

# ALAMEDA.

ALAMEDA, a city of about 10,000 inhabitants, is beautifully located on a peninsula about four miles long, by an average width of perhaps a mile and a quarter, south of Oakland and across San Antonio Creek. Its climate is very much better than that of San Francisco, only ten miles away, with which it is connected by two ferry systems, affording local traveling facilities unequalled in any quarter of the world.

Alameda is essentially a residence place. Business men of San Francisco have their homes here, preferring the sail across the bay to the less pleasant and less invigorating street-car trip to the Western Addition.

The public schools of Alameda consist of one High School, three Grammar Schools, two Primary Schools, and one ungraded school, with an enrollment of more than 1,500 pupils. The schools rank very high in educational circles, and the High School is an approved school, whose graduates enter the University upon the recommendation of its Principal.

There are two post-offices within the limits of the city, and the free delivery system is also under consideration by the post-office authorities.

There are two papers published in Alameda: the *Encinal*, weekly, which has been published for nineteen years, and the *Argus*, semi-weekly, now in its tenth year.

Numerous churches and fraternal organizations have been established, and are in a flourishing condition.

Among the many evidences of energetic public spirit, we note that during the past year Alameda has purchased, and now owns, its splendid system of electric lights. The city has also completed its main system of automatic hydraulic sewers, and side sewers in connection therewith are being laid throughout as rapidly as possible.

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