

Alviso

the (mostly) forgotten port of San José

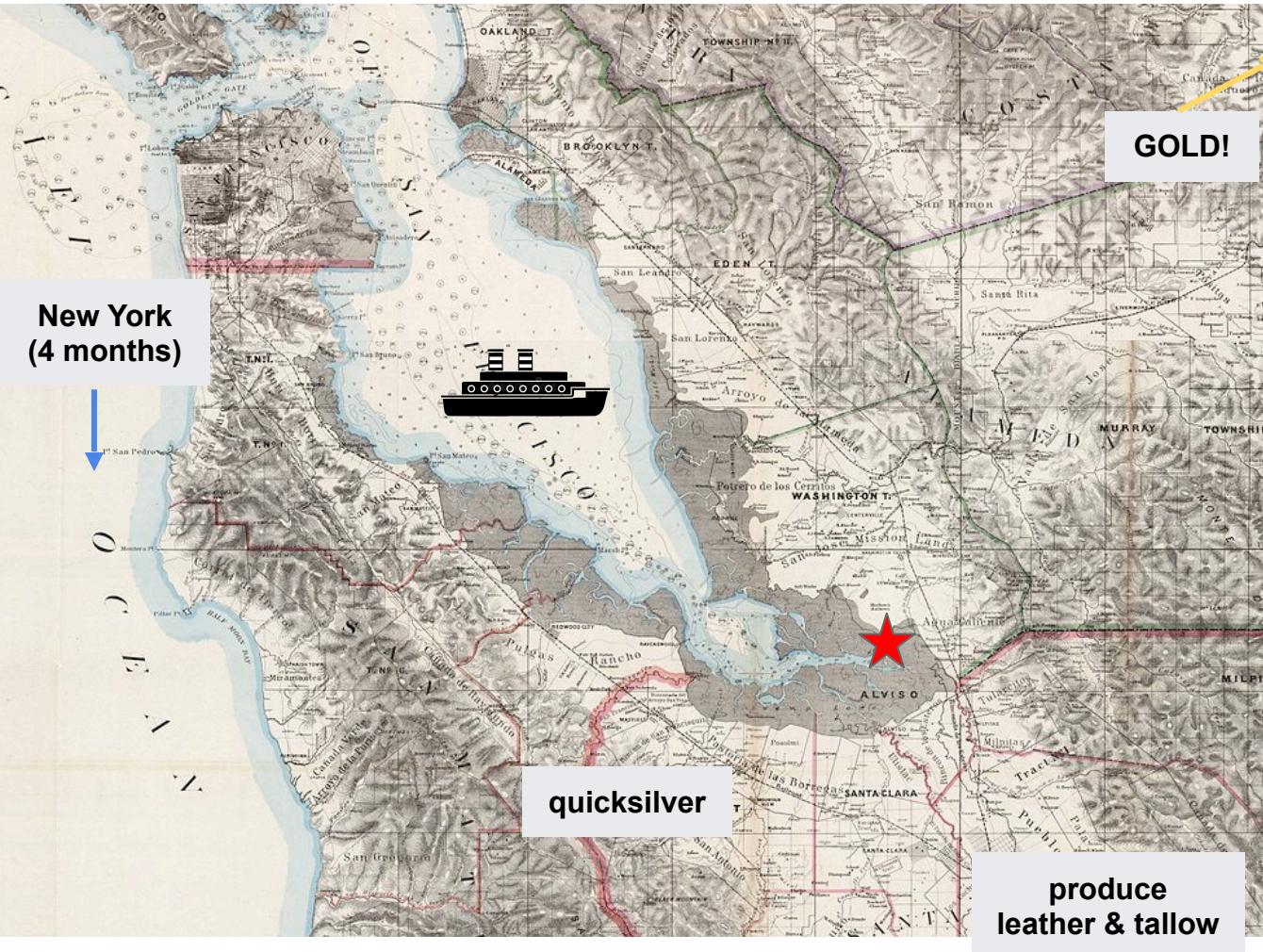
1848-1849

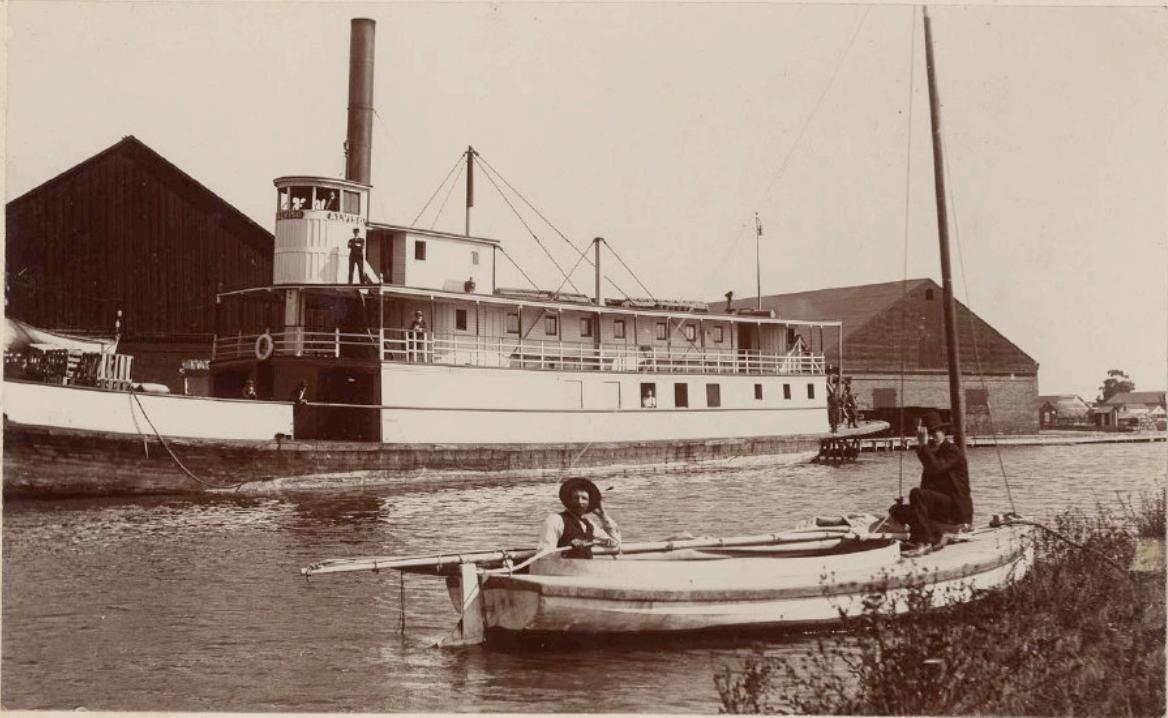
Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill

San José named the capital of the soon-to-be state of California

steamboats moved hides, tallow, hay, grain, produce, lumber, and quicksilver to San Francisco and beyond

Alviso was "the depot and business headquarters of the two finest valleys in California"



