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## Improvements and Real Estate.

During the past year a ten thousand dollar school-house has been built, and all of the school-houses have been altered or repaired, with the result of more than doubling the school accommodations. Besides the educational facilities extended by these, there are several well-conducted private schools and academies which are liberally maintained. During the same period over two hundred new dwelling-houses have been built, and the proportion of fine residences, costing from \$4,000 upwards, is a marked feature of the season. Among the improvements now under way are several handsome residences, and a substantial building on the corner of Central avenue and Park street, designed as the tank building and offices of the Artesian Water Co. From the inactivity of the real estate market and the general depreciation of real estate values throughout the State during the past two years, Alameda has been notably exempt, the sales as reported by "Mix's Transcript of Records" numbering 460, while lots are now selling in the most rapidly improving localities at an advance of \$50 to \$100 upon the prices of 1878. In the way of street improvements may be mentioned the macadamizing of Park street, and the grading and graveling of Encinal, Santa Clara and Webb avenues, while the most important streets, including Park, Oak, Walnut, Union, Lafayette and Webster, have been substantially sewered.

## Manufactories.

The most notable additions to the manufacturing interests of Alameda during the past year have been the establishing of the refinery works of the Pacific Oil Company, dealing with petroleum and its products, and employing a large capital in the business, and the construction of the Royal Soap Work on the shore line between the narrow gauge landing and the Alameda wharf. Each of these enterprises gives employment to a large number of persons and calls for heavy investments of capital. The former concern is the only oil refinery on the Coast, and is intended to be one of the

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most complete in the United States and will handle all of the crude oils now produced in the State, while its operation will stimulate prospecting and further developments in the oil region. The buildings cover nearly ten acres of ground, and are supplied with machinery and appliances of the most approved pattern. The company depends for its supply of crude oils principally upon the wells of the Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and Ventura districts, which are now yielding a considerable supply and where new wells are being sunk.

From this brief review it will be seen that the growth of the town the past year has been of a healthful and satisfactory kind, while the present outlook gives encouragement of increased improvements and unchecked prosperity.

## TOWN GOVERNMENT.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**—James M. Gray, President; William Whidden, Joseph Lancaster, C. A. Edson and H. V. Herbert. This Board is elected in May of each year. Regular meetings every Tuesday evening.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS.**—John Barton, President; G. C. Hall, Isaac Ayer, J. W. Mastick and A. Mayrisch. Elected for three years, two members retiring each year. Regular meetings are held every Monday evening. O. S. Ingram Superintendent of Schools and ex-officio member Board of Education.

**TOWN TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR.**—Norris W. Palmer. Elected for one year; term expires May 15, 1881.

**TOWN ATTORNEY.**—John Ellsworth. Elected for one year; term expires May, 1881.

**TOWN CLERK.**—John Ellsworth. Appointed by the Board of Trustees.

**TOWN ASSESSOR AND AUDITOR.**—E. Minor Smith. Elected for one year. Term expires May 15, 1881.

**CIVIL ENGINEER AND STREET SUPERINTENDENT.**—I. N. Chapman. Elected for one year; term expires May, 1881.

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