost entirely to local use. Quarry operators have been somewhat handicapped in the past by lack of sufficient capital to exploit the business in a large way, and several promising projects are still held back on this account, but some of the local concerns are coming to a point where they can look for some recognition outside of California.

One of the handsomest jobs of marble work in the West is that in the Bellevue Hotel at Geary and Taylor Streets, San Francisco. All the marble in this handsome hotel came from the new California quarries of the Baxter Marble Company, whose offices are in the Call Building, San Francisco. The marble is called California Pavanazzo on account of its similarity to the marble of that name found in Europe. It is crystalline in texture and formation and takes a high polish. There is a marble, almost black, used for the bottom base and first part of the floor tile, which comes from the same locality.

These quarries are located in Tuolumne county and the marble is sometimes called by this name.

In 1908 Tuolumne county produced 23,000 cubic feet of marble valued at \$46,000. The only other California counties which in that year produced marble in commercial quantities were Ingo and San Bernardino, whose output brought the total for the state to 31,400 cubic feet valued at \$75,800. That the quarrying of marble is a growing industry in California is shown by comparing the 1907 report of the state mining bureau with the report of 1906 quoted above. In 1907, 37,512 cubic feet were produced, a gain of 6,000 cubic feet, the increase of the value in 1907 being \$118,066. In addition to the three counties listed in 1906, marble was quarried in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties in 1907.

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*(According to “It’s The Inn Thing,” by Wendy Tanaka, April 13, 1997, on SFGate.com, the former Bellevue Hotel, located at the corner of Geary and Taylor, was renovated and reopened in 1995 as the Hotel Monaco.)*

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