

HAYWARDS—This is a small village of about one thousand inhabitants, delightfully situated at the head of Castro Valley, in the Coast Range mountains, about twenty-one miles southeast of San Francisco. The town is located on a rise of ground overlooking the San Jose Valley and Bay of San Francisco, from which it is distant about four miles. The climate is delightful, not being subject to fogs common to many places on the Bay. It is sheltered from the wind by a range of hills which do not affect the extensive view of the plains below or the towering hills on the north and east. It is the present terminus of the San Francisco and Alameda Railroads, and connected by stage lines with Amador and San Ramon villages and the towns of Alvarado, Centerville and San Jose. San Lorenzo is a town similar in appearance to the county seat, but smaller and with fewer inhabitants. Among the foothills and extending back for several miles there are 36,000 acres of fine pasture land, and in the immediate vicinity of the town there are 25,000 acres of the most fertile agricultural land in the world. The soil in this locality seems to be peculiarly adapted to the raising of vegetables and fruits. The Brighton Cattle Market—one of the largest in the State for the sale of horned stock—was established in 1864, and is situated at East Haywards, on the Amador road. The San Lorenzo Creek runs through the grounds, and forms the boundaries of Castro Valley. Within this valley is situated the gum tree nursery, containing seventy acres of land entirely planted with red and white gum trees. There are three churches in Haywards—Methodist, Congregational and Catholic; also three fraternal societies, all of which are in a flourishing condition. The *Alameda Advocate*, one of the most popular papers in the county, is published here.