

# Horse Stories

***Isseis used horses as a mode of transportation at the turn of the 20th century in Alameda, as witnessed by this unknown Issei riding his steed on Pacific, near Koichi Nagai shoemaker at 1628 Park Street, circa 1911-1914.***

March 4, 1911  
*Alameda Daily Argus*

**M. Towata, a Japanese residing at 1607 Park Street, reported to the police this morning that his horse had wandered away from his stall during the night. The animal is dark brown in color.**

April 26, 1909  
*Alameda Evening Times-Star*

**H. Hayashi, of Elmhurst and Alameda, a florist, reported that his horse was missing. He declared two men came to his business to buy a horse. He told them that his horse, "Hamshuri" was a family pet and not for sale.**

**The next day, Hamshuri was miss-**

**ing. A horse answering the description of tall, thin, raw-boned and white was seen cavorting gallantly along E. Fourteen Street led by a tall man on a gray horse.**

June 13, 1919  
*Alameda Daily Argus*

**A local resident reported that a balky horse refused to budge backward or forward near Lincoln and Hibberd, and that a Japanese used much force to persuade the animal to go. Detective George H. Brown, who knows much about horses, suggested to the Japanese that another horse be hitched with the balky brute. This was done and the stalled animal forgot who he was and finally moved on.**



*The man on horseback remains a mystery.  
Photograph by Mataichi Ozeki*



**An unknown Issei man rides his horse in Alameda's Japantown, circa 1910.**