

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.

This township has several villages, namely: Alvarado, Centerville, Vallejo Mills, Washington Corners, Mission San Jose, Union City, Harrisburg and Warm Springs. It also borders on the bay of San Francisco, to the southwest, and has along its coast several landings, named respectively: Long's, Beards, Mowry's and Warm Springs. Its eastern boundary extends along the western line of Murray, and runs along a spur of the coast range extending to Mission Peak. It is well watered by Alameda, Sanjon, Agua Caliente, Agua Fino, and Canada del Aliso creeks and their tributaries, and has a fine valley soil similar to that in Eden.

ALVARADO AND UNION CITY, near Benson's Landing, on the bay, nearly adjoin each other. From this landing a small steamer runs to the city of San Francisco, carrying freight and occasional passengers. Alvarado has two hotels, two stores and quite a fine Odd Fellows' Lodge and Hall building, and an extensive wagon and plow factory. During the year 1869, a fine residence, costing 9,000, has been erected here by Mr. E. H. Dyer, who was formerly County Surveyor.

CENTERVILLE has two large hotels and is populated with a flourishing and industrious people, who are mostly all in possession of improved homesteads.

ALAMEDA LODGE No. 167, F. and A. M., meets at Centerville. The officers are as follows: Lorenzo G. Yates, W. M.; Perry Morrison, S. W.; O. R. Simpson, J. W.; J. Threlfall, Treasurer; G. W. Bond, Secretary.

WASHINGTON CORNERS, has a large wagon and plow shop, and one hotel. At this place the Western Pacific Railroad Company have established a station on the San Jose branch, which is a great convenience to the residents.

MISSION SAN JOSE, is pleasantly situated near the southern line of the township and overlooks a large extent of surrounding country. The earthquake of 1868, destroyed the

old adobe Catholic Church located here, which had withstood the action of the elements for nearly one hundred years. During the year 1869, a new and elegant church edifice has been erected in its place. At this place have also been erected, in 1869, several elegant private residences and a large store, by Ehrman & Bachman. This place also has its wagon and plow factory, over which is a hall for concerts and public assemblages. Here also is located the only distillery in the county.

THE WARM SPRINGS are located two miles from Mission San Jose. These springs, buildings and 600 acres of ground attached, have recently been sold by their owner, Clemente Colombet, to Mr. A. A. Cohen for \$100,000. The Springs are only twelve miles from the city of San Jose.

HARRISBURG, about three miles from the Mission, and near the Warm Springs landing, is a station of the Western Pacific Railroad on the San Jose branch. It is surrounded by a flourishing agricultural community.

VALLEJO MILLS, the junction of the Sacramento and San Jose branches of the Western Pacific Railroad, is from that circumstance, at present quite a thriving place. Here is also the old Vallejo Flouring Mills, which give the place its name, and a water power, said to be the best in the State. It is expected that this water privilege will soon be greatly improved and turned to some account in the way of manufacture.

This township altogether, is one of the best in the county and is rich in agriculture and mechanical effects.

### TOWN OF CENTERVILLE.

Abbey Wm, farmer.	Alviso Augustine, farmer.
Alviso Jesus M, farmer.	Andrews Joseph, farmer.
Alviso Valentine, farmer.	Anderson, Robert, farmer.
Allen Cyrus H, physician.	Atwill John H, farmer.
Babb Nathaniel L.	Bond G W, Justice Peace.
Bane David C, farmer.	Bonnar Robert, farmer.
Bane Daniel, farmer.	Bragdon Ed C, farmer.
Barry William, farmer.	Brannan William, butcher.
Bamber Wm F, hotel.	Brewer Jas A, farmer.