

## PART TWO

### BIOGRAPHIES OF REPRESENTATIVE MEN

**S**AN MATEO COUNTY'S History with its exposition of contemporary local conditions, resources and advantages, would be incomplete without the following biographical sketches of pioneers and leading business and professional men. These supplement the history and add that intimate and personal touch, without which no work of this kind could be truly interesting.

In the following life stories may be found many of the most important events that have taken place in both early and contemporary county history.

A collection of biographies of this kind is always interesting; but their greatest value lies in the fact that they chronicle much that might otherwise be forgotten, thereby becoming of greater value as time goes on. They are arranged in no particular sequence, being printed on the following pages in the order in which they were obtained.

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#### Frederick Ernest Beer

**F**REDERICK Ernest Beer, one of the proprietors of the San Mateo Garage, came to San Mateo in 1907, and with his partner, Mr. C. B. Morton, opened the San Mateo Garage and Machine Works. Since then the business has steadily grown, and today is one of the largest on the Peninsula.

Mr. Beer's early business training fitted him splendidly for the management of a garage. By profession he was a mechanical engineer and for six years he was connected with a firm which manufactured mine supplies. He traveled into all corners of the globe installing mining machinery. He was also engineer on various steamship lines running out of San Francisco and New York.

Mr. Beer has his share of civic pride, and every movement for the welfare of the community finds an enthusiastic supporter in him. At present Mr. Beer is Master of the San Mateo Masonic Lodge.

Frederick Ernest Beer was born in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island Canada, on June 20, 1880. He has been in California fourteen years. Mr. Beer was married in San Francisco on May 23, 1903 and lives with his family at 335 Griffith Avenue.

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#### Jesse Penton

**T**O Jesse Penton, landscape gardener of San Mateo, can be attributed the beauties of many of the pretentious estates for which the peninsula is famed. Mr. Penton has made San Mateo county his home for

the last forty-five years and during that time he has laid out and superintended the gardening of many of the county's show places.

Hundreds of the homes around San Mateo owe their floral embellishments to Mr. Penton, but the work for which he is best known was done on the estates of Harry Hastings, Mrs. Bothin, R. G. Hooker, Henry P. Bowie, and C. Frederick Kohl, the Kohl property being at that time in the possession of Alexander Austin.

In many of his early undertakings Mr. Penton was associated with John McLaren; and when Mr. McLaren left to take charge of Golden Gate Park, Mr. Penton carried on important work that he had started on the peninsula. Mr. Penton has had charge of the Cherry Canyon Water Company for years, and under his supervision its development took place and its large distributing system was built.

Mr. Penton was a member of the building committee of the Masonic Hall Association. He unselfishly surrendered a great part of his time and energy to this project.

Jesse Penton was born near Winchester, England on October 2, 1842. He left his home in 1872 and came directly to Millbrae to D. O. Mills' estate and has been a resident of San Mateo county ever since. At present he lives with his family in his own home, 124 Santa Inez. Mr. Penton was married at the Grace Church in New York on February 18, 1907. Mr. Penton is a Mason of high standing and was one of the charter members of the Order of the Eastern Star in San Mateo.

#### George E. Jones

THE same high standards which mark all departments of Burlingame's city government are found in the police department which has been built up to its present state of efficiency and usefulness by

George E. Jones who still retains the position he has held for many years as Chief of Police.

In this capacity Mr. Jones has done much for Burlingame. Being a man of lofty ideals he has kept the city free from anything that would cast



a single reflection on its moral status. He has had traffic rules enacted and directed the passage of vehicles through Burlingame in such a manner that this city boasts of one of the lowest rates of accidents of any city in the state. Mr. Jones and the capable officers under him have run down many daring criminals, and have recovered stolen goods whose value to their owners can hardly be estimated.

In addition to his activity in the police department, Mr. Jones has served the city in many other capacities. When the town was first incorporated he was appointed Health Officer and Superintendent of Streets by the first board of trustees.

The growth of Burlingame has multiplied many times since he first took office; and has now become

a city which has relieved him of these duties. He still retains the responsible position of License and Tax Collector, together with Chief of Police and Truant Officer for the Burlingame School District.

For his efficiency, honesty and ten years of faithful service, his friends awarded him a gold badge of his office.

George E. Jones was born in San Francisco on July 13, 1869. He received his early schooling in San Francisco, and later attended St. Matthew's Military Academy when it was located on Baldwin avenue in San Mateo, on the ground where the High School now stands.

After finishing school he entered business in San Francisco where he remained until ten years ago, when he moved to Burlingame. Mr. Jones is one of the leading members of the Burlingame Commercial Club and the Royal Arcanum. He resides with his family in his own home at 226 Myrtle Road.

#### Mrs. George C. Ross

THERE is not a resident of San Mateo County whose life history is more closely woven into the fabric of the chronology of this county than Mrs. Geo. C. Ross. Having lived here the best part of her life, she has the added distinction of being the second white child born in San Mateo—Mrs. Frank Miller, now a resident of Berkeley, being the first.

Possessed of sufficient wealth to live in any part of the world, San Mateo County has nevertheless always been her first choice.

When married, on December 24, 1877, in San Mateo, she went with her husband to Redwood City to live, but remained there only a short time. The Rosses next took up their residence upon a 60-acre park in Belmont, where a beautiful home was erected. They remained there for

twenty years; but during all this time Mrs. Ross cherished a desire to set up a permanent residence in San Mateo. This wish was fulfilled when the Rosses came to San Mateo in 1913 and built the home which they now occupy at 9th and Laurel Avenue. This is only a quarter of a mile from the place where Mrs. Ross was born.

It was at St. Matthews Church that Mrs. Ross was baptized when a child—as were her children and grand children in later years. Here also she was confirmed and has always attended church services.

Mrs. Ross was educated at the fashionable Laurel Hall School, many of whose graduates are among the peninsula's leading families.

Mr. Donald, her father, came to the county in 1851 and purchased a tract of land where the Parrott Estate is now located. Speaking Spanish fluently, Mr. Donald rapidly won the confidence of the Indians who could converse only with the white man in this tongue, and who at that time formed no inconsiderable portion of the population. His holdings ran from the Hayward place to Laurel Creek.

Living so long in the county, Mrs. Ross has been able to notice every interesting phase of its growth. Particularly noticeable has been the solving of the transportation problem for residents of the county—especially to San Francisco which in the early days meant a trip which consumed a day each way when one went upon a shopping tour.

Mrs. Ross has taken an active and prominent part in the club life of the peninsula being a member of the San Mateo Woman's Club, the Burlingame Woman's Club, life member of the Redwood City Woman's Club, an honorary member of the Board of the Auxilliary of the P. P. I. E., and a member of the Laurel Hall Club, whose membership list is made up of the graduates of Laurel Hall School

which Mrs. Ross attended when a girl.

Mr. George C. Ross has practiced law thirty-seven years in the county with headquarters in Redwood City. There are three sons; Dr. D. H. Ross, practicing in San Jose; Hall C. Ross and Lee T. Ross, both practicing law with their father in Redwood City.

#### Ernest L. Norberg

**A**RCHITECT Ernest L. Norberg and his associate, Architect Thos. M. Edwards, with offices in the Phelan Building, San Francisco, have through their branch office in the



Bank Building at Burlingame established a thriving clientele in this community. Judging from the number of public and private buildings already constructed from their designs and under their supervision, the future prominence of this firm is assured.

Mr. Norberg's early architectural training was obtained at Hopkins Art Institute, and later under the American Society of Beaux Arts. He was afterward associated with the most prominent architects of San

Francisco, including Willis Polk, whom he assisted in designing such magnificent structures as the new Hobart Building and the Templeton Crocker residence in Hillsborough.

Mr. Norberg is well known in Club circles, being a member of the San Mateo Elks, Peninsula Club, California Auto Association, the San Francisco Architects Club and was recently highly honored by being elected a Chapter Member of the American Institute of Architects. He has always taken active interest in public affairs and is at present a member of the Burlingame Park Commission. Mr. Norberg is a native of Omaha, Nebraska, but has resided in San Mateo County for the past nine years.

#### Mark E. Ryan

**M**ARK E. Ryan, electrical contractor and proprietor of Ryan's Electrical Store in the Sequoia Hotel Bldg., Redwood City, arrived in that city seven years ago, after he had traveled in all parts of the United States. The climatic advantages and business opportunities quickly appealed to Mr. Ryan, and he decided to establish himself in business in Redwood City and make it his home.

Mr. Ryan has had a wide and varied experience in electrical work which he has followed since boyhood. After completing his education in New York City, he worked as a lineman in New York and large cities of the east. Since then he has been in charge of important work for large companies in all parts of the United States.

Mr. Ryan's electrical store is one of the thriving businesses of Redwood City and one of the most complete and best equipped shops of its kind on the peninsula. This firm has taken many large contracts for the electrical work in public buildings, industrial plants and country man-

sions; and the character of its work is known in all parts of the county.

Mark E. Ryan was born in New York City on February 15, 1884. He was married in San Mateo in 1909 to Miss Mary Britt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Britt, pioneer residents of San Mateo. He has three children, Mark E. Jr., Walter and Thomas. In addition to the Ryan Electrical Shop, Mr. Ryan has property interests in Redwood. He is at present City Electrician and Chief of the Fire Department in Redwood City. In fraternal circles Mr. Ryan is affiliated with the Masons, Woodmen of the World and the Odd Fellows.

**William Henry Barg**

**F**EW of the San Mateo county offices have a better reputation for efficiency than the office of County Recorder William Barg. His system, modern and up-to-date in every respect, is known through the bay regions as a model of its kind.

Mr. Barg is the son of one of Redwood's best known and highly respected citizens and is himself well known throughout the county.

When the Supervisors elected him to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harold O. Heiner, Mr. Barg's agreeable personality, accommodating manners and ability to carry on the work of his office, soon made him one of San Mateo county's most popular officials.

William Henry Barg was born in Hollister, Cal., on September '17, 1882. He received his primary and preparatory education in the public schools of San Francisco. He completed his education at the Sacred Heart College.

Having specialized in accountancy and bookkeeping while in college, Mr. Barg followed this line of work after leaving school. He held many positions and was connected with many firms, gaining a wide ex-

perience in his chosen line of work. Mr. Barg had a responsible position with one of the largest firms on the coast, when he resigned to become County Recorder.

Mr. Barg is well known for his



interest in the "national game." Back in 1905-6-7-8 and 9 he was a familiar figure upon the local diamond. From 1908 to 1909 he managed the Redwood Team; and they used to have from 1200 to 1500 people at the games when San Mateo and Redwood City crossed bats.

Mr. Barg is a member of the Elks and the Native Sons.

**Jean Perichon**

**M**R. Perichon is the popular host at the Perichon House; and in the role of hotel keeper and genial host is probably one of the best known and well liked characters in the city of San Mateo as well as the entire county.

Mr. Perichon was born at Vichy, France, September 24, 1870, just a few months before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. When a comparatively young man he

came to America where he has lived ever since during the last twenty-one years. His first years in this country were spent in New York City where he followed the occupation of hotel keeper with marked success and achieved an enviable reputation in his chosen calling.

After five years he decided to come to California; and it so happened that he came first to San Mateo where he has lived ever since.

Ten years ago Mr. Perichon was married to a lady of his own country, Miss Eugenie Rouquette. The couple have two children, Jeanne, aged three and Marguerite who is eight years old.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Perichon purchased the property upon which he built the attractive hotel which he is still running. The Perichon House was originally built with one dining room in the front, but this has since been added to and the dining room enlarged to accommodate the ever increasing patronage.

The Perichon House was the first structure erected upon the Taylor Addition which ran from the Wisconsin property to the county road and was surrounded by the Catholic Church, Red Cross Hospital, High School Gymnasium, High School and the Public Library. It seems hard to realize—so fast has the city grown—that at that time there was no road passing the hotel. Now the well paved street passing the Perichon House is only one of hundreds of miles of well paved roads that now gridiron the entire county.

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#### Edward Buchmann

**E**DWARD Buchmann is one of San Mateo's oldest merchants, having been in business in that city for more than a score of years. He was founder of Buchmann's Hotel and the San Mateo Bakery, both of which have become old landmarks and have kept up with the pace of the times. For many years Mr. Buchmann was the

proprietor of a wholesale liquor store. In 1914 he bought out the San Mateo grocery and combined it with his liquor business. He now operates them both under the name of "E. Buchmann & Co., Wines and Groceries."

Mr. Buchmann has been a persistent good roads advocate. Long before the days of the automobile he fought for paved streets and good roads, declaring that the time would come when they would be the county's greatest asset. Now that he has seen his prediction fulfilled he is still interested in any new boulevard project. Mr. Buchmann is also an automobile enthusiast. No highway or byway within one hundred miles has escaped his notice.

In Mr. Buchmann the proposed municipal baths at San Mateo Beach have a staunch supporter. This has been a pet scheme of his for many years and he says he expects to see it become a reality just as he realized his dream of good roads.

Mr. Buchmann was born in Alsace on October 12, 1864, when that province was a part of France. He left his native land for America thirty-one years later. Mr. Buchmann is a member of the Masons and the Elks lodges.

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#### James V. Swift

**J**AMES Vincent Swift, postmaster of Redwood City and editor and proprietor of the Redwood City Democrat, is one of the county's best known and respected citizens. Born in January 1862 at West Union, a few miles from Redwood, Mr. Swift has lived and wrought his career in San Mateo County.

After receiving his early education in the Redwood schools Mr. Swift entered the printing office of the Times-Gazette at the early age of seventeen. He soon mastered the mechanical and editorial ends of the paper and in 1898 he had advanced

sufficiently to buy a half interest in the Democrat. In 1902 this paper became his sole property and has so remained. Mr. Swift has succeeded well in his ambition to make his paper one of the most progressive and enterprising in the county; and no move for civic betterment or the public good has failed to find a staunch supporter in Mr. Swift and his paper.



Mr. Swift's deep interest in Redwood's progress has caused him to serve four terms as city assessor, three terms as city trustee and five terms as trustee of the Redwood school district. Although San Mateo was recognized as a strong republican county, Mr. Swift has worked untiringly and fearlessly for the democratic party. As a fitting tribute to his party loyalty came Mr. Swift's appointment as postmaster this year. No appointment to public office ever received more genuine approval.

Mr. Swift has been married and has a son, Arthur and a daughter, Eileen (Mrs. J. J. McCormick). Arthur is head of the mechanical department of the Democrat, the editorial being in charge of Mr. James

Hedge, since Mr. Swift took over the duties of postmaster. Mr. Swift belongs to the Native Sons, and the Eagles.

### John E. Casey

Mr. Casey was born in the county where he has spent both his activities in business and public life.

