

- No. 6—Peralta, and West Fourteenth streets, and the waters of the Bay.
- No. 7—Fourteenth and Market streets, and the charter line.
- No. 8—Market, and West Fourteenth streets, the old charter line and the Bay.
- No. 9—The territory recently added to the limits of the city, from the old charter line to Logan Street.

COUNTY INFIRMARY.

The County Infirmary is located on a tract of 127 acres of land near the San Lorenzo Creek, about five miles from the town of San Leandro.

The Infirmary is intended to answer the double purpose of a hospital and an almshouse, and suitable steps have been taken to secure the comfort of the patients. The County Board of Supervisors are *ex-officio* directors of the Infirmary. The buildings are inexpensive; the original cost of the main edifice—which is of wood—having been \$5,000. Numerous fruit trees have been planted, and the extensive grounds are cultivated by the convalescent patients and other inmates of the institution.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.*

The past history and present condition of the public schools in the city of Oakland are detailed at considerable length in the carefully prepared report of the City Superintendent, Frederick M. Campbell, Esq., to the Board of Education, for the year ending June 30th, 1873. From this document we compile the following information concerning the public schools.

The first public school in the city was organized in July, 1853, with sixteen pupils. The teacher was Miss H. J. Jayne, sister of the present Police Judge, and now Mrs. Edson Adams. The building used was erected at a cost of one thousand dollars, and it is now occupied as an African Church, having been removed from its original location, at the corner of Clay and Fifth streets, to the corner of Market and Seventh streets. This building afforded all the public school accommodation of Oakland until the year 1862. In May, of that year, the block of land bounded by Twelfth, Eleventh, Jefferson, and Grove streets was purchased for nine hundred dollars: now worth, at least, forty thousand dollars. A small building was erected thereon, and school was opened in November of the same year. In August, 1865, the lot, 100 by 125, on the corner of Alice and Fifth streets, was purchased. The first grammar school was commenced in what is now the Lafayette Primary, in November, 1867. The Pres-

* For names of the members and organization of the Board of Education see page 36.

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