

flowing with scholars. Several fine residences have lately been constructed and there is a general appearance of growth and prosperity, most gratifying to note. The station of the Western Pacific Railroad has been located about one-fourth of a mile west of the Court House, and the tendency of buildings and improvements is now in that direction. The Railroad Company propose to erect large and commodious depot buildings there and it is considered that both the depots of the Western Pacific and Alameda Railroads will actually be at that point. At present the depot of the latter road is one-fourth of a mile further down, and near the center of the town.

East of San Leandro, one mile, and near the base of Pot Hook mountain, is a flourishing Portuguese hamlet, called Chicken Lane, where that industrious people produce and send annually to the San Francisco market large quantities of early peas and other vegetables, also chickens. It is about four miles from the center of San Leandro to the apex of Pot Hook Mountain, which is a singular elevation of the coast range. From its own base to top by the course usually traveled is about two miles, and from it can be had one of the finest views in the whole country. The eye takes in an extensive range of towns and cities, rivers, mountains, the bay of San Francisco and the ocean; and besides Alameda county there are within sight the counties of San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Contra Costa. The citizens generally are improving their grounds, buildings and fences, and numerous orchards are being set out.

HAYWOOD, the second place in importance in this township, is situated six miles by railroad from San Leandro, and is the terminus of the San Francisco and Alameda Railroad; is also the location of the celebrated race track owned by the Haywood Trotting Park Company. During the past year there has been built a large grain warehouse, to supply the place of the one destroyed the previous year by the earthquake. There have also been erected two large stores, one by Mr. George Brown and the other by Jamison & Larrabee, a new Odd Fellows' building with public hall. Haywood Hotel has also been enlarged, and another story has been

added to Anderson's Hotel. New streets have been laid out and numerous private residences have been erected.

Morse & Heslip's large flouring mill, which was partially demolished by the great earthquake of 1868, has been rebuilt and has been doing a prosperous business.

SAN LORENZO, situated near Haywood, is a small and rural looking place. It has numerous fine orchards, the extensive nurseries of Lewelling & Sons, and of William Meek, two hotels and the large plow and wagon manufactory of Mr. Henry Smyth. This latter enterprise was established in 1853 and has been constantly increasing in importance ever since. It now contains a good steam engine and much other valuable machinery. A large repairing business is done here and twenty men are constantly employed. Mr. Smyth, the proprietor, is the author of several important inventions in agricultural machinery.

MOUNT EDEN, situated in the southern part of the township, is the center of a flourishing farming community, made up mostly of Germans. It has two hotels, two stores, a school house and blacksmith shop.

From the various landings along the bay border of this township, small schooners land as occasion requires, and previous to the construction of the railroads did much in the way of carrying agricultural products to San Francisco.

Churches in the Township.

METHODIST.—In San Leandro the Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1860. The Rev. Albert Shaw is the present pastor. The Church is in a good financial condition, has 16 members, and a Sunday School with 50 scholars and teachers and a library of 100 volumes. Mr. Shane is Superintendent of the School. The Trustees of the Church are Major Hamilton, A. Davidson, R. A. McClure and Mr. Moore. In connection with this Church, as with nearly every other, there is a social and literary society.

At Haywood there is a Methodist Episcopal Church, with 32 members. Mr. Shaw preaches there. The Church is out of debt. The Sunday School, of which Mr. Myles Johnson is Superintendent, has 70 scholars and a library of 150 volumes.