He was born on January 10, 1861 in San Mateo and grew up on his father's ranch of 327 acres which was located just six miles out of town. About sixteen years ago this ranch was sold by Michael Casey, his father, to the Spring Valley Water Company at a fraction of the amount that the land would command at the present time.

Mr. John E. Casey has successfully turned his talents to two totally different pursuits, dairying and contracting. For thirteen years he had charge of the Palace Hotel Dairy with headquarters in San Francisco. When it was proposed to move the dairy over to Mill Valley, Mr. Casey who did not believe this was practical, refused to manage the business any longer under those circumstances. As a result, the Palace Hotel Company gave up this plan and have thereafter bought their milk, rather than assume the responsibility of running a dairy without Mr. Casey's assistance.

Mr. Casey then went into the contracting business, devoting his energies to street paving. He has done a great deal of work on the State Highway as well as such private contracts as the picturesque De Sabla driveway and the roads and drives upon the Parrott Estate.

Besides his private business interests, Mr. Casey found time to serve the city both as town trustee and as school trustee. This was five years ago, and he has since been asked to run again for school trustee, but refused as he desired to devote all his time to his rapidly increasing business interests.

On January 6, 1886, Mr. Casey was married in San Mateo to Miss Anne Josephine Coleman, of the well known Coleman family. Mr. Casey has a son, Harold and a daughter Irene. Mr. Harold Casey is in the motor truck business and contracting business for himself, with headquarters in the Coleman Building, San Mateo.

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### E. C. Cottier

**E**UGENE Charlie Cottier who owns a plumbing and tinning establishment at No. 37 B Street, San Mateo, is a man who did not learn his trade "from the ground up" but "from the box up." He was just a youngster in short pants when he first took up the solder irons, and in order to work on the high bench he had to stand on a soap box. This old shop in Minneapolis where he learned his primary lessons in the trade, still stands; and Mr. Cottier is still known to the old hands there as the man who learned his trade "from the box up."

The thoroughness with which Mr. Cottier learned his profession is exemplified in his establishment which is one of the most modern and complete in the State. He put in the plumbing in many of the large country places. One of the branches of his establishment is an extensive wholesale department.

The pursuit of his chosen profession has taken Mr. Cottier to five different cities since leaving his home in Minnesota twenty-eight years ago. He established himself in Sacramento then sold out and started business in San Francisco. Believing that greater opportunities awaited him in Paso Robles he went there and started a plumbing and hardware store. After devoting several years to this business he disposed of it, to again return to San Francisco.

It was here that reverses overtook him, and he came to San Mateo pen-

iless to start anew. Although a total stranger, Mr. Cottier gradually built up a business which although only ten years old, is one of the largest on the peninsula.

Eugene Charlie Cottier was born in Owatonna, Minnesota, on Septem-



ber 10, 1868. His father was a tailor. He spent his boyhood days there and was married in 1885. Since becoming proprietor of a successful plumbing establishment, Mr. Cottier has done considerable traveling. With his wife and son, John Eugene Cottier, who is ten years old, he has made three trips to Europe and has toured the United States. Mr. Cottier and his family live at 522 South E Street, San Mateo.

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### Erik O. Lindblom

**N**O fiction story teems more with interest than the biography of Erik O. Lindblom, millionaire mine owner, capitalist and banker. From the time he left his home in Sweden at the tender age of seventeen until he uncovered untold riches in the frozen gravel of Alaska, his life has

been one of adventure with hardship and good fortune intermingling.

Mr. Lindblom's father was a wealthy and highly respected land owner and school master in Sweden. Misfortune dealt him a severe blow when by going bondsman for a relative, a large dam which he signed the bond for was washed out, dissipating the fortune he had spent a lifetime accumulating.

Although Erik Lindblom was only seventeen, he set out into the world to recover the family's lost wealth. Born and reared in the iron and copper region he had a fundamental knowledge of mining; and his quest for precious metals took him to Russia, Germany, France, England and finally back to his native land. He had met with fair success, but believing greater treasures lay hidden in the mountains of this continent he came to America in 1886 and engaged in mining in Colorado, Idaho and Montana.

In 1898 Mr. Lindblom went to Alaska and suffered hardships of the Frozen North for months. Sleeping bags were the only beds he knew, and twice he found himself on the verge of death from starvation when he ran out of provisions. At various times he fell through the ice which wind and tide keeps in almost constant motion in the Behring Sea and the Alaskan rivers. It was only his skill as a swimmer that saved him from being sucked down into the icy flow.

Late that winter coming as a reward to his toil and hardship Mr. Lindblom uncovered the first gold found in Nome, Alaska, and founded the extensive mining interests there which have produced more than fourteen million dollars worth of gold. Since then Mr. Lindblom has divided his time between San Francisco and Alaska, making annual trips north.

Besides his mine holdings Mr. Lindblom has extensive interests in Canada, Washington, California and Mexico. He is a large stockholder in

some banks, water companies and steamships, and is the sole owner of the Parral Electric Light, Telephone and Water Co., at Parral, Mexico, as well as mines in California and Mexico.

Mr. Lindblom has many important fraternal affiliations. He holds a life membership in many orders. Among them are the Order of the Eastern Star, The Masons, the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Woodman of the World, Knight Templars, Olympic Club, Artic Club of Seattle, the Swedish Club of San Francisco and Seattle, the San Francisco Press Club, the Artic Brothers and Pioneers of Alaska.

Last year he was appointed Commissioner to the Exposition by King Gustav of Sweden, and later was knighted by that monarch, being presented with the Royal Order of Vassa of the first degree.

Mr. Lindblom was born in Dalar-na, Sweden on June 27, 1857.

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#### Roy Donald Mullenhour

ROY Donald Mullenhour, proprietor and manager of the San Mateo Motor Car Co., of San Mateo, is making the study of automobiles and mechanics his life work. Mr. Mullenhour received his first training in the bicycle and novelty shop of his father in a small Ohio town. He showed such skill and natural aptness at this sort of work that it was quickly decided he should follow it throughout his career.

Mr. Mullenhour became an expert in repairing bicycles but when automobiles came into use he branched out into this more promising field as it developed from the old "one-lungers" to the latest and most perfected type of car.

Coming to California six years ago, Mr. Mullenhour found little trouble in establishing himself here. He went to work for the San Mateo Garage and soon became foreman of

the repair department. He then went to the Andrew Smith Garage where he acted in a similar capacity. His success was so pronounced that Mr. Mullenhour decided to profit from the fruits of his labor and go into business for himself. The result of this determination is the San Mateo Motor Car Co., on Second Avenue. This big concrete garage with 7000 feet of floor space is one of the largest and most up-to-date on the peninsula. It was only recently that the Peninsula Rapid Transit Company appreciating the advantages of this place decided to house and repair its big busses there in preference to building its own garage.

Roy Donald Mullenhour was born in Lima, Ohio, on August 1, 1887. He was married at Covington, Kentucky, on June 10, 1905 and has two children who attend the San Mateo schools, Roy Donald, Jr., and Helen Margaret.

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#### Stephen Edward Throwell

**S**TEPHEN Edward Throwell is one of San Mateo county's citizens who testifies to his loyalty by having lived here from the time of his birth. Born here 45 years ago Mr. Throwell has turned a deaf ear to flattering offers to leave his native home, and preferred to stake his lot with this community.

Mr. Throwell is one of Lomita Park's energetic residents. When this district was covered with large ranches, and the few residents were the inhabitants of the houses on those large undivided tracts, Mr. Throwell saw a future in the present Lomita Park where the man of moderate means could enjoy all the charms of country life. The doubled tracks of the Southern Pacific, the electric cars from San Francisco, and the paved highway are all predictions Mr. Throwell made for Lomita Park years ago.

In addition to the interest taken by Mr. Throwell in all the civic and

public movements in the last twenty years, he has served the people in several capacities. He is a member of the Board of Health of the city of San Mateo, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Millbrae district and sanitary inspector of the cities of Burlingame and San Mateo. In this office he has installed a system of sanitary inspection that is unrivaled in any small community.

Stephen Edward Throwell was born in San Mateo County. In addition to being manager of the Lomita Park Water Works, he is engaged in a general real estate and insurance business. Mr. Throwell is a member of San Mateo lodge, No. 1112, B. P. O. Elks.

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#### Major Bert Johnson

**F**OR its advancement in the last three years San Mateo county owes no more to any one citizen than Major Bert Johnson of Montara, president of the San Mateo County Development Association and chairman of the advisory road commission. In an unparalleled spirit of county loyalty Mr. Johnson has relegated his important personal interests into the background to devote practically all his time and energy to the momentous civic tasks that have been thrust on his shoulders.

When Mr. Johnson accepted the presidency of the San Mateo County Development Association two years ago, he said he would make it a banner year. So great were the fruits of his efforts that some of the county's most influential men urged him to accept the presidency for one more year that he might carry to completion the great undertakings that he had started. Again his spirit of loyalty overcame his personal duties, and he consented to surrender one more year of time and vim to the county.

During this time Mr. Johnson has represented the county at conven-

tions of civic bodies at San Francisco and different parts of the state. He has become a national authority on highways and development work, and has directed the vast undertakings of the Development Associations. As chairman of the advisory roads commission he carefully watched the expenditure of the \$1,250,000 bond issue for good roads in the county.

What time Mr. Johnson allows himself to devote to personal interests finds him secretary and manager for large real estate projects at Montara on the coastside, manager of big land and cattle companies in Mexico and associated with business projects throughout the state.

Major Bert Johnson was born in Iowa in 1874. He has lived in San Mateo county for eight years. Sixteen years ago he was married in San Francisco. Mr. Johnson is a Mason and a member of the Sequoia Club of San Francisco.

#### Charles E. Hart

LET'S go to Hart's Theatre to-night."

The writer took out his pencil and paper and started to figure out just how many times San Mateans said these magic words each evening after supper as they were planning the evening's amusement. How many times do they say this each month—and how many hundreds of thousand times a year?

Mr. Hart is known as the owner and manager of Hart's Theatre located in the heart of town on B Street, and has earned the reputation of being a sterling business man who has made most of his money right here in San Mateo—and is spending it right here where he has earned it.

Mr. Charles E. Hart was born in London on Dec. 15, 1869, and took up his residence in the United States eighteen years ago, having been a resident of California only eight

years, seven of which he has spent in San Mateo.

The foundation of Mr. Hart's prosperity was laid in following his chosen vocation—music. He made considerable money as musical director of several comic opera companies in New York, composing many of the most successful productions himself. Many of his early compositions are still on the market.

Mr. Hart started in the moving picture line in San Mateo with a small theatre, and when the Elks built their home here, he leased the first floor for a moving picture and vaudeville theatre which proved a great success. From this investment he built Hart's Theatre, a thoroughly up-to-date playhouse at a cost of \$20,000, equipping it only a short time ago with a pipe organ that cost \$6,000. It is an admitted fact that there is not a town on the Pacific coast the size of San Mateo that can boast of a more popular playhouse.

Mr. Hart received a thorough musical education in conservatories of the highest order in the old country, where he was organist in various Catholic Churches. Besides his duties as manager of the theatre, Mr. Hart is director and manager of an up-to-date and complete orchestra which supplies the different clubs and homes of this part of the peninsula with music for entertainments as well as the society circles of Burlingame and Hillsborough.

Has Mr. Hart a "hobby"? Yes, he certainly has—and when you ask him this question his eyes brighten, and he will inform you that his "hobby" is music, as he derives most of his pleasure in life from this source. He was married in New York City in 1898. Mrs. Hart, who is a native daughter of this state, born in San Francisco, is also a talented musician having been educated in San Francisco and New York, after which she appeared in several high-class productions as prima donna, as well as in concert work.

Since the Harts have located in San Mateo, she has appeared several times in local concerts and answered frequent calls for professional work in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart are firm believers in every phase of home production—that loyal San Mateans should patronize local merchants and thereby help build up the locality in which they live.

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Mr. Hart's sudden death last February, just a short time before this volume went to press, came as a great shock to his family and hosts of friends in San Mateo County.

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#### Mrs. E. S. Hunt

MR. and Mrs. Hunt are one of San Mateo's pioneer families and on Mrs. Hunt's side come from a family of pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt originally settled in the immediate neighborhood of their present home, 317 Ellsworth avenue, at a time when there were only two or three neighbors within calling distance. They bought their home direct from the Howards who at that time practically owned the entire city of San Mateo. Two picturesque log cabins were erected on their lots, one of which they occupied themselves. One of these cabins was burned down not so long ago, but another was soon erected in its place. These cabins stand today as one of the show places of San Mateo, simple yet artistic and inviting from the outside. The interior of Mrs. Hunt's cabin is the very picture of an ideal home with its dainty furniture, wide tiled fireplace and beautiful fixtures. The grounds surrounding it are laid out in harmonious detail and fenced in by a low wall of rustic redwood boards.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were married in the east on October 21, 1868 on a farm near Trenton, New Jersey, and soon after this came out to California

and settled in San Mateo where they have been living for the last twenty-five years, with the exception of a short period spent in San Francisco and Stockton.

Mr. Hunt was a successful dry goods merchant and dealt largely also in wholesale millinery. He has now retired from active business and is living comfortably off the proceeds of the money he made in his earlier and more active years.

Mrs. Hunt comes from a family noted for their longevity, springing from the Philadelphia Biddles, her grandmother being a Biddle. Both her mother and father lived to a ripe old age and passed the last years of their lives close to their daughter; both died under her roof.

No couple in San Mateo have a larger number of loving friends than Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, as their circle of acquaintances embraces not only those who are numbered among the early settlers of the town, but large numbers who have built their homes in San Mateo in the later years.

Mrs. Hunt belongs to the Laurel Chapter of the Eastern Star; and Mr. Hunt is a member of the Knights of Pythias which he joined in 1877 in Stockton, affiliating himself with Centennial No. 138.

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#### Dr. William C. McLean

IT is safe to say that it would be hard to find any city or county official in San Mateo County whose duties keep him busier than do those of Dr. William C. McLean, Health Officer and Dairy Veterinarian for the city of San Mateo.

Dr. McLean was born in Palo Alto and came to San Mateo when a boy. Since then, up to the present time he has resided in the county almost continuously. He began his education in his chosen profession, in the Veterinarian Department of the University of California which was located at Post and Fillmore Streets, San Francisco. When the University

discontinued this department, he completed his course at the San Francisco Veterinary College.

His first important public appointment was Veterinary Inspector for the federal government during 1906-07 when his office was located in San Francisco. Dr. McLean's next appointment was for the office which he now holds, undertaking this work two years ago. Accomplishment has always been the keynote to Dr. McLean's public stewardship. Instead of being content to follow his work in the beaten path, Dr. McLean has systematized his work along original lines so that he has been able to accomplish daily an almost amazing amount of work.

