

A DIRECTORY OF THE TOWN OF ALAMEDA.

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THE TOWN OF ALAMEDA is located in the northwest corner of Alameda County, upon a small peninsula of land, about two and one-half miles in length and from one-half to three-fourths mile in width, being bounded on the north by San Antonio Creek, which separates it from the City of Oakland, and upon the west and south by San Francisco Bay. The surface of the peninsula is comparatively level, sufficiently elevated to ensure easy drainage and consequently enables improvements to be made at slight cost. Like her sister city, Oakland, Alameda is the natural outgrowth of that desire which leads men of business to escape from the dust and turmoil of the city when the business of the day is over, and her admirable location, sheltered so completely from the stormy blasts of the ocean, at an early date began to attract the attention of those desiring suburban residences within immediate reach of the seat of trade, and many tasty residences, with roomy and highly-ornamented grounds soon dotted the peninsula over. In 1872, the town was incorporated, since which time its progress has been steady and unabated, during the past three years this condition has been especially marked. The number of buildings erected shows a steadily increasing ratio; transactions in real estate maintained an even pace, and prices, even during the general prostration of the past year, have been fully sustained. Of her future there can be no question; situated as she is she must ever be a favorite among our suburbs; susceptible of improvement at moderate expense, her lots will always attract those of limited means, and composed, as her population is, of the higher social and educated classes, she will afford a delightful retreat for the learned and refined. Her church privileges and school facilities are of the most ample and are being continually extended. Two new churches are in contemplation, and a bill has just passed the present Legislature providing for the issuance of bonds to the extent of \$30,000, for the erection and furnishing of two new school houses. Important street improvements are being projected and new streets opened, and additional means of inter-transit are being provided.

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