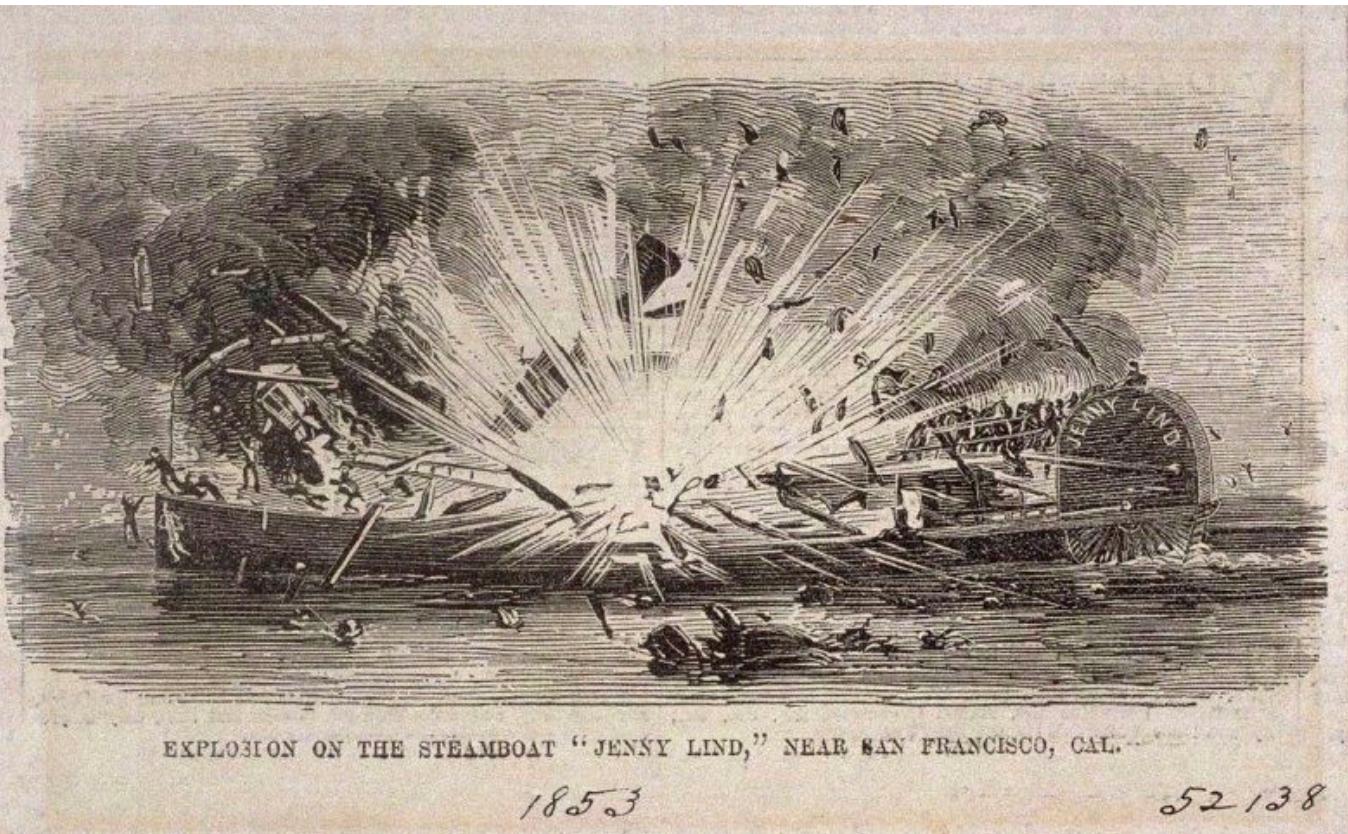


History San Jose

1851: regular steamship service between Alviso & San Francisco

10 hours, \$40 (down to \$2 in 1854, including stagecoach to San José)

1855: 55k people/year, 20k tons of grain, 5k tons of produce, lumber, quicksilver



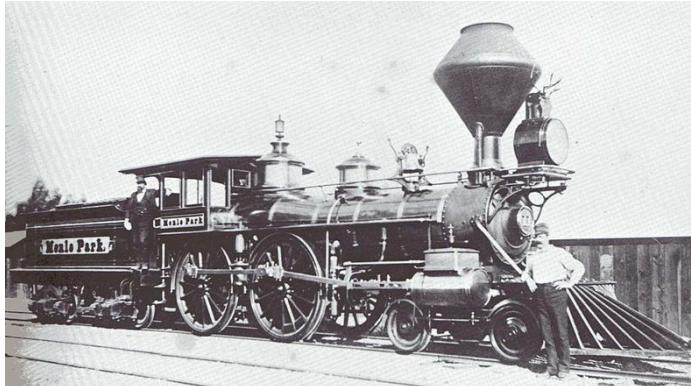
EXPLOSION ON THE STEAMBOAT "JENNY LIND," NEAR SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