The passage or ordinance No. 175 on December 8, 1913, was accomplished by Dr. McLean's efforts; and is a piece of legislation that reflects great credit upon the city government of San Mateo. It provides for the inspection of meat and meat products, and prevents the sale of that which is not up to high standard, providing for its condemnation and destruction.

Dr. McLean is a member of the San Mateo Odd Fellows, No. 265. He maintains headquarters at the Wisnom Hotel.

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#### W. L. Glascock

MR. Glascock is principal of the San Mateo Union School. This short statement is perhaps the most interesting fact in Mr. Glascock's life; and is the keynote to his chosen vocation,—education.

He was born in Indiana, and has been a resident of California for a period of seventeen years, four of which have been spent in San Mateo with the school department of that city.

Mr. Glascock graduated from the University of Indiana, in Bloomington, with the degree of A. B., hav-

ing worked his way through that college.

His next move was to come out to California and take up post graduate work at Stanford University, where he graduated with his master's degree in 1906.

Mr. Glascock is president of the California Scholastic Federation; Secretary of the California Teachers' Association and a member of the California Teachers' Council. He belongs to the San Mateo Lodge No. 226 of the F. & A. Masons; B. P. O. E. No. 1112 and the Sigma Chi fraternity at Indiana, Lambda Chapter, and the Alpha Omega Chapter of this fraternity at Stanford.

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#### W. F. Turnbull

MR. W. F. Turnbull occupies a place of undisputed prominence in the history of San Mateo County, not only because of his present position as Superintendent of the San Mateo Water Company, but by virtue of his successful enterprises in the lumber business—undertaken recently, as well as his achievements in the field of landscape gardening.

To tell the story of Mr. Turnbull's life aright, it is necessary to start from the first chapter of his life which opens in the month of March in 1847, when he was born in the town of Alva, Scotland.

His first business experience was in the tweed wool manufacturing industry in the Old Country where he learned the wool trade thoroughly—from the "sheep's back to the finished cloth." While still in the Old Country he took up gardening, serving his apprenticeship at Tulliallan Castle and it was this profession that he followed when he came to America in 1870, and to California in 1874 and got his start.

Mr. Turnbull assumed full charge of the buildings and the gardening work of the W. H. Howard place from 1887 to 1897, being retained when

Charles Crocker bought this estate, and remaining there until 1907.

In 1903 Mr. Turnbull entered the lumber business with the Jas. Wisnom Lumber Company and became a silent partner from 1903 to 1906. He continued as a member of the firm when it was succeeded by the Loop-Wisnom Lumber Company. Then he became identified with the San Mateo Water Company of which the Peninsula Water Company is the successor. This company of which he is the superintendent is a sound financial success. It draws its supply from local wells and a riparian right with the Spring Valley Company which entitles it to 30,000 gallons of water daily. Mr. Turnbull controls a large interest in this company.

Mr. Turnbull believes in taking an active part in public life, as his serving on the Board of School Trustees, readily shows; he still nevertheless does not care for politics as he considers it a rather expensive profession to follow.

He is a member of the San Mateo Elks Club and of the Masonic Order, Royal Arch Chapter F. & A. M., of San Mateo.

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#### Mrs. Mary J. Linsay

TO help our fellow travelers as we meet them along the highway of life is commendable, but there is one way of doing good that far surpasses this—and that is to “help people help themselves.”

Mrs. Mary J. Linsay makes this a business, helping people help themselves—and we are informed that it is a paying business. In short Mrs. Linsay operates a busy and successful employment agency in San Mateo at 338 Minnie Street within only a few doors of her home.

Coming out to California with her father twenty-five years ago to settle in San Mateo she can justly lay claim to the distinction of being one of the pioneer residents of this city.

John Cook, her father achieved a successful career as a landscape gardener, having laid out the D. O. Mills home at Millbrae, and some other fine residences at Piedmont, California.

In August 6, 1901 her marriage to Thomas Linsay took place in San Mateo. From the very start the couple prospered so that in a few years they were able to purchase considerable San Mateo real estate. Unfortunately Mr. Linsay did not live to enjoy the fruits of his labor but passed on but a few years ago leaving his estate to his widow. This includes the home at 324 Minnie St. together with considerable other real property.

Mrs. Linsay takes an active interest in public matters as well as social and fraternal affairs. Whenever elections are called on important civil matters, she always answers the call of the poles. A charter member of the Eastern Star, Laurel Chapter 186; and also of the Rebekahs, having once been their District Deputy, Mrs. Linsay feels that she has done—and is now doing her full duty in these channels of fraternal endeavor. In both these lodges she occupied every chair and rose as high as was possible.

Mrs. Linsay did not enter the Employment business; on the contrary, it came to her—gradually at first, when her friends sent her business. “Go to Mrs. Linsay, she will find you a position” they would say to anyone who was looking for work or help. The business proved to be pleasant work, and so, although she was amply well provided for, she decided to continue in this work, simply because she liked it and realized that in this field there are unlimited opportunities for well-doing. Many the girl she has not only found a position for but taken into her home and cared for her as a guest until a position could be found for her.

**Clarence S. Crary**

**M**R. Clarence S. Crary is not only a banker, but has in the comparatively few years of his business career, earned the title of "Builder of Banks." Mr. Crary is the Cashier of the Bank of Burlingame, and resides in Burlingame, where he is prominently identified with the business and social life of that city, being the Treasurer of the Burlingame Commercial Club and the Treasurer of the Merchants' Association of San Mateo and Burlingame. He is also a member of the San Mateo lodge of Elks, and a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity at Stanford University, where he graduated with the class of 1903.

Mr. Crary was born in Boone, Iowa March 30, 1879 and attended preparatory school at Grinnell, Iowa, where he went to Grinnell College prior to entering Stanford University, California. Upon graduation, he accepted a position with the St. Francis Hotel as Assistant Clerk.

Shortly before the San Francisco fire he left the hotel to enter the real estate business where he was associated with Bovee Toy & Co., San Francisco.

His first step in the banking business came after this. From 1906 to 1908 he was cashier of the Mayfield bank. From there he went to the Merchants National Bank of San Francisco where he remained a year in the capacity of Assistant Cashier of their Fillmore Street Branch, and was promoted to receiving teller of the main bank on Market Street.

About this time, Clinton E. Worden of the First National Bank of San Francisco was establishing banks in and about the oil fields, and sought out Mr. Crary to assist him in this work. This string of banks included Maricopa, Taft, Wasco, Bakersfield and Richmond, California. During this period Mr. Crary erected two bank buildings in the oil fields.

In addition to assisting in the or-

ganization of these banks, Mr. Crary occupied the position of Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Maricopa. Later he assisted in the organization of the First National Bank of Taft of which he was cashier. From Taft he came to assume the position he now holds with the Bank of Burlingame, of which he is a large stockholder. During the time he has been with this local bank, which is practically three years, the bank's business has just doubled in volume. Mr. Crary's brother, Chas. J. Crary is also in the banking business, being Vice-President of the First National Bank of Richmond, California.

**Mrs. E. O. Lindblom**

**M**RS. Lindblom has achieved a notable success in her chosen field of endeavor—the motion picture world, not only as a producer but as an actress of exceptional ability. Although very wealthy in her own name, and with the millions of her husband behind her to draw upon, Mrs. Lindblom has chosen to work—and work hard—for the motion picture business is, as everybody knows, one of the most exacting in the world. The hours are long and the work is strenuous.

This is especially true in the case of Mrs. Lindblom, who not only plays the leading parts in her productions but carries upon her shoulders the entire responsibility and all the worries of her producing organizations, the Liberty and the Banner Film Companies.

Mrs. Lindblom was born in Oakland on September 29, 1890 where she attended Miss Horton's school. Upon graduation she traveled extensively. When sojourning in Alaska she met and later married Mr. Lindblom at San Francisco. In 1914 she decided upon her return to San Mateo where the Lindbloms established their residence, to devote all of her time to motion picture work. In

July of that year the studio was built, and the Liberty Film Company was launched, followed in a short period by the Banner Film Company which latter was for the production of one and two reel comedies. Mrs. Lindblom is president of both companies and owns a controlling interest in both.

One of the greatest difficulties that confronted Mrs. Lindblom was finding efficient, loyal workers; and it is a fact that only three of the original staff still remain, while a corps of exceptionally efficient actors has been gathered; so that now, no more fully equipped and organized companies can be found upon the Pacific Coast than the Liberty and the Banner companies. The studios are very compact and complete in every detail, including three stages, a property room, garage, laboratory, carpenter shop, and a room for the projection of their own pictures before they are placed upon the market. There is also a complete scenario department, although it is the policy of the companies to purchase scenarios that have real merit and can be used to advantage.

Mrs. Lindblom selected San Mateo for her studios because of its splendid scenery, good climate and congenial people who, in an admirable spirit of local patriotism, have almost invariably allowed the use of their premises for the production of the companies' various scenes.

Mrs. Lindblom selected Mr. Anderson to assume the responsibility of managing both her companies. He also acts as secretary and manager. Mr. R. H. Mauser is the producing director and part owner of the Banner Company and is perhaps better known as "Bill Stinger" the editor of a witty little magazine called "Stung."

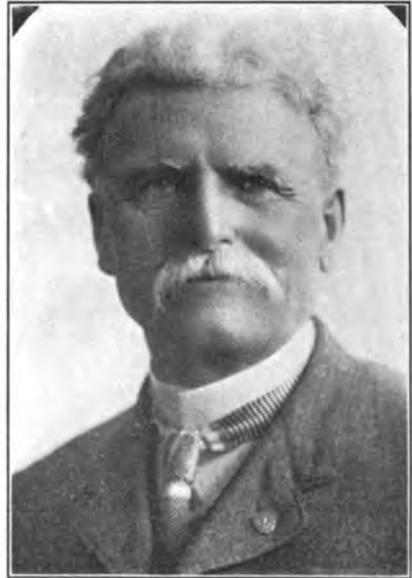
Mrs. Lindblom has a home at 28 Presidio Terrace, San Francisco. She is a member in that city to the Rebekahs and the Eastern Star as well as an active working member of the

Theosophical Society. She is deeply interested in all things occult and has done some interesting original work along these lines, although her greatest claim to public recognition is in the moving picture world. It is in this latter field that her future greatest efforts will be staged, in the production of some big ideas that she is quietly working out, to be developed in the near future.

Some of Sadie Lindblom's productions—for this is her stage name—are "The Crumpled Letter," "The Plaid Coat," "The Movie Nut," "Love Finds a Way," and many others.

#### Ebenezer E. Cunningham

**E**BENEZER E. Cunningham was born April 6, 1839 in Marion County, Missouri. He received his education in the public schools of Iowa. At the age of 18 years he em-



igrated to the Territory of Nebraska. He enlisted in the Civil War and served as 2nd Duty Sergeant in Co. C, 2nd Nebraska Cavalry and in the 48th Missouri Infantry as 1st Lieutenant of Co. K. In 1868 Mr. Cunningham was elected to the Nebras-

ka State Senate from the first district (Richardson County) and reelected in 1870, was elected President of the State Senate and presided at the impeachment trial of Governor David Butler, session of 1870 and 1871.

In March 1871 was appointed U. S. Surveyor General for Nebraska and Iowa, which position he held until the spring of 1876 when he resigned to take up the work of U. S. Surveys in the field. Judge Cunningham followed mining for 15 years and in 1886 came to San Francisco. In 1892 he removed to South San Francisco, and in April of that year was appointed postmaster, a position he has held continuously to the present time. For fourteen years he was also Justice of the Peace for the First Township of San Mateo County, which latter office he gave up when the post office was raised to the third class.

**Clarence M. Doxsee**

THE abstract of title business is one of the most important lines of activity in Redwood City, county seat of San Mateo County, and many of Redwood's most reputable residents are engaged in this work. Standing out among them is Clarence M. Doxsee, manager of the George H. Rice Abstract Company, who has directed this pioneer firm for the last ten years.

Mr. Doxsee came to California from Iowa where he had considerable experience in abstract work and since then he has been associated with the George H. Rice Abstract Company. Under his competent management this firm which was started forty years ago and which was the only business of its kind in Redwood City for twenty-five years, has been able to maintain its high rank and standard. Nearly every large tract of property in the county has been abstracted by this firm.

Mr. Doxsee is a close student of horticulture and is an authority on this subject. Besides the abstract

business he has diversified interests throughout the county.

Clarence M. Doxsee was born in Medina County, Ohio on July 30, 1861. He received his primary education in the state of Iowa. Later he entered the Iowa State College, graduating from that institution with the class of '83. Mr. Doxsee was married to Mary H. Ingham at Algona, Iowa, where he had a flourishing abstract business. Since his residence in Redwood City Mr. Doxsee has been a member of the Congregational Church of that city.

**P. J. Cochran**

P. J. COCHRAN, a modest, unassuming San Mateo blacksmith, has the distinction of having shod more record breaking horses than any man living. In the days when racing flourished, horses were brought from far and wide to Cochran's shop as the owner of every fast string of ponies had heard of Cochran as the originator of the famous Palo Alto shoe.

Among Cochran's prized possessions is a cabinet of horses' shoes. They are shoes that were worn by kings and queens of the turf. Among them are names familiar to every follower of the turf. There are such record holders as Sunol, Palo Alto, Arion, Bell Bird, Azote, Abdell and Stamboul, every one of which is a record holder and everyone made its record while shod with Cochran's shoes.

In the gala days of Governor Stanford's famous Palo Alto stock farm, Cochran was the shoer, and no one but Cochran was ever allowed to put a shoe on any of Stanford's fleet horses. Cochran knew every horse on the farm like a book and by designing special shoes for every horse he lowered their records many seconds.

In 1895 Monroe Salisbury took Cochran east to shoe his string of fast ones, among them were Alex,

2.03¾ and Azote whose best record had been 2.07. Cochran made a long study of the horses' needs and a few months later he had put shoes on them that enabled them to set a new world's mare and gelding record of 2.01¼ and 2.04¾.

P. J. Cochran was born fifty years ago, California being his native state. He has lived in San Mateo for the last twenty years. He learned his trade when a small boy and has followed it ever since. Prominent in fraternal circles Mr. Cochran belongs to several orders. He is a Mason, a Native Son and an Odd Fellow.

#### Roy W. Cloud

AS head of the San Mateo County school system, Roy W. Cloud, Superintendent of schools, is known in almost every household in the



county, and he is known to be fully competent and capable to discharge the responsibility that falls upon one in charge of the county's future citizens.

This is Mr. Cloud's ninth year of office, having been elected for a third term in 1914. During his incumben-

cy the San Mateo County schools have expanded to one of the finest systems in the state with a teaching corps and a set of buildings that should be a pride to every San Mateo County citizen.

