

1852 the first school-house, a portion of the present modest structure, near the Baptist Church on Adams street, was built. A Mrs. Smith was the first teacher. The grammar school was built in 1864, and was for years the finest school house in the county. In 1854 the Clinton Flour Mills were built. The first store, the building used by Mr. Johnson for a wagonmaker's shop at the present time, was erected in 1854, by Mr. Lacey, who had Mr. Atchinson associated with him in the business. In August, 1865, the cotton factory was started.

The Presbyterian Church was the first place of worship erected in the town, in 1861. Stages from Oakland to San José commenced running as early as 1853. Cameron's Brooklyn line subsequently ran to the Mission and Alvarado.

Brooklyn's progress is now rapid and permanent. Under the provisions of the Act of Incorporation the interests of all classes are carefully guarded, and the necessary authority is vested in the officers named therein to meet the requirements of the future. Since January, 1871, over one hundred buildings have been erected, several of which are of an important and extensive character. During this period, Tubbs' Hotel, which has already become one of the most popular resorts in the State, and a street railroad connecting Oakland with Brooklyn, have been completed and opened to the public. Increased school facilities have been provided. A newspaper, the *Home Journal*, conducted with ability and enterprise, has been established, and a system of street improvements adopted which must add materially to the future health and prosperity of the town. Since April, 1870, over one hundred thousand dollars have been expended in grading and improving the public streets.

One of the most notable and attractive features of Brooklyn are the numerous elegant private residences, surrounded by extensive and tastefully ornamented grounds, which have been completed within the past few years. Worthy of special mention are those of Hiram Tubbs, James Larue, Benjamin Haynes, J. West Martin, Dr. C. C. Knowles, William Faulkner, J. C. Mathews, Walter Turnbull, and others.

The town is supplied with gas from the Oakland Gas Co., and water is furnished by the works of the Contra Costa Water Co., and the pipes from Fruit Vale belonging to the same company. Water is also obtained for street purposes, and for the locomotives of the Central Pacific Railroad, from four artesian wells on Larue's wharf, which afford all that is required for these purposes.

Admirably located for commercial purposes, on an elevated plateau near the foot-hills of the Coast Range, from the heights of which the most picturesque views of the Bay of San Francisco and the surrounding country can be obtained; with an excellent climate and a soil unsurpassed for fertility, Brooklyn is evidently the nucleus of a large and important city.

Town Officers, 1870 and 1871.

May, 1870.—Board of Trustees: H. A. Mayhew, (President) Hiram Tubbs, Charles Newton, Henry Tum Suden, Adam Cannon. School Trustees, Dr. C. C. Knowles, A. W. Swett, Frederick Buel; Clerk and