

THE TOWN OF ALAMEDA.

Alameda Township comprises the Encinel, or peninsula, bounded on the north by the San Antonio Creek, on the west, south and east by the Bay of San Francisco. Like Oakland, the land is covered by a thick growth of oaks, and the soil is sandy. In 1854, the Legislature passed an Act to incorporate the Town of Alameda, but no town government is required, and none is now maintained. Alameda contains many fine private residences, but the place does not appear to have kept pace with the growth of Oakland and Brooklyn. At the western extremity of the Encinel are the machine shops of the San Francisco and Alameda Railroad Company, which are extensive and complete. This railroad, extending to Haywards, transacts a great amount of business, and at certain seasons of the year the immense amount of grain grown in Alameda County is transported to the metropolis by this route.

The private Insane Asylum located in this town is the only one worthy of mention in the State, and since it has been opened many unfortunate persons have been sent there by their friends in preference to the State institution.

There are two churches in the town, a Presbyterian and a Methodist. The contemplated improvements of the Western Pacific Railroad Company, to be located at the western part of the town, will build it into a city but slightly inferior to Oakland, its inferiority consisting in the fact that there is back of the place no continuous stretch of territory as there is adjacent to Oakland. At the late Presidential election, 149 votes were cast in the Township.

Appended are given the names of the residents of the town and their occupation.