Roy W. Cloud was born at Crystal Springs, San Mateo County, August 24, 1876 and received the first part of his education in the schools of this county, completing his preparatory work at the Sequoia Union High School. He graduated from Stanford University with an A. B. degree. Before becoming County Superintendent of Schools Mr. Cloud had considerable experience in educational lines. He was principal of the school at Bodie, Cal., and before taking his degree at Stanford he taught in Redwood City schools.

Mr. Cloud comes from a well known San Mateo family, his mother having come to the county in 1856 and his father, Joseph James Cloud, having been County Surveyor for sixteen years. He resides in Redwood City with his family, and his nine-year-old son Noble attends the Redwood schools.

Mr. Cloud has prominent fraternal affiliations. He is Past Master of Redwood City Lodge No 168 F. & A. M., Past Patron of Sequoia Chapter No. 203, Order of the Eastern Star and is a member of the Foresters, the Sons of the American Revolution and the California Schoolmasters' Club.

#### Jesse O. Snyder

IN charge of the great plant of the Western Meat Company at South San Francisco which employs hundreds of men and turns out thousands of dollars worth of products monthly, is Jesse O. Snyder, a resident of South San Francisco for the past twenty years or more and one of its leading boosters.

Mr. Snyder is a native of Pennsylvania and it was in Chicago that he gained his fundamental knowledge

of the packing business. Before coming west he was with Swift & Co. He worked himself up to a responsible position with these interests who sent him out to take charge of the plant of the Western Meat Co.

As general Superintendent of the Western Meat Company Mr. Snyder holds one of the most important positions in the industrial life of San Mateo County. The great institution which he superintends on the bay front is the largest packing plant on the whole Pacific coast.

Besides his work with the Western Meat Company Mr. Snyder is well known for his interest in the affairs of South San Francisco and his part in its development. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Bank of South San Francisco which has been the city's most progressive influence.

Jesse O. Snyder was born in Alexander, Pa., in the month of February, 1876. He spent nearly all his life before coming to California twenty-one years ago, in Chicago following different branches of the packing business. Mr. Snyder was married seventeen years ago at Coyote, Cal., and lives with his family in South San Francisco. He belongs to the Masons and the Elks.

#### The San Mateo County News

THE San Mateo County News, the only daily newspaper in San Mateo County, is published in the city of San Mateo every afternoon except Sundays and holidays and was founded by A. P. Bellisle and J. D. Bromfield in the year 1914, its first number appearing on the 5th of January. It is the county publication in the sense that its influence and scope of action extend throughout the entire district from South San Francisco and Daly City on the north to Menlo Park and Pescadero on the south, which demonstrates its prestige all over the county.

Preeminently, San Mateo County is a district of homes and for many years a real need had been felt for a daily newspaper that would publish the news of the county in a prompt efficient and unbiased manner. The foundation of the San Mateo County News responded to the necessities of this epoch in the peninsula's development which were clearly understood by Messrs. Bromfield and Bellisle, who thus endowed the County of San Mateo with an independent newspaper, free from political influences of the various factions whose frequent struggles had agitated the county.

On November 1, 1913, the two young men who later were to establish the county's first daily paper, took over the San Mateo Leader from Charles M. Morse. Prior to that time A. P. Bellisle had been associated with Mr. Morse in the publication of the Leader and J. D. Bromfield had been connected with the San Francisco Morning Call for about five years. Two months after assuming control of the San Mateo Leader, Messrs. Bellisle and Bromfield announced through the columns of their weekly paper their determination to establish the county's first daily. In less than two days, over six hundred subscribers had been secured.

Despite the enthusiastic reception accorded the new paper by the public, some doubts were expressed as to the success of the enterprise. A few pessimists and a number of envious contemporaries voiced the opinion that the News would cease publication before the expiration of three months. Hearing these generous expressions about the "foolhardy" young editors, many persons declined to invest more than forty cents at a time for subscriptions because of a fear that they might lose their money.

In the face of these dark predictions, however, The News thrived and

prospered. Independence, respect to the private citizen, the judicious attack on public officials, and not against the individual personally, have formed the doctrine of The News from the beginning. Truth, honesty; that was the starting point. Liberty, progress and development are the only ends which the paper has pursued.

Such complete liberty of judgment and action, far from implying a lack of definite issue or clear perspective, were indispensable to form a basis of the program which the San Mateo County News outlined from the beginning and which it has maintained up to the present, and will continue in the future.

The News has now entered upon its third year and is steadily gaining in the confidence and esteem of the communities which it serves. Its efficiency and independence in giving the news has caused it to grow rapidly and steadily until it now has nearly 10,000 daily readers. This large and growing circulation has won for it the patronage, and not the sympathetic support of the advertising merchants. It can be truthfully said of the News that it has never solicited advertising except on the basis of giving value received. In this respect it differs from the ordinary country newspaper.

There is a popular demand for The News in all parts of the peninsula and today it holds first place in the journalistic field of the county and still has the distinction of being the only daily newspaper in a county of 35,000 population.

The News Publishing Company, which not only publishes the San Mateo County News and the San Mateo Leader, but does a large printing business as well, has twenty regular employees on its pay roll and has become one of the leading business enterprises of the county.

The San Mateo Leader, companion publication of The News, is the

oldest established weekly in San Mateo, having been founded in 1889. The Leader, which is made up of the best local news selected from the daily, is without doubt the most newsy weekly paper in the county and is invaluable to those who can not avail themselves of the daily service of The News. The Leader is conducted with the same independent policy that characterizes the daily paper.

The News has correspondents in all centers of population throughout the county, however small they may be, and the public in general aids materially in facilitating the work of gathering the news of the county by communicating information of current topics and important events direct to the editorial rooms.

The San Mateo County News has become one of the permanent institutions of the county and its present success presages a brilliant future. Messrs. Bellisle and Bromfield are to be heartily thanked for filling a long-felt want in San Mateo County.

#### Frank Clair Wyckoff

FRANK Clair Wyckoff is one of the many newcomers in Burlingame who has been attracted by the splendid opportunities that the rapid development of that town offers. Although Mr. Wyckoff came to Burlingame as a stranger just a year ago, he has risen to a high place in the esteem of his fellow business men and has established one of the most up-to-date undertaking and embalming establishments on the peninsula.

Mr. Wyckoff is a native son, having been born in Sierra Valley, near Sierraville, Sierra County on June 1, 1872. After completing his education, he tried rubbing shoulders with the world in other parts of the country but returned to his native state in 1890 to become associated with the California Casket Company of San Francisco. He was with this company for nearly twenty-five years, ad-

vancing from an inconsequential place to the responsible position of office manager.

A year ago Mr. Wyckoff saw the reawakening of the peninsula and at the same time succumbed to the lure of being in business for himself. As a result he resigned his position with the California Casket Company and established an undertaking business in Burlingame.

Besides his undertaking business in Burlingame, Mr. Wyckoff is an accountant and has charge of the bookkeeping for a large peninsula concern.

Mr. Wyckoff is a member of the Elks and the Masons. He also belongs to the Burlingame Commercial Club and the San Mateo and Burlingame Merchants' Association.

#### Robert W. Mantz

**R**OBERT W. Mantz is now entering on his fifth year as the first supervising principal of the Redwood City public schools. Beginning with about 300 pupils under his supervision the schools have now nearly 600 enrolled.

On the initiative of Mr. Mantz the first public school playground in San Mateo County was equipped at Redwood City and a play ground carnival held to celebrate the event. Also on his recommendation sewing, cooking and manual training in all the grades were introduced, this being the first elementary school in the county to adopt these courses. The Redwood City Grammar School now has one of the best manual training laboratories in the state, housed in a separate building, and is successfully accomplishing junior high school work.

The school has an annual exhibit in the school auditorium of hand work from all grades including furniture from the 7th and 8th grades. This exhibit is exceedingly popular, draws large crowds and antedates

in its inception, the Junior Exposition of San Francisco by two years.

Three years ago Mr. Mantz arranged for an art exhibit which resulted in the purchase of \$400.00 worth of pictures and statuary for the classrooms and corridors. The school holds the state record for returns from such an exhibit. Two new school houses are now being built to accommodate the overflow in the lower grades from the Highlands and Five Points sections.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grades are now practically accomplishing intermediate high school work.

The perfect harmony existing at all times in the board of trustees and the cordial cooperation of the trustees and teachers with the principal in his efforts for school betterment are responsible for the progress of the school. Before being invited by the County Superintendent and the trustees to take charge of the Redwood City schools Mr. Mantz was head of the mathematics department of the Belmont school for boys—W. T. Reid Foundation. Prior to this he was for several years professor of mathematics and dean of the faculty of California College and Academy, of Oakland, an accredited high school and junior college whose graduates were accorded junior standing at the State University.

Though born in Illinois, Mr. Mantz is an ardent Californian, having moved with his parents and sisters to this state when a boy and receiving his education at a State Normal school and State University, besides taking various Stanford and Berkeley summer courses.

He has contributed articles to several newspapers and magazines. Mr. Mantz is a trustee of the First Congregational Church, he is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Fraternal Aid and of several clubs. He has two sons in the 8th grade and a daughter at Stanford University. His wife Mrs. Annie F. Mantz was

before her marriage a successful teacher. She is now president of the Redwood City Parent-Teachers' Association, President of the San Mateo County Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations and a member of the executive council of the State Mothers' Clubs.

#### Charles N. Kirkbride

CHARLES N. Kirkbride, the City Attorney of San Mateo, came to the town in 1889 and started the San Mateo Leader, taking in R. H. Jury as an associate. He subsequently became editor of the Times-Gazette and moved to Redwood City, but in 1891 resumed the study of law, begun at the College of the Pacific in San Jose, under Justice John E. Richards, now of the Appellate Court. Mr. Kirkbride entered Northwestern University College of Law at Chicago, Ill., and had lectures under such eminent men as Justices Harlan and Brewer of the United States Supreme Court; Henry Wade Rogers, dean of Harvard Law School and Seymore D. Thompson, author of Commentaries on Corporations. He graduated in 1893 and obtained his diploma at the hands of Theodore Roosevelt, who addressed the students on the political duties of the college man.

Mr. Kirkbride opened a law office in San Mateo December 4, 1894, and has been here ever since. He has held the office of City Attorney since 1895. He continued to practice alone until 1912 when Joseph B. Gordon, who had almost grown up in the office was admitted to partnership. The firm title has since been Kirkbride & Gordon.

Eighteen years ago he was one of the founders of the League of California Municipalities, pronounced the most efficient state organization of city officials in the Union. He organized the San Mateo Mutual Building and Loan Association in 1896. He took an active part in the organiza-

tion of the San Mateo Public Library and, through a friend, secured an option on the old Knights of Pythias Library in San Francisco at the nominal figure of \$500. The library contained 5000 volumes. Geo. W. Dickie advanced the necessary funds to close the purchase. Later when the question of getting a lot became



a problem, Mr. Kirkbride and J. H. Hatch advanced the \$625 necessary to make a deposit to hold the present site until public officials could act in the matter. In 1902 he took up the matter of forcing the establishment of a high school and canvassed the town at night on a bicycle to secure signatures to the necessary petition, others having failed in the attempt. Opposition developed from those interested in a private school but an election was called and the school established. At that time the number of pupils attending high schools could be counted on the fingers of one's hands. The school then started, has developed into an institution having an enrollment of near 400 and assents of near three hundred thousand. Mr.

Kirkbride prepared all the legal papers incident to the issuance of bonds for the high school district, for the purchase of land and erection of buildings without charge. He has always taken an active part in organizations devoted to local improvement and is a member of the present Chamber of Commerce. In San Francisco he has been a member of the Commonwealth Club for years and serves on important committees.

He has been active in Militia circles and is a 1st Lieutenant on the Regimental Staff of Col. Geo. A. Schastey of the Coast Artillery Corps and holds high rank as to his qualifications as an artillery officer. He is also a trustee of the College of the Pacific in San Jose.

#### Maurice F. Boland

**M**AURICE F. Boland, proprietor of Boland's Cigar Store and Billiard Room in San Mateo, and for eleven years Chief of Police of San Mateo is well known throughout the county. As police chief, Boland had an enviable record. In addition to preserving order in the community, Chief Boland figured in the capture of many famous criminals. So satisfied were the citizens of San Mateo with his work, that he was re-elected several times and was in office at the time his business interests forced him to retire from public life.

Of powerful physique Boland was a splendid athlete when a young man. He won prizes in all branches of sport. He is still a close follower of athletic events and keen authority on sports. Boland is a San Mateo property owner and in him the city finds a booster who always puts in a few good words for the city to every stranger that patronizes his place.

Maurice F. Boland was born in Boston, Mass., where he lived for only three years. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Boland came from Ireland. Since coming west Mr Boland spent a great part of his life in California

and has been a resident of San Mateo for many years. He has been in the cigar business for the last four years. On December last he was married and lives with his family at 611 North C Street.

#### Henry T. Daley

**M**R. Henry T. Daley, a dentist of Burlingame, is one of the leading young professional men of the peninsula. Before coming to Burlingame to establish his practice, Dr. Daley had offices in San Francisco. He has practiced in Burlingame since 1909.

Dr. Daley is a native son. He was born at Lockeford in 1885. He received his early education in California.

Dr. Daley was married on June 25, 1911. He is associated with several college and business organizations and is a member of the San Mateo Lodge of Elks and the Royal Arcanum.

#### Thomas L. Hickey

**O**NE of the best known residents of San Mateo County is Thomas L. Hickey who has been actively identified with the business, civic and fraternal interests of this section for many years. He has been a leading spirit in movements that tend to the betterment of this county and has made a host of friends through his genial disposition.

Born in Chicago September 17, 1871, Mr. Hickey received his education in the public schools of that city. At an early age he entered the employ of the Armours where he remained four years. At the end of that period he was employed by Swift & Co., which firm sent him to California in 1892 to take charge of the killing department of the Western Meat Company's plant at South San Francisco. He continued there until 1908. During these 16 years and to the present time he has re-

mained a resident of South San Francisco. For the past five years Mr. Hickey has been a representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and his ability has frequently been recognized by the home office in New York. He has attended conventions of the representatives of the Society as a result of his successful efforts in affording protection in the form of life insurance.

Although actively engaged in business affairs, Mr. Hickey has always found time to display his interest and zeal in behalf of the county in which



he makes his home. He was City Trustee of South San Francisco for six years from the time of its incorporation and many public improvements were well under way when he retired, leaving the completion to others. Mr. Hickey is one of the board of Governors of the San Mateo County Development Board and took an active interest in the campaign for good roads.