1853

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1853: a boiler on the
the Jenny Lind
exploded, killing 31
passengers

"the disaster on the
bay has smote with
appalling
suddenness the
hearts of our
community" –Alta
California



1854: San Francisco - San José railroad completed, bypassing Alviso

3.5 hours, \$2.50

within a few years, only a few ships called on Alviso

the “great commercial town at the head of the great bay of San Francisco” was now a backwater



apples, pears, tomatoes,
raspberries, blackberries,
asparagus

HQ of Strawberry Grower's
Association

1880: Chinese majority
population, 100% male
Chinese could not own
property, hold public office,
or vote

A new town site, adjoining Alviso, Santa Clara County, has been subdivided and placed upon the market. Lots and Blocks of land for sale on easy terms.

Deep water frontage on canal three and one-half miles long.

A New Commercial and Manufacturing City.

A rare chance to get in early and secure a piece of land which, within a few months, will advance greatly in value.

Ships drawing twenty feet of water can lie at the wharves, and railroad now passes through the town. There are strong probabilities of the Port being on a new overland line, and a certainty of being the main shipping point of Santa Clara County and the counties south.

As a manufacturing town, NEW CHICAGO is bound to take the front rank, its unrivaled water communication offering facilities for the receipt of fuel and all kinds of raw material as cheaply as at San Francisco, and its seven miles of deep water front present opportunities to manufacturers for location of their factories, not offered by any other location on the Coast. Land and factory sites can be purchased on the shores of the canal, where ships can be immediately alongside of buildings.

Chicago is entitled, on account of her enterprise, to be the "Paris" of America. NEW CHICAGO is destined, on account of her superb location and unrivaled advantages, to your serious consideration and inspection as a place to invest your money safely, and with a certainty of your investment paying you large returns.

The name of the town is indicative of its future, it will possess many of the characteristics of its ancestor.

On the line of the South Pacific Coast Railroad, ninety minutes' ride from San Francisco; fifteen minutes' ride from San Jose.

The Prices range from \$5.00 to \$200.00 per Lot, according to Location.

TERMS:

All single lots at \$3.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00, ALL CASH.

All lots at \$25.00 and upward, on Easy Terms to suit purchaser. Interest on deferred payments at six per cent. per annum.

NO CHARGE FOR DEEDS.

Title Guaranteed Absolutely Perfect.

For further information apply to the Agents.

MIDDLETON & SHARON,
No. 22 Montgomery St., SAN FRANCISCO.

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Chicago,

NEW PORT OF ALVISO

HEAD OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

Fort Miles from San Francisco.
Six Miles from San Jose.

GRAND OPPORTUNITY!

FOR INVESTMENT ON TIDE-WATER CANAL.

150 Feet Wide,
And 15 Feet Deep, at Low Water.

THE COMING

MANUFACTURING CENTRE OF CALIFORNIA

Where Ship and Rail Come Together, and
Where There are Neither Harbor nor Wharfage Charge

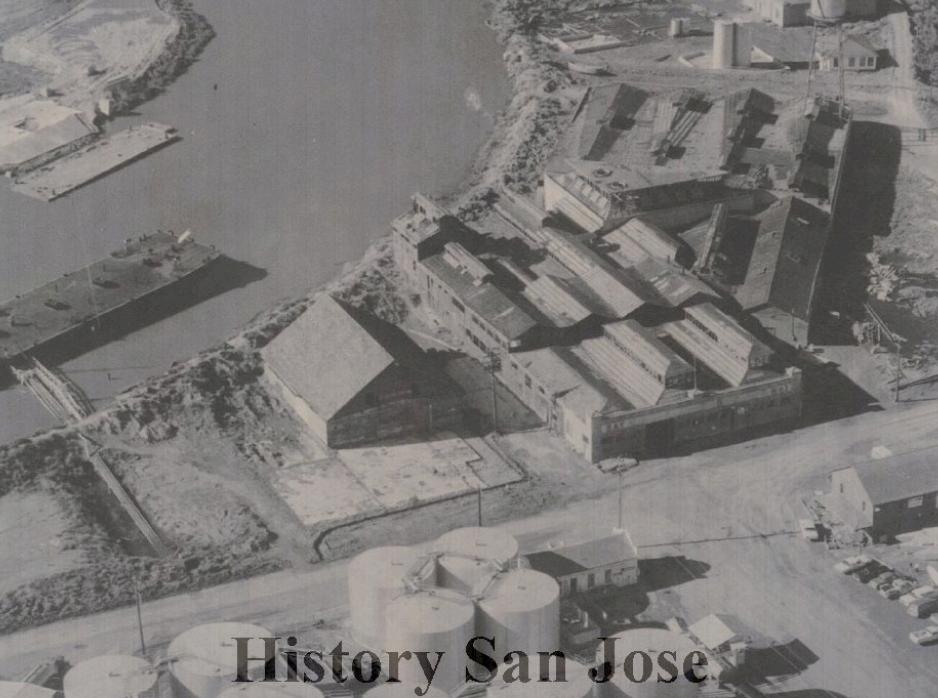
1890: Proposed Development of the Port of Alviso by Men of Money & Brains

warehouses, mills, and manufactories, sugar refinery

3.5k lots sold, 2 mi of road & a bridge

watch company closed same day it opened

Wheeler fled Santa Clara County; money was never recovered



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1906-1936: Bayside Canning Company
3rd largest cannery in the United States
600,000 cases a year, mostly tomatoes
run by Thomas Foon Chew: Asparagus King
payed generous wages; employed exclusively Chinese and Chinese Americans



1914



1978



artesian wells were "one of the greatest blessings that Santa Clara enjoys"

13" annual rainfall Oct-Apr

1920: two-thirds of the Santa Clara Valley was irrigated

1915-1967: town dropped 13' due to depletion of the aquifer



Flood victims defy cops, return home

By ROBERT A. MARTIN



SAN JOSE, Calif. -- Scores of Spanish-speaking residents angry over lack of official action pushed through police barricades Wednesday and waded through hip-deep water to return to their flooded homes.

1968 Alviso “consolidated” with city of San José

residents: fire and police protection, drinking water, a library, community center, pool, park, storm drains, street paving

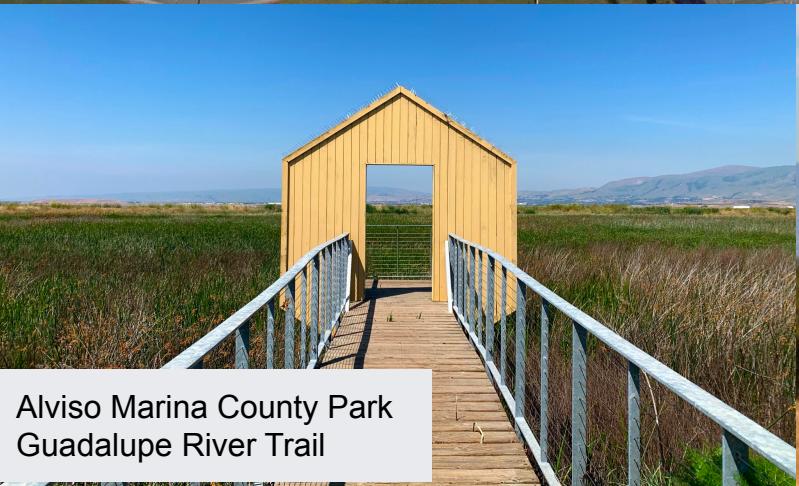
San José: access to the shoreline, garbage dumps, and expand the sewage treatment plant

promised municipal services were slow to arrive

San José–Santa Clara
Regional Wastewater Facility



Topgolf



Alviso Marina County Park
Guadalupe River Trail



Calpine Los Esteros Energy Facility

