

ALAMEDA DIRECTORY.

THE TOWN OF ALAMEDA.

This beautiful suburban town lies on the south bank of the San Antonio creek, and is washed by the waters of the Bay of San Francisco upon the west. Alameda has long been noted for its delightful climate. It is a favorite resort for people seeking to escape from the fierce winds which prevail in San Francisco during six months of the year. Lying so far to the southward of the Golden Gate, the blasts which sweep in through that entrance and torture the residents upon the peninsula and the opposite shores of the bay do not reach it, except as gentle zephyrs, just brisk enough to give an invigorating tone to the atmosphere. Incorporated as a town in 1872, Alameda enjoyed a steady accretion of the best class of population, until in 1876 what had been but a moderate current became a tidal wave. The present volume shows that the population has fully doubled within a year. Large tracts of land have been subdivided into building lots, many new streets and avenues opened, and hundreds of houses erected. Enjoying, as Alameda does, so equable a climate, it is but natural that seekers after health or retirement should make their homes within her borders, but the more sanguine believer in her future claim for her, eventually, importance as a commercial and manufacturing city, and certainly there exists no reason why their speculations may not be fulfilled.

Communication with San Francisco by railroad and ferry is frequent, and the monthly commutation fare is the same as between San Francisco and Oakland. Excellent church and school privileges abound, full details of which appear in the ensuing pages.

The population of Alameda is fully six thousand, and at its present rate of increase it will soon require a city charter for the more extended purposes of municipal government. It is confidently predicted that by the year 1880 Alameda will have a population of twenty thousand, and rank as one of the leading cities of the State.

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