Mr. Hickey is a man of family. His son, Thomas E. Hickey, is a prominent figure in amateur athletics, especially in the departments of

football and baseball. He has turned down several offers to enter the ranks of professional baseball preferring to continue his law studies at Santa Clara.

As a member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus and Loyal Order of Moose, Mr. Hickey has been a moving spirit in fraternal circles.

#### August D. Jenevein

THERE is no man in San Mateo County who is better or more favorably known than August D. Jenevein. For many years Mr. Jenevein was the genial host at the most popular resort in the county,—Uncle Tom's Cabin, and during the fourteen years that he occupied this position as proprietor since 1878, he met and entertained all the notable characters who passed through the county.

Mr. Jenevein was born in Lorraine, France in the year 1851, on February 15. He lived his early years in the old country and received his education there before he came to America to seek his fortune in the new world.

When about twenty-four years of age he came to California, and shortly afterward took up his permanent residence in San Mateo County where he has remained for the last thirty-eight years. In 1883 he was married in San Bruno to Miss Amelia Schnell.

During the years of his residence in San Mateo County Mr. Jenevein has remained in the hotel business and has prospered to a considerable extent, so that today he owns valuable property and has lucrative business interests in San Bruno where he has invested much of his money, as he believes in the future of this thriving little town. In addition to looking after his own business interests, Mr. Jenevein assumed the duties of trustee of the School Board in 1908. He believes in good schools and the careful education of the young.

Mr. Jenevein is blessed with a large family of children, all of whom have and will receive sound and helpful educations following out his theory of education. Their names are August J., Luvina Gamble, Amelia Sherman, Julia C., George A., Hilda B. Viola C., Hortense E. M., and Joseph E. B.

### Fernand Levy

**M**R. Fernand Levy, well known in San Mateo business and social circles not only as the president and founder of Levy Brothers but as a man who takes a sincere interest in all matters of public importance.

The firm of Levy Brothers exemplifies the saying that "Rome was not built in a day." It grew to its present magnitude and prosperity from a small beginning. In 1872 Levy Brothers was established—not in San Mateo, strange as it may seem—but in Half Moon Bay. In 1892 it was incorporated. Similar stores at this time also belonging to Levy Brothers, sprang up—one at Pescadero and one in San Gregorio. In 1898 it was decided to move the business to San Mateo, where it has been steadily growing ever since, having assumed more and more the functions of a department store. At the present date, it is a fact that this store, the largest of its kind in the county, maintains a standard of service and high quality of merchandise not surpassed by the larger department stores of our next door neighbor—San Francisco.

Mr. Fernand Levy was born in Lorraine, France in the year 1848. When not quite twenty he left France for America, accompanied by his brother Jo, a lad of sixteen years. Since that time, over forty-seven years ago, the brothers have been almost constantly associated together in their business enterprises; and it is due in no small part to this harmonious co-operation, that the firm has prospered.

### John F. Davis

**J**OHN F. Davis, justice of the Peace in the first township and City Attorney of Burlingame, is one of the county's promising young lawyers. He has practiced for the past eleven years, the last seven of which have been in the courts of this county.

As City Attorney of Burlingame Mr. Davis has played an important part in the growth of that city. He has done all the legal work in connection with hundreds of thousands



of dollars that Burlingame has spent on sewers, sidewalks and street improvements, the municipal water system and the extension of the city's boundaries. During his incumbency in office he has won many important cases for the city, notable among which was a case against an asphalt company which resulted in the saving of thousands of dollars to the property owners. Although pitted against big corporation lawyers he and other Burlingame officials forced the United Railroads to spend \$30,000 improving its right of way in Burlingame.

John F. Davis was born in Sacramento on June 19, 1879. After graduating from the Sacramento high school, he attended Stanford University and later took a law course at the University of Michigan. He was then associated with several large law firms after being admitted to the bar.

Besides a beautiful home in Easton, Mr. Davis owns other Burlingame property. He is also closely identified with the social life of Burlingame, being a member of the Burlingame Commercial Club and a member of the Masonic order.

### John Francis Johnson

**A**FTER living in San Mateo County for fifty-nine years and holding public office for over twenty-five years, John F. Johnson takes a place among San Mateo County's



leading citizens. Few men, can boast of a longer residence and a better knowledge of the growth and development of the peninsula than Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson spent the first part of his life in Halfmoon Bay when

that was the most important town in the county. Later he came to Redwood City where after many years of service in public office he started the J. F. Johnson Abstract Company of which he is the owner and proprietor.

Only few men have been longer in public office in this county than Mr. Johnson. Important among his public positions were eight years as deputy county clerk and recorder and ten years as county clerk and recorder and then later when the county developed sufficiently to separate these offices, eight years as county recorder.

Mr. Johnson has been as prominent in the business and social life of the county as he has in its political life. He was a charter member and the first past president of the Redwood Native Sons and has been Financial Secretary of that order for twenty-five years. He also belongs to the Elks and Odd Fellows. Mr. Johnson is one of the pillars of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce and belongs to the San Mateo County Development Association. He is a director of the San Mateo County Building and Loan Association and the Redwood City Realty Company.

John Francis Johnson was born in Halfmoon Bay on September 2, 1856. He resides in Redwood and has two grown children, John Leslie who is practicing law in Santa Cruz and Petra, who is teaching in the Redwood City Grammar school. Both are graduates of Stanford.

### Asa Edward Hull

**I**T is a well proven saying that, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," while on the other hand the career of Asa Edward Hull who was born in San Carlos (San Mateo County) just goes to show that a man who sticks close to his native town and county, not only "gathers moss", but earns the respect and admiration of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Hull was born in San Carlos on July 1, 1870, his father's name being Mr. Wm. Whipple Hull, being the pioneer brick maker of this county. He received his education in the San Mateo County schools, and began at an early date to master the dairying and farming business, which he will testify has as many technicalities and ins and outs as any of the so-called "chosen professions." He thoroughly mastered these pursuits, and then went into the hardware business. At the present time he is President of Hull Bros. Hardware Company, located in Redwood City, and is also a director of the San Mateo County Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Hull has always taken pride in the condition of his herds, taking great care that no diseased animal should corrupt the output of milk, cream and butter fat. His herd of Holstein cows is the largest tested herd in the county, and attracted considerable attention recently by the creditable manner in which they passed the tuberculin test, which in the last few years has become extremely rigid.

When Mr. Hull was only fifteen years old he went into business for himself in 1885. Besides business friends and acquaintances innumerable throughout the county, Mr. Hull takes an active interest in fraternal circles where he is very popular, belonging to B. P. O. E., 1112 and also N. S. G. W., Parlor 66.

### R. F. Chilcott

**A**MONG San Mateo County's foremost citizens is R. F. Chilcott of Redwood City, secretary of the San Mateo County Abstract Company, who has been intensely active for the past twelve years in the affairs of the county and particularly those of Redwood City.

After a thorough training in abstracting and record searching in other counties of the State of Cali-

fornia and the State of Washington, Mr. Chilcott came to Redwood City in 1904 to engage in this line of work. Days spent, year in and year out, examining the San Mateo county records has made him an authority on this subject and an expert on land titles in San Mateo county.

Mr. Chilcott's loyalty to San Mateo county is evidenced by the time he has devoted to civic work. As president of the old Redwood City Board of Trade he labored faithfully for the upbuilding of this community. Such far reaching results did he obtain that he was made chairman of the harbor committee of the new Red-



wood City Chamber of Commerce, one of the most important branches of that body. Mr. Chilcott also belongs to the San Mateo County Development Association.

Richard Frederick Chilcott was born in Washington on December 31, 1882. He came to California fifteen years ago. On February 8, 1906, Mr. Chilcott was married to Miss Olga Heiner of Redwood City. His business interests are generally confined to Redwood City. Besides being sec-

retary of the San Mateo County Abstract Company, he is Inheritance Tax Appraiser for John S. Chambers, State Controller.

Mr. Chilcott's fraternal affiliations include the San Mateo Elks and the Masons in which he ranks high.

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### Frank B. Bettencourt

**W**ITH a record of having shown over 14,000,000 feet of film, Frank B. Bettencourt, operator at Hart's Peninsula Theatre in San Mateo, lays an easy claim to being the leading moving picture operator in the county.

Mr. Bettencourt went into the moving picture business when it was



in its infancy. He began in San Mateo with Charles Hart. In the eight years that he has operated the cameras in Mr. Hart's theatre, Mr. Bettencourt has projected over 14,000 reels which include all the important pictures that have been manufactured.

During his spare time Mr. Bettencourt has conducted extensive investigations and experiments. He is

now waiting for patents on accessories to moving picture machines which he has invented. The two most important are an automatic shutter and a take up device which overcomes the flicker so bothersome to the eyes.

Mr. Bettencourt has given many private exhibitions in the county. He has shown pictures at the San Mateo Polo Club, the Burlingame Country Club, the Beresford Country Club and at many private homes.

He recently started with a brother, Mr. C. E. Bettencourt a pictorial news service of the county events for use in the moving picture houses of the peninsula.

Mr. Bettencourt was born in San Mateo on December 22, 1892 and has spent his entire life in California. He is endeavoring to secure a charter of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators of the United States and Canada, for San Mateo County, which will be organized shortly.

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### Harry H. Putnam

**A**FTER months of travel in the United States looking for a business opening, Harry H. Putnam, contractor and builder of Redwood City, chose California as the state offering the most to the newcomer. He then spent two years deciding beyond a doubt that the peninsula offered him more opportunities than any other place in the state and that for one in his line, Redwood City was the logical place to locate.

Since coming to Redwood City, Mr. Putnam has developed a large contracting and building business. He has erected 10 homes in the Redwood Highlands district alone and his contracts for houses and other structures are strung along from Redwood City to San Jose. A number of the attractive places in Stanford Park are being built by Mr. Putnam.

Mr. Putnam came west after considerable experience in building and contracting lines. He was in business in Omaha for several years, where he built a number of homes.

Harry H. Putnam is a native of Nebraska and was born on May 28, 1885. After graduating from the Omaha High School, he took a course at the University of Nebraska. He was married at Omaha on September 10, 1904. Mr. Putnam is a member of the Masons and the Woodmen of the World, and also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Frat. He resides with his family at 712 Brewster Ave., Redwood City.

**Frank K. Towne**

THE lesson of the opportunities San Mateo County holds for its young men is taught by the life of Frank. K. Towne, assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Redwood City.

Twenty-five years ago when Mr. Towne was still in his teens, he went to work for this bank as a clerk. This was on September 1, 1891. He has continued in its employ ever since, his advancement keeping pace with the growth of the institution. Mr. Towne is now assistant cashier and cashier of the San Mateo County Savings Bank.

Mr. Towne has played a leading part in the civic life of Redwood City. He has held the position of City Treasurer for the past fourteen years. When the bond issue for a county highway system was suggested Mr. Towne became an enthusiast on the subject and did a great deal to secure its passage.

Frank K. Towne was born in Santa Clara County on January 11, 1875 and received his education in the Santa Clara County schools. He moved to Redwood City shortly after, starting to work for the First National Bank. He has three sons, Kendall B., Frank L. and Gerald E. Mr. Towne's property interests are both

in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. He is a member of the Elks, Native Sons and Masons, being Past Master of the Redwood City lodge of Masons.

**Joseph M. Francis**

ONE of the most active workers for his own district and the county at large is Joseph M. Francis, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Supervisor of the Fourth Township of San Mateo County. Mr. Francis is serving his seventh year



as Supervisor and his second year as chairman of the county board.

Few Supervisors in California can boast of more satisfied constituents than "Joe" Francis. He secured good boulevards for his district and improved the streets of Halfmoon Bay so that they are now the best streets in any unincorporated town in the county. So well satisfied were the residents with Mr. Francis' work on the board that when his name was submitted for re-election in 1912 he was elected as the candidate of all three parties. Even eighty-six of the ninety-one Republican voters in one precinct took the trouble to write his name in on the ballot at the primary.

While Mr. Francis has been in office the ocean boulevard has been completed throughout its length in his

township, the Crystal Springs road to San Mateo has been boulevarded, and Marine View, Farallon and Purissima roads have been built, in addition to the extensive street improvements in Halfmoon Bay and the other coastside cities.

Supervisor Francis has keen plans in store for the future. The money is already available for the improvement of the Crystal Springs boulevard from Halfmoon Bay to the Second Township. He also plans to build a road into Purissima Canyon, opening up to motorists one of the beautiful spots in San Mateo County.

Supervisor Francis has been one of the most progressive members of the county board. He was one of the strongest advocates for the passage of the \$1,250,000 bond issue for good roads and no one supported the bonds more enthusiastically than the people of his township.

None has a more thorough knowledge of the fourth township than Supervisor Francis, who was born in Halfmoon Bay in 1872 and who has been a resident there ever since. Supervisor Francis' long residence in Halfmoon Bay is no more a matter of pride to him than the fact that he has never passed beyond the boundaries of his native state.

Most of Supervisor Francis' property interests are in and around Halfmoon Bay. Francis Bros., general merchandise, is one of the oldest and largest establishments on the coastside. Mr. Francis is also the president of the Bank of Halfmoon Bay.

Supervisor Francis comes from one of the oldest families on the coastside, his parents settling at Halfmoon in the early sixties. They were ranchers and merchants, and the days that Mr. Francis did not spend at Halfmoon Bay Schools he spent on his father's ranch.

Mr. Francis is a member of the San Mateo Lodge of Elks, and of the Native Sons and the Eagles of Halfmoon Bay.

### Horace H. Walling

**H**ORACE H. Walling has been a resident of San Mateo County since October, 1905. He was born in Kirkville, Iowa, on December 5th, 1869. In 1882 his parents came to California, locating in Woodland, Yolo County, where he finished his education in the public schools.

Upon leaving school he entered the office of the Woodland Mail to learn the printing trade and journalism, and for a number of years followed the printing and publishing business. During his newspaper experience he was the founder and owner of one of the principal papers of Placerville, El Dorado County.

In 1901 he became identified with the Type Foundry and Printers Supply business in San Francisco, and since then his business interests have been in San Francisco. He is the Vice-President and Manager of the Keystone Type Foundry of California, located at 638 Mission Street.

In 1891 he married Miss Elisa Stevenson, of one of the pioneer families of Marysville, Cal. Mrs. Walling is a prominent worker in Civic and Literary Clubs in San Mateo, taking an active interest in the welfare of the Public Schools as President of the Parent-Teachers' Association. They have two children, Horace S., and Elisa B.

Mr. Walling takes an active part in fraternal circles; is a member of San Mateo Lodge No. 226 F. & A. M., and San Mateo Lodge No. 1112 B. P. O. E. The family home is at 236 Elm Street, San Mateo.

