

in width ; those run by O'Farrell and his successors in office vary from 60 to 82½ feet, while Market Street is 120, and Van Ness Avenue 125 feet wide. A series of lines at right angles to each other, were laid down for the streets, without the slightest regard to the nature of the surface. As a consequence, large sums have been expended in rendering many locations accessible, which might have been avoided had some forethought been given to the laying out of the city. East of Larkin and Johnston streets, the city is divided into Fifty vara lots ; One hundred vara lots ; Beach and Water lots ; North Beach blocks, and City Slip lots. In the Fifty Vara Survey, there are 1,530 lots, with official numbers affixed, each fifty vara lot forming a square of 137½ feet, exclusive of Numbers 695, 709 and 753, which are duplicated ; 40 only of the fifty vara lots being located south of Market Street. One-third of the most valuable of these were originally sold at \$12 each. The present prices would more than astonish the original purchasers. North of Market Street are also One hundred vara lots Numbers 1, 18, 24, 49, 50, 56, 57, 76, 673 and 675. In the One Hundred Vara Survey, each lot forming a square of 275 feet, the numbers range from 1 to 420 ; however, there are but 398 official lots, as by some unaccountable oversight, Numbers 98 to 102, 108, 117 to 125, 152, 153, 154, 164, 236, 237 and 320 were omitted in the numbering. This survey is bounded by Johnston, Market and First streets. In the Beach and Water Lot Survey, all of them being east of Montgomery and First streets, there are 772 lots, each lot forty-five feet and ten inches in front, with a uniform depth of 137½ feet, having official numbers affixed. These water-lots were originally embraced within the limits of high and low water marks—hence the designation. In the North Beach Survey, there are 19 blocks, each block of six fifty vara lots, extending from the corner of Larkin and Jefferson streets to the junction of Kearny and Bay streets, all of them fronting on the bay and under water. In the South Beach Survey, there are 33 blocks of various dimensions, fronting on the bay, and extending from Rincon Point to the junction of Harris and South streets—all under water. The City Slip Property, bounded by Clay, East, Sacramento and Davis streets, consists of 122 lots each, with a few exceptions, being 25 feet in front by 59 feet 9 inches deep. In December, 1853, this entire property was sold at auction for \$1,119,350. In addition to the foregoing, there are about 16 blocks east of Larkin and Johnston streets, without any official numbers attached. Of the older surveys of the city, mention must not be omitted of the 26 One hundred vara lots adjacent to the Lagoon, and north-west of Larkin Street, granted on petition in 1847-'48 by Alcaldes Hyde and Leavenworth. On the 20th of June, 1855, Commissioners were appointed by ordinance to lay out blocks and streets, west of Larkin Street, and south-west of Johnston and Market streets, extending to the city charter line of 1851. The Commissioners reported a map, in accordance with the ordinance, and their proceedings were ratified and confirmed, and the map declared official by the Legislature. (See Statutes of 1858, p. 52.) This large tract is in two divisions, the first lying north of Market and Ridley streets, being about two and a half miles from the latter street to the bay, and about half that distance from Larkin Street to the charter line. In this division there are upwards of 500 blocks, the great majority of which contain six fifty vara lots each, (being nearly four acres to the block,) exclusive of seven large squares set apart for the public. The other division lies south of Market and Ridley streets, embracing the Mission Dolores, the Potrero Nuevo and Horn-