

## THE CITY OF OAKLAND.

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The City of Oakland is located on the Bay of San Francisco, at the western terminus of the Central Pacific Railroad. The extent of the city from east to west is about four and one-half miles, and from north to south three miles. San Antonio Creek forms the southern, and the Bay of San Francisco the western boundary. On the north and east its borders seem destined to a perpetual enlargement. The growing giant must have room. So rapidly do the people come hither to locate, and such is the natural tendency to expansion that it becomes unsafe to venture a prediction as to the ultimate future limits of her municipal area. Berkeley, Temescal and other suburbs will be absorbed, and a city from forty to fifty square miles in extent will be the result at no distant day.

The land upon which Oakland stands was conveyed by the Mexican Government to one of its citizens, Louis Ma Peralta, in the year 1822. The domain remained in possession of Peralta and his sons until 1852, when it was sold, and came into the possession of several American citizens. On the 4th of May, 1852, the Governor of the State approved an act incorporating the Town of Oakland. The population was small, consisting mainly of speculators, and a few scattered Mexicans. But the founders of the town were active and enterprising and soon attracted a considerable accession to the settlement. The beauty of the location and its desirability as a place of residence, was acknowledged by all