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### H. C. Tuchsén

**I**T is probably true that the real estate operator has the opportunity as well as the responsibility of doing more actual good for the county than he represents than any other profession. He brings settlers and home-seekers and builds up the county in more ways than one. This is partic-

larly true of Mr. Tuchsén whose election to serve as President of the Redwood City Board of Trade and San Mateo County Development Association as well as City Trustee of Redwood City, amply testifies.

Mr. Tuchsén was born on February 11, 1864 in Germany. He came to America when comparatively a young man and has resided in California the last thirty-four years. Twenty-one of these years were spent in San Mateo County.

Before settling in this county he tried successively San Luis Obispo, Monterey and Alameda Counties, but found none so much to his taste as the county of his choice.

On March 31, 1897 he was married at Redwood City where his home is now located. There are two children to this union: Elena and Valentine.

Mr. Tuchsén entered the real estate business in Redwood City and San Mateo County at a comparatively early period and participated in the substantial profits accruing therefrom to almost all who had the foresight to see the opportunities in this field of activity. He enjoys a most enviable reputation as an appraiser of real estate values and his opinion has been accepted in difficult cases by the leading men in banks of San Francisco.

**Alphonsus S. Liguori**

**F**EW men are better and more favorably known in the fraternal circles of the county than Alphonsus S. Liguori of Redwood City. In the business world Mr. Liguori is a salt manufacturer and superintendent of the Redwood Water Company. In the fraternal world he is the prince of good fellows, and is pronounced one of the leading spirits in every organization to which he belongs.

Mr. Liguori was one of the leaders in the movement to bring the 1916 convention of the Foresters to Redwood City, which is one of the greatest fraternal honors ever accord-

ed a San Mateo town. He is secretary of the Foresters Hall Association and was for nine years District Deputy Grand Chief Ranger.

The Native Sons have always had an enthusiast in Mr. Liguori. Besides being recording secretary of the Redwood Parlor for ten years, he has worked in the interests of this order throughout the county. He was one of the organizers of the Colma Parlor five years ago.

In the Redmen lodge, Mr. Liguori has been chairman of the Board of Trustees. He is also a member of the San Mateo Lodge of Elks, the Owls and the Odd Fellows.

Alphonsus E. Liguori was born at Mount Eden, Alameda County, on September 1, 1882. He has spent his entire life in the state and passed the last fifteen years in Redwood City where he has property and business interests. Mr. Liguori is a member of the Redwood fire department holding the position of secretary and treasurer of Hose Co. No. 1. He is also secretary of the San Mateo Game Protection Society.

**Mrs. William Douglas**

**O**F the few surviving women who lived through the infancy of San Mateo County, Mrs. William Douglas of San Mateo is one of the best known. Mrs. Douglas has lived in the county for fifty years in which time she has seen a few scattered settlements develop to the present peninsula cities.

Mrs. Douglas' career has been most interesting. While in her 'teens she came around the Horn in a sailing vessel which took eight months to make the trip. She arrived in San Francisco in 1850 and a year later she was married.

She then spent a few years in Placer County. Her husband moved his family to San Mateo in the late fifties. Here he built up a profitable abstract and real estate business.

Mrs. Douglas is the mother of ten children. This remarkable woman survives her husband by fifteen years and has survived all of her children with the exception of two, Robert Lee Douglas and Mrs. Dr. Sanderson, both of San Mateo.

Mrs. Douglas tells most interesting tales of the early days of San Mateo. She describes the business district, containing a few buildings and restricted to less than the size of a block. She remembers of the planting of the long rows of gum trees that have become peninsula land marks and the years that there was only a morning and afternoon train down the peninsula.

Pieces of property which Mrs. Douglas now owns were purchased for a song in the early days but even at that time Mrs. Douglas anticipated the growth that was coming to San Mateo and vicinity and stubbornly held on to her land until she now finds her fond dream of a large city fully realized.

#### Judge George H. Buck

**F**EW names stand out more prominently in the history of California jurisprudence than that of George H. Buck, Superior Judge of San Mateo County, who is completing his twenty-fifth year on the bench and his thirty-third year in public office.

As a jurist Judge Buck is one of the most eminent in the State. In addition to sitting on the San Mateo County bench, Judge Buck has been called many times to preside for other judges, and three years ago Governor Johnson appointed him to fill Judge Dooling's unexpired term when he left the San Benito county court to become a Federal judge.

Judge Buck entered public life in 1882, when he was elected District Attorney of San Mateo County. He was re-elected each term until 1890 when the citizens of San Mateo County elevated him to the Superior Bench.

The best evidence of Judge Buck's popularity and ability is the handsome majorities by which the voters have returned him to office at each election for Superior Judge since then. It was only last year that he was reelected at the primaries for a six-year term by a sweeping vote.

Judge Buck was born in Maine in 1847. After completing his education, he had charge of Gorham's Seminary and Academy in Maine. He later studied law in the office of Woodbury & Ingalls at Boston. He was admitted to the bar of Maine in 1871 and held the position of associate attorney of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad until 1874, when he resigned to come to California. He moved to Redwood City where he started the practice of law.

#### Mrs. E. F. Brown

**F**EW residents of this county realize that just north of Redwood City is the largest and possibly the most valuable lot of dogs on the Pacific coast. The kennels called the Browndale Kennels and famous in dogdom the world over, are conducted by Mrs. E. F. Brown who has been interested in dogs for many years.

Mrs. Brown specializes in collies and the dogs which she owns of this breed are the best in the world. A still greater honor that comes to Mrs. Brown is the fact that the dogs that have defeated all comers in shows in all parts of the country, have practically all been bred by her.

The Browndale Kennels were formerly at Easton but recently moved to Redwood where eight acres are devoted to the culture of these aristocratic dogs. In the kennels at present are 65 dogs. This year Mrs. Brown raised fifty puppies which have been shipped to all parts of the world several going to European nobility and one to the ex-president of San Salvador, Central America.

Mrs. Brown's collection of medals, plaques and cups which were won by entries from the Browndale Kennels, comprises over 300 pieces. She won the bronze plaque of the Immortal Anfield Model, the type most desired by breeders. Her dogs won the highest awards for quality and condition at the P. P. I. Exposition, where they competed against the dogs of all nations.

Mrs. Brown has bred eleven champion dogs. Perhaps the most famous is her Champion Browndale Model which has defeated all coastbred collies and English dogs. He began his career when only seven months old by competing in thirteen shows and winning medals for the best puppy.

Mrs. Brown is president of the Pacific Coast Collie Club.

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**Charles G. Landscheit**

ONE of the best known realty dealers of the peninsula is Charles G. Landscheit, manager of the Redwood City Realty Company. Since coming to Redwood City twenty-one years ago Mr. Landscheit has been connected in one way or another with the realty business; and his long experience has made him the county's leading real estate man.

As manager of the Redwood City Realty Company Mr. Landscheit has been connected with many of Redwood City's large enterprises. Notable among them was the building of the Hotel Sequoia which gave Redwood City the finest hotel now in operation between San Francisco and San Jose.

Being a man of great civic pride and a tireless worker Mr. Landscheit has always furthered Redwood City's interests. He is one of the most influential members and president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Charles George Landscheit was born on January 17, 1872, in Bland-

ford, County of Dorset, England. At seventeen he joined the Grenadier Guards under Queen Victoria: at nineteen he was promoted to corporal and at 20 to sergeant. His regiment was stationed at the Tower of London and in the City of Dublin.



Following his honorable discharge he came directly to California.

Few men of the county have been accorded more fraternal honors than Mr. Landscheit. He is Past Grand, Bay View Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F.; Past Master, Redwood Lodge No. 168, F. & A. M., and Inspector of the 36th Masonic district, and past Exalted Ruler of San Mateo Lodge, No. 1112 B. P. O. Elks.

Mr. Landscheit was married at Belmont on June 30, 1898.

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**L. C. Brandt**

ONE of the great army of commuters who believes that there is no place like San Mateo for the home of the San Francisco business man, is L. C. Brandt, manager of the San Francisco branch of the Buffalo Brewing Company of Sacramento.

Mr. Brandt moved down the peninsula six years ago, and each succeeding year has strengthened the convictions which caused him to locate in San Mateo.

The city has profited handsomely by having Mr. Brandt as a citizen. When he bought property in San Mateo Heights he started to safeguard the interests of that district. He became one of the most active workers in the San Mateo Heights Improvement Club and later served as its president.

The demand for industrial sites in San Mateo began to result in the owners of large plants infringing on Mr. Brandt's pet residential section. His resentment was immediate and before plans could even be drawn for plants in this district, Mr. Brandt had a campaign well under way to exclude industries from the 'Heights.'

The result of the campaign has been the passage of a residential and industrial act which confines industries to what are now flourishing industrial districts, and prohibits any violation of residential districts.

Louis Charles Brandt was born in Vienna, Austria, on July 20, 1867. He came to California twenty-five years ago. Mr. Brandt was married in San Francisco in 1898 and lives with his family at 322 Grand Boulevard. His son Robert, attends the San Mateo Union High School.

#### Rev. W. A. Brewer

NO man has been more closely identified with the growth and best interests of San Mateo County than Rev. W. A. Brewer, Mayor of Hillsborough and, until its discontinuance a few months ago, rector of St. Matthew's Military School.

Mr. Brewer is known throughout the State for his tireless energy in putting the county in the foreground. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the San Mateo County Development As-

sociation. As its executive he contributed perhaps more than any one individual in putting this organization on its firm basis and in bringing about the achievements and accomplishments for the good of the county that marked its first year.

As Hillsborough's first and only Mayor, Mr. Brewer has given his town a progressive and business-like administration that has made it a model in city government. Mr. Brewer was active in bringing about Hillsborough's incorporation and was one of the leading figures in many conferences that preceded the moulding of the scattered countryside into an ideal suburban city.

Rev. W. A. Brewer was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 2, 1863. In September 1895 he was married in San Francisco to Miss Ellen Douglas Wheaton. He has two sons, William Augustus, Jr., aged 15, and Wheaton Hale, 18, a student in the University of California.

Mr. Brewer is an Episcopal clergyman and is now pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Burlingame.

#### Horace E. H. Ruggles

THE task of educating children of one of the peninsula's most flourishing cities is the responsibility that falls on Horace E. H. Ruggles, supervising principal of the Burlingame schools.

It was not long ago that Burlingame although destined to become one of the county's leading cities, did not have a single school house within its boundaries. It was shortly after that Mr. Ruggles accepted his present position. With 217 children the Burlingame system was founded. In only three years the number of pupils increased to nearly 500. Burlingame has two handsome, modern, up-to-date school houses of which any community would be justly proud.

A recognized feature of the Burlingame school system is the per-

fect co-operation between the teachers. To bring this about was one of Mr. Ruggles' first undertakings; and succeeding in that he is now encouraging a closer relationship between the schoolroom and the home through the mutual efforts of the parents and teachers.

Mr. Ruggles came to Burlingame well prepared for the responsibilities of his position. After a splendid primary and preparatory school education he attended the Potsdam Normal School in New York. After holding several teaching positions he became principal of the high school at Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ruggles is a native of Vermont. He has lived in California for five years.

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**Francis T. Rapp**

ONE of San Mateo's hustling young men who stands high in the business circles of the county is Francis T. Rapp, insurance brok-



er and chief probation officer of San Mateo County.

Mr. Rapp was born in San Mateo and has spent the twenty-six years of his life in the county. After graduating from the San Mateo schools he attended Santa Clara University where he took a leading part in athletics and student activities. He played right field on the famous Santa Clara team of 1908 which won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate championship.

Since finishing college Mr. Rapp has been prominent in the business life of the county. For the past three years he has been engaged in the insurance business and he has built up a large patronage in all the peninsula cities.

Mr. Rapp has the distinction of being the youngest chief probation officer in California. He was appointed last year to succeed Sheriff Michael Sheehan. Since taking office Mr. Rapp has faithfully investigated probation and delinquency matters. The competent manner in which he has handled these matters has brought letters of praise from prominent juvenile and probation workers.

Mr. Rapp is recorder of San Mateo Council, No. 1346, Knights of Columbus, Secretary of the Vexillian Society of San Mateo and has served as secretary of the Peninsula Club of San Mateo.

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**Albert Mansfield**

SAN Mateo county's bar claims many of its best citizens. Among these is Albert Mansfield, city attorney of Redwood City, and son of former Sheriff Joel H. Mansfield, who has spent his lifetime in this county.

Mr. Mansfield is one of the county's most successful young attorneys. Although he opened up offices only eight years ago he has built up a large and growing practice. To care for this business Mr. Mansfield maintains an office in Halfmoon Bay in addition to his offices at the county seat. During the eight years that he has practiced in the county, Mr. Mansfield has been associated with many famous litigations among which was the Coburn case and the trial of S. R. Timothy for the killing of J. J. Moore.

In public life Mr. Mansfield has been city attorney of Redwood for the past eight years, and in this position he has had a most intimate connection with the growth and development of this city. He has been a

spirited worker in all leading civic movements.

Albert Mansfield was born at Half-moon Bay on October 21, 1884 and has spent his entire life in the county. He graduated from the county schools and later from Hastings College of law in San Francisco. He started to practice after five more years of study in the law offices of Ex-Governor Budd in San Francisco and Stockton.

Mr. Mansfield is a member of the Elks, the Native Sons and the Redmen. He was married on August 27, 1911 to Miss Elizabeth P Winter of Redwood City.

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#### Ambrose McSweeney

**S**AN Mateo County's officialdom has not a more popular and efficient member than Ambrose McSweeney of South San Francisco who



for the past five years has been Tax Collector. Mr. McSweeney is serving his second term of office, being returned to that position at the last county election by a majority that stamped his popularity.

The standard of efficiency in the Tax Collector's office was never higher than during Mr. McSweeney's regime. He has supplemented his own competency and ability by a staff of high-class deputies. They have put this important function of the county's government into such a splendid state that it has won high commendation from the Grand Jury accountants, the Supervisors and the citizens at large.

Mr. McSweeney's practice of going to the different cities and collecting taxes on certain appointed days, is a great convenience to tax payers. Many persons living in the remote parts of the county are saved long and costly trips to the county seat; and it is a boon to the many small taxpayers who cannot leave their work to settle their tax bills.

Before he was elected Tax Collector, Mr. McSweeney was Justice of the Peace in the first township.

Ambrose McSweeney was born in San Francisco on December 20, 1870. He was married at San Jose in July, 1897. Mr. McSweeney is identified with more than a half-dozen of the leading fraternal orders in the county.

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#### Michael F. Healy

**M**ICHAEL F. Healy is a San Mateo County pioneer who has proved his confidence in the county and particularly in South San Francisco by the investment of his fortune in that city. Healy has resided in San Mateo county for 24 years, most of them being spent in South San Francisco where he is now the owner of a large grocery business and many other interests.

Since coming to South San Francisco Mr. Healy has engaged in many lines of business. He was best known as a lumber man, his yards supplying lumber and building material to South San Francisco and many of the surrounding towns. He

has now retired from this business and is devoting his time to the large grocery store of which he is the proprietor.

Mr. Healy has always taken an active interest in civic and municipal affairs. During his long residence in South San Francisco there has never been a general welfare movement in which he has not been a leader. He recently completed a term as city trustee and while in this office he was an indefatigable worker for South San Francisco.

Michel F. Healy was born in County Claire, Ireland in June, 1852. After emigrating to America he spent some time in Worcester, Mass., where he was married in 1872. He brought his bride to California where he has resided for the past thirty-four years. Mr. Healy is a member of the Eagles.

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**William H. Brown**

**N**O person is more responsible for San Mateo County's highway system than Wm. H. Brown, Supervisor from the Second Township. The scenic boulevards which lure thousands of autoists into the county every day is a realization of Brown's dream of years ago.

The second township shows Brown's good roads mania. Practically all its paved roads and boulevards have been built during his term of office. At a cost of \$10,000 he has just completed the resurfacing of the road from Beresford to Redwood City.

As a member of the Board of Supervisors and chairman for one term, Brown has worked faithfully for the interests of the county at large. At a speech delivered at San Bruno in 1912 he started the good roads movement that resulted in the passing of the \$1,250,000 bond issue and the building for this county of one of the finest systems of boulevards in the United States.

Brown has also been exceedingly active in the affairs of San Mateo. In 1904 he was elected city trustee and he served one term as mayor. He was one of the organizers and the first foreman of the San Mateo fire department.



Mr. Brown has also been one of the mainstays of the San Mateo County Development Association, being a member of the Board of Governors.

William H. Brown came from one of California's oldest families. He was born in Nevada County on January 11, 1862 and has spent his entire life in California, forty-five years of which was passed in San Mateo County. He was married in Oakland in 1893 and has a family of five boys and one girl. He belongs to several fraternal organizations.

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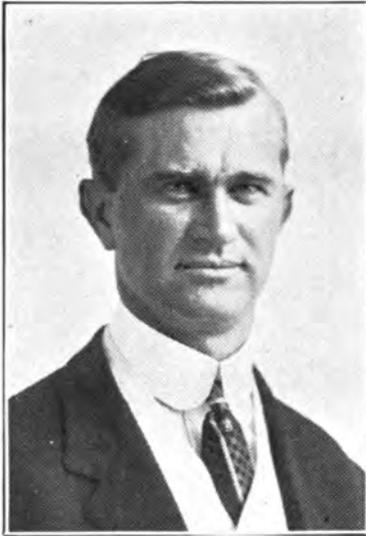
**Franklin Swart**

**F**EW if any officials of San Mateo county enjoy more public confidence than Franklin Swart who is serving his second term as district attorney.

District Attorney Swart is a self made man. He was born at New

Paris, Indiana, on June 25, 1878. He came to California eighteen years ago to attend college. By digging ditches during his vacations and doing odd jobs during the school term, Mr. Swart managed to work his way through Stanford University where he received A. B. and Juris Doctor degrees.

Swart has practiced law in San Mateo County since his graduation.



In 1910 he was elected district attorney. During his administration he has won, with a single exception, every civil case for San Mateo county; he has purged Colma of the hog and swill nuisance; he won \$20,000 for the county in the disinterment cases, and, although not his official duty, he has prepared all legal proceedings in the different school bond elections.

One of the most important services performed for San Mateo county by District Attorney Swart was conducting the legal work in connection with the \$1,250,000 bond issue for good roads. Standing on a creditable record during his first term of office, the voters returned Mr. Swart in 1914 by a flattering majority.

Mr. Swart is secretary of the District Attorney's Association of California.

Mr. Swart was married in San Francisco in 1914 and resides in Redwood. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Elks and the Masons.

#### George H. Wallace

GEORGE H. Wallace, hotel owner and city trustee of South San Francisco, has been a resident of California for eighteen years; and all of that time he has spent in San Mateo County.

Mr. Wallace was born in Chicago on November 22, 1873 and he spent the early part of his life in the Windy City. He had a very responsible position with the firm of Oppenheim, Case & Co., a big butcher supply house. It was while he was representing this house that he was sent out to South San Francisco. Although this was eighteen years ago when South San Francisco was but a settlement and the Bay Shore Cutoff was not even projected, Mr. Wallace quickly grasped the situation and saw the brilliant future that was in store for the city. He immediately sold out his Chicago interests and located in South San Francisco.

Since coming here Mr. Wallace has been one of South San Francisco's staunchest citizens. Besides co-operating in all civic movements, Mr. Wallace has shown his faith in the city by investing in property and establishing property interests. His intimate association with the affairs of the city brought about his election as city trustee, in which capacity he now officiates.

Mr. Wallace is a member of the San Mateo County Development Association and one of the leading spirits in the Chamber of Commerce of South San Francisco. He has many fraternal affiliations, belonging to the Tribe No. 111, Improved Order of Redmen, the Eagles and the Olive Grove of Druids at Colma.

**P. G. Schneider**

**P.** G. SCHNEIDER, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Car & Equipment Co., which has one of the largest plants of the South San Francisco industrial district, is a native of California, having been born in San Francisco forty-five years ago. He was educated in the San Francisco schools and started the business career which launched him into his present position of prominence in South San Francisco.

As general manager of the Pacific Car & Equipment Company, Mr. Schneider has built up one of the largest and best equipped industrial plants in the county. The big orders and ever-increasing volume of business is only commensurate with improvements, alterations and additions that have been made to this plant in the last few years.

Mr. Schneider is another captain of industry who is loud in his praise of South San Francisco as an industrial center. His generous praise of the place has fallen on the ears of his many friends in industrial life, with the result that their eyes have been turned to South San Francisco and away from other places for suitable locations for mills and factories.

Mr. Schneider has an interest in the Pacific Car & Equipment Co., as well as other business enterprises. Although his company is running to full capacity and its business exceeds the anticipations of the most hopeful, Mr. Schneider does not deny that the plans for enlarging it are under way.

**Michael Sheehan**

**F**EW police officers in California can boast of the record of Michael Sheehan, sheriff of San Mateo county. A list of the important captures made by Sheriff Sheehan in the sixteen years he has been a peace officer, would include some of the most desperate men who are in the State

Prisons today serving for daring crimes not only committed in this county but in every county of the state.

Sheriff Sheehan was constable of the Second Township for twelve years and refused to again become a candidate although urged by the residents to enter the race for Sheriff. In these years the Second Township was the terror of criminals who seldom stepped over the border before they were apprehended by this alert constable.

As sheriff, Mr. Sheehan has built up one of the strongest organizations



in that office in the history of the county. He has secured a co-operation between the constables, the police departments of the different municipalities and the Sheriff's office that has been the dream of all sheriffs.

Perhaps Sheriff Sheehan's greatest service for the county has been as a probation officer. He handled probation matters for eight years so efficiently that he was again appointed after being elected sheriff; but the press of his duties forced him to resign.

Michael Sheehan was born in Ireland on February 2, 1861. Of the thirty-two years he has spent in California, thirty were passed as a resident of the Second Township. Mr. Sheehan belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the San Mateo lodge of Elks, the Foresters and the Eagles.

### Andrew Skelly Barron

WHEN Andrew Skelly Barron, of good Scotch stock, landed in New York City fifty years ago with his bag of luggage and pocket of savings, he first did two things. He took out his naturalization papers and became a citizen of the United States the day he arrived; and then looked for the land of the greatest opportunity.

In this quest the good ship *Moses Taylor* brought him around the Horn to San Francisco. Having been raised on a farm, Mr. Barron followed agricultural pursuits which eventually brought him to San Mateo County.

This was twenty-six years ago. At that time Mr. Barron saw an opening in the dairy business and he rented three cows. This was the beginning of Mr. Barron's present business. He now operates one of the largest dairies on the peninsula at Beresford, besides farming large tracts of land in this county. There are 135 cows now at his Beresford dairy. Among his other interests is his fertile Romac ranch of 300 acres.

Andrew Skelly Barron was born in Ayar, Scotland on March 10, 1851. His parents were Scotch farmers and before he emigrated to America Mr. Barron spent most of his time on the farm. Not only is Mr. Barron a self-made man but he has helped many others through the struggle of life. He helped bring up his sisters and their children who came out here from Scotland. Mr. Barron is a member of the Masons having joined the order while in Halfmoon Bay.

### Dr. Arthur J. Belton

DR. Arthur J. Belton, dentist of Burlingame, stands prominently among the large class of young professional men who have selected San Mateo County for their field of practice. When Dr. Belton took his degree at the University of Cali-

fornia in 1910 he was confronted with the most important question of his career, where to locate and establish his practice.

A painstaking and thorough investigation, which is characteristic of Dr. Belton, was made before he paid Burlingame the high compliment of deciding that it was the field of greatest opportunity for a young man starting out in a profession.

Dr. Belton has laid a firm foundation for the practice of dentistry. In addition to graduating from the University of California, he has pursued special study under eminent specialists and dentists. Since leaving college he has practiced one year in San Francisco and five in Burlingame.

Dr. Belton was one of the leading spirits in the formation of the Burlingame Commercial Club; and since its organization he has been untiring in serving on important committees and carrying on the work of the club. At present he is secretary of the club.

Dr. Arthur J. Belton was born in San Francisco on November 4, 1887. He has lived in California his entire life and has been a resident of San Mateo County for the past eight years. He was married in Burlingame on September 8, 1915. Dr. Belton is a member of Masonic lodge, No. 400.

### Fred A. Cunningham

SOUTH San Francisco has a reputation of getting almost everything it goes after for the reason that most of its big men are unselfishly imbued with civic pride and interest, or in the language of the streets are "live ones." Among these "live ones" is Fred A. Cunningham, real estate dealer and trustee and formerly mayor of South San Francisco.

Mr. Cunningham is a worker for South San Francisco and the county at large. He was one of the organizers and is at present a member of

the Board of Governors of the San Mateo County Development Association. He was a potent factor in the campaign for \$1,250,000 good roads bonds, the lower rates fight and other undertakings of the association. In a like manner he has been one of the most active members of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Cunningham is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, being manager of E. E. Cunningham & Co. He is also one of the principal stockholders and a director of the Peninsula Rapid Transit Company.

Mr. Cunningham has been city trustee since 1912 and during that time he has served a term as mayor of South San Francisco.

Fred A. Cunningham was born in Falls City, Neb., April 6, 1872. He completed his education which was begun in the Nebraska schools at the Salina Normal School, in Kansas. Following his graduation he was in the milling business at Pery, Oklahoma where he remained ten years ago. He was married in South San Francisco in June, 1907.

As a member of the Twentieth Kansas Volunteers, Mr. Cunningham served in the Spanish-American war. He is a member of the Nelson A. Miles Camp of the Spanish War Veterans.

**Porter E. Lamb**

**F**AR more extensive than his enviable record as a magistrate, which is known in every corner of San Mateo County is Porter Emerson Lamb's fame as an athlete. Although it was back in 1903 that Porter Lamb was at Stanford, his remarkable feats on the cinder path are still vivid in the memories of all followers of sports.

For ten years Lamb's record of 22 2-5 for the 220-yard dash at Stanford stood unassailed. In those days he was also holder of the world's record for the fifty-yard dash. In

the sprints and as a member of the relay teams Lamb tallied up many points for his Alma Mater.

After leaving college Mr. Lamb started in the real estate and insurance business in Burlingame. He spared enough time from business to serve the people as Justice of the Peace so satisfactorily that last year



he was returned to the position by a flattering majority. Mr. Lamb has also taken an active part in the political and civic life of Burlingame. He was one of the organizers of the Burlingame Commercial Club; and has held the office of vice-president.

Born in Milford, N. H., on May 29, 1879, Porter Emerson Lamb received his early education in the Massachusetts schools. He moved to California twenty years ago and has been a resident of San Mateo County for nine years. He was married in San Francisco on June 15, 1904, moving shortly after to Burlingame where he bought up large realty holdings. Mr. Lamb is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, San Mateo lodge, No. 1112 B. P. O. Elks, the Masons and the Moose.

### James T. Casey

A BROAD stretch of waste at San Francisco's door, which was spanned by an almost impassable road and a set of rails twenty years ago, is now one of the most highly developed and thickly populated parts of San Mateo County, a district of homes, boulevards, large industrial plants and towns. This is the first township of San Mateo County.

At present the first township is represented on the Board of Supervisors by James T. Casey, a man who was born and raised in this district and who has passed through, with it, all its successive stages of development.

Born on a ranch near Colma in 1861, "Jim" Casey picked up his education while earning a livelihood. He fought stubbornly to get ahead. Progress for Mr. Casey was slow but certain. His pluck and perseverance, coupled with an unshakable faith in the first township, finally earned their reward; and we find "Jim" the proprietor of two butcher shops and owning many other interests in this prospering district, which he had watched grow from a few scattered ranch houses.

In 1908 Mr. Casey was elected Supervisor of this district. When he took office there were nothing but wooden bridges in the township and the roads were notorious through California. Casey's path was again strewn with obstacles, but he courageously launched his campaign of road construction. Every wooden bridge has been replaced with concrete or iron culverts. The State Highway, the Ocean Boulevard, the Junipero Serra Boulevard and many miles of laterals and cross streets have been constructed and plans are under way for still greater improvements. During his administration, also, five lighting districts were formed--at Colma, San Bruno, Lomita Park, Easton and Salada Beach.

Mr. Casey led the fight to have the State Highway built over its present route, the most direct way to peninsula points. He was also one of the leading spirits in the building of ocean boulevards, of which the twenty-two miles between Colma and Montara are in his township.

Mr. Casey is engaged in the insurance and real estate business, although his duties as Supervisor of such a large township take most of his time, as he is chairman of the County Hospital and Supplies committees as well as a member of all the committees of the Board.

He is a director of the Redwood City Commercial Bank and of the San Mateo Savings and Loan Company, and a charter member of the Mission Parlor of Native Sons.

### Leonides R. Dennison

SOUTH San Francisco is destined to become one of the great industrial centers of the west. In its massive plants thousands of workmen whose paychecks are the barometer of the city's prosperity, are turning out materials and articles of a quality that is distinctive to South San Francisco, and are making its products of world-wide fame.

For this high standard of quality, credit is due those efficient men who direct this army of toilers. One of them is Leonides R. Dennison who is superintendent of the great plant of the Steiger Terra Cotta and Pottery Works. Mr. Dennison has been with this firm for thirteen years, and superintendent of its plant for 10 years. During this time its output has increased many fold and it has grown from a small factory to one of the largest and most important industrial plants in the west.

Mr. Dennison who is also a stockholder in the company, is enthusiastic over South San Francisco as an industrial center.

"I am sure that we could not get the same results out of the men any

place else," said Mr. Dennison. "Besides the transportation facilities and countless other advantages, South San Francisco has the ideal climate for the workmen, as the heat is never oppressive in the daytime and the tired toiler can go home and sleep through a cool night any time of the year."

Mr. Dennison has been a resident of South San Francisco for the last eighteen years. He was born in the Yosemite Valley on February 3, 1885. He is a member of the Francis Drake lodge 376, F. & A. M., the Charles Frederick Crocker Chapter, No. 106 of the Masons and the Knight Templars.

**George Carl Plump**

**G**EORGE Carl Plump is one of Redwood City's citizens who can really say that he grew up with the town. Born in Redwood City 45 years ago when Redwood City was a scant settlement, Mr. Plump has watched a full-fledged city gradually unfold and cover the green fields and pastures that he used to romp over as a boy.

Mr. Plump never wavered from his belief that the town of his birth was destined to become a thriving commercial city. After receiving his education in Redwood schools, Mr. Plump's business activities over several years finally focused on Plump's Grocery store, of which Mr. Plump is the owner and proprietor.

Although building up his grocery business made large demands on Mr. Plump's time, he found that he had time for other work. The result was that eight years ago his friends launched him into the city clerkship. Mr. Plump has held that office since. He was so thorough and capable in this position that he was quickly chosen to succeed himself at the expiration of his last term of office.

Mr. Plump has been an enthusiastic worker for all public move-

ments and has devoted considerable time and efforts to the welfare of Redwood. Among the movements in which he was especially interested, was the Redwood City orchestra of which he was formerly leader.

George Carl Plump was born in Redwood City in 1870, his parents being old residents of San Mateo county. He was married in Oakland, in 1909, and has two children, Carla, four years old; and Lorna Jane, two years old. Mr. Plump is a member of the Native Sons and the Eagles.

**Eric Wold**

**E**RIC Wold who has been city engineer of Burlingame for the past four years and at present is also acting in the same capacity for the infant municipality of San Bruno, has been engaged in engineering work the greater part of his life. His college training and wide experience has splendidly fitted him for the important work that he is now doing; while Burlingame's streets, the water system and other municipal improvements well bespeak Mr. Wold's ability.

Anxious to have their municipality profit from the same competent engineering that Burlingame did, the San Bruno citizens retained Mr. Wold. He is now at work perfecting plans for bridges, street improvements, sidewalks and a water system which when completed will make San Bruno one of the ideal towns of the county.

Besides his wide experience as a municipal engineer Mr. Wold has followed his profession in other lines. He was in the service of the government for three years. While engaged in railroad work he made many important locations for the Western Pacific and other lines.

Eric Wold was born in Norway on April 5, 1878. While just a child his parents brought him to Quebec and from there they moved to Min-

nesota where Mr. Wold spent the early part of his life. After graduating from the La Crosse High School at La Crosse, Wisconsin, he entered the University of Minnesota. In 1902 he graduated from the engineering department of this institution. Since then he has been following this profession in different parts of the United States, having been in California for the past ten years.

Mr. Wold was married at Marshfield, Oregon on July 7, 1907. He is a member of the San Mateo lodge of Elks and the Burlingame Masons.

#### Ferguson Owen

ONE of San Mateo County's most efficient peace officers is Ferguson Owen, constable of the 2nd Township. As well as the important part Owen has played in the suppression of crime in his township, he has figured in many important criminal cases.

One of the best known is the capture of Nick Greelish, the highwayman, who assaulted Mrs. L. Guggenheim in the Home of Peace Cemetery. While a thousand officers were in pursuit of this criminal, Constable Owen cleverly worked out his own set of clues and tracked him into a saloon on the state highway. Working single-handed Owen had Greelish handcuffed before the desperate criminal even realized that Owen was looking for him. Greelish is now serving a twenty-five year sentence for highway robbery.

Three years ago Owen's bravery saved the lives of a score of San Mateo citizens. A drink crazed Austrian was standing on a balcony on Main street shooting with a rifle at every passerby. Exposing himself to the fire of the maniac Owen took a dead aim at the man and shot him through the arm which held the gun.

By trade Constable Owen is a painter but he has had to put aside the brush most of the time because of

his arduous duties as constable. He was born in Virginia City, Nevada on July 25, 1875 and has lived in California 35 years, eight of which were spent in this county. He is a member of the Eagles, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic orders.

#### Frank P. Simmen

MAYOR Frank P. Simmen stands out as one of the most progressive and constructive executives San Mateo has ever had. Being a sound business man of the highest type, Mr. Simmen set out not to play



to a political gallery but to give San Mateo a clean-cut businesslike administration. The condition of the city finances, the completion of the new city hall, the extensive street improvements, the proposed municipal baths and a dozen other matters bear out the success of Mayor Simmen's policies.

Mayor Simmen is a man of many responsibilities; and San Mateo is to be congratulated on securing a man of his type to administer its affairs. In addition to diversified interests in San Francisco and San Mateo, Mr.

Simmen is manager of Rudgear Merle Company, ornamental iron and metal works, of San Francisco, one of the largest institutions of its kind on the coast. The ornamental iron work in many peninsula estates and large buildings throughout the state was produced by this establishment.

Mr. Simmen is prominent in fraternal circles. His pleasing personality and enthusiasm about anything he undertakes soon made him a dominant factor in the San Mateo lodge of Elks. After holding many positions his brethren conferred on him the honor of Exalted Ruler this year. Mr. Simmen is also Past Master of King Solomon's lodge, No. 260, F. & A. M.

Mr. Simmen was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 26, 1870. He is married and lives with his family on Elm Street in San Mateo.

### I. Lindeman

**A**FTER twenty-five years of business experience in San Francisco, I. Lindeman sold out his interests there to enter what he considered a more productive field; and as a result we find him sole owner and proprietor of the Peninsula Creamery, and one of San Mateo's most active and progressive business men.

Mr. Lindeman's house in San Francisco supplied many of the large wineries and liquor dealers in the state with corks, bottles, labels, and machinery. This brought him into intimate contact with conditions in many localities. With this general knowledge of the state he decided that the most advantageous move he could make was to locate on the peninsula.

With the old San Mateo Creamery as a nucleus, Mr. Lindeman established the Peninsula Creamery which is a model in sanitation and improved methods. The improved facilities and service brought a large increase

in business; and now the institution serves a large part of the community.

Mr. Lindeman has prominent fraternal affiliations. He has been secretary of the Foresters lodge for over 20 years. By carrying delinquents who otherwise would have had to drop out of the order, Mr. Lindeman has made many steadfast and lifelong friends. He has also been a member of Bay City Parlor, N. S. G. W. for twenty-eight years and for twenty-five of these years he acted as secretary.

I. Lindeman was born in San Francisco on February 1, 1866, and has two sons, Elwood aged nine, and Leland, aged 25, who assists his father in the management of his business. Mr. Lindeman and his family have been residents of San Mateo for nine years.

### Terence Masterson

**T**ERENCE Masterson, street commissioner, capitalist, and proprietor of the Wisnom Hotel, has been a resident of San Mateo for twenty-five years. He came here a total stranger; but his fair dealings, enterprise and confidence in San Mateo's future, have made him one of the leading citizens of the community.

As city trustee and street commissioner Mr. Masterson has been devoting the greater part of his time to the welfare of San Mateo. His keen business ability is reflected throughout the work of the city trustees. The streets of San Mateo were never cleaner and in a better state of repair than during his administration. He has also supervised the vast amount of street improvements made during the last few years.

Mr. Masterson has extensive business interests in San Mateo. Besides being proprietor of the Wisnom Hotel he is a stock holder in several banks of the county and the Peninsula Rapid Transit Company. He is al-

so a member of the Board of Governors of the San Mateo County Development Association and the energy he devotes in this cause is only a small part of his civic devotion.

Among the interests that Mr Masterson holds outside of the state is stock in the famous Silver King mine in Utah from whose ore treasures, over \$25,000,000 in metals has already been taken.



Terence Masterson was born in Quebec, Canada on March 19, 1864. He was born on the old family farm which has been owned by his family for over 100 years. Once a year Mr. Masterson migrated back to the old home for a visit, until last year when he was called back on the sad mission of attending his old mother's funeral. Mr. Masterson was married in San Francisco four years ago and has one son, Hugh, who is three years old. Mr. Masterson is a member of San Mateo lodge, No. 1112, B. P. O. Elks.

### Jesse Calvin Robb

ONE of the progressive and influential citizens of the first township is Jesse Robb of Millbrae, manager of the Millbrae Dairy and superintendent of the D O. Mills estate for the past twenty-seven years.

Mr. Robb was born at Bonaparte, Iowa, on September 9, 1885 and came to California thirty-nine years ago. After passing ten years in San Francisco he became connected with the country estate of D. O. Mills at Millbrae. Under his supervision this has become one of the show places of California. Although busily engaged looking after this large tract of land, Mr. Robb found time to build up the Millbrae dairy which is not only a model institution of its kind but one of the largest on the peninsula.

Mr. Robb has been active in civic affairs. He was a leader in the movement to have the state highway constructed over the mission road and has been one of the county's greatest good roads boosters. At present Mr. Robb represents the first township on the Advisory Road Commission having been appointed to that place after the death of the late George L. Perham.

Mr. Robb has also been prominent in the educational life of the county. He has been a trustee of the San Mateo Union High school for the last ten years during which time it has developed into one of the best institutions of its class in California.

Mr. Robb was married in San Mateo in 1889 and has one son, Harry. Mr. Robb is a member of the Masons and the San Mateo Lodge of Elks.

### Dr. Leo J. Flanagan

DR. Leo J. Flanagan, one of the county's well-known physicians and surgeons, is located in South San Francisco where he has been practicing for the past year. Before moving into this county Dr. Flanagan

had a large practice in San Francisco.

Dr. Flanagan is another of the young professional men who has been attracted to San Mateo County by the wonderful opportunities that the future holds. He sees a great period of growth and prosperity ahead for South San Francisco and his confidence in this era of development was such that he gave up a flourishing practice in San Francisco to come into this territory comparatively unknown and establish himself.

Dr. Flanagan is a native of California. He was born at Napa on August 6, 1885 where he took the first steps in preparation for his professional career. After graduating from Santa Clara College Dr. Flanagan finished the medical course at Johnstown University at Washington, D. C. For several years he was resident physician at St. Mary's Hospital and Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco and was also with the San Francisco emergency service.

Dr. Flanagan has many fraternal connections. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles, the Redmen and the Foresters. He was married in Portland in 1913.

**Dr. J. E. Chapin**

**A**N important addition to the medical fraternity in San Mateo county is Dr. J. E. Chapin who came to Redwood City three years ago to practice medicine. Dr. Chapin came to Redwood after an extended practice in several large cities and a vast experience in his profession.

Since taking up his residence in Redwood City, Dr. Chapin has become intimately associated with the social and business life of Redwood City. His engaging manner and charming personality have drawn many people to him and the small circle of friends that surrounded him when he arrived, has gradually enlarged until

it now includes the greater part of the community.

Dr. Chapin has a large practice in Redwood City and the neighboring towns, families and individuals from San Carlos to Menlo Park seeking his aid at the time of sickness.

Although Dr. Chapin's practice demands most of his time and attention he is one of the community's most progressive members. He has actively co-operated in many civic movements and others have his loyal indorsement and support.

Dr. J. E. Chapin was born in Auburn Cal., on February 3, 1871 and has been a resident of this state for 44 years. He was married in Chicago in 1902. After completing a course at Stanford University Dr. Chapin graduated from the medical department of Washington University in 1909. Dr. Chapin is a member of the Foresters, the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

**Joseph J. Bullock**

**O**F the names connected with the San Mateo County Bar few stand out more prominently than Joseph J. Bullock. Mr. Bullock is still practicing at Redwood City and is finishing the twenty-fifth year that he has been before the courts of this county.

Mr. Bullock has also played a leading role in the public life of the county. In 1897 he was elected to succeed H. W. Walker as District Attorney. In 1901 he was elected to succeed himself in that office and in 1905 he was returned to that position for a third time. Being for 12 years in one of the most important political offices of the county, Mr. Bullock's part in the growth, development and advancement of San Mateo county has been no small one.

During his long experience as a lawyer, Mr. Bullock has been identified with some of the most important litigations in the county. He has been especially successful in crimin-

al practice and he is known to be one of the most able criminal lawyers of the State.

Mr. Bullock came to California with his parents in the early eighties. He was educated in the Santa Clara county schools and then took up the study of law under Judge Allen and other noted jurists, being admitted to the bar in 1889. For the next three years he was associated with the Southern Pacific law department.

At present Mr. Bullock resides at Belmont. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World.

#### George W. Dickie

ONE of San Mateo County's most distinguished citizens is George W. Dickie of San Mateo, marine architect and naval designer who drew the plans for the famous old battleship Oregon and a score of other vessels of the United States Navy.

Mr. Dickie is known the world over as a designer of fighting craft. Perhaps his most famous work was the Oregon, "the bulldog of the American navy," which at the time it was commissioned, was the most notable warship afloat. Other vessels that were designed by Mr. Dickie are the battleships Wisconsin and Ohio, the armored cruisers Colorado, South Dakota and San Diego, the cruisers Olympia which was Admiral Dewey's flag ship in the battle of Manila Bay, Charleston, Milwaukee and the destroyers Paul Jones, Preble and Perry and the gunboat Wheeling. Mr. Dickie also drew the plans for many of the large freighters and passenger boats on the Pacific among which is the Congress.

Another important work undertaken by Mr. Dickie was the designing of the machinery for the Comstock mine.

George William Dickie was born in Scotland on July 17, 1844. He studied engineering in his father's ship-

yard. In 1869 he came to the United States making his home on the Pacific coast shortly after his arrival. He has been a resident of San Mateo for twenty years. Many honors have come to Mr. Dickie because of his notable engineering achievements. He was recently elected a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. Dickie is vice president of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Mr. Dickie is the author of several books on marine engineering and articles by him have appeared in all the leading engineering journals.

#### Dr. Norman D. Morrison

BECAUSE of his extended practice and prominence in public affairs, Dr. Norman D. Morrison is one of San Mateo's best known physicians.

Dr. Morrison came to San Mateo eleven years ago. From the day of his arrival he has been successful as a practicing physician and surgeon and his clientele of patients includes some of the peninsula's most prominent families.

Dr. Morrison has unselfishly devoted his time to civic service. During his years of residence here he has served many terms on the Board of Health and for the splendid sanitary conditions of San Mateo, few men share more in the responsibility than Dr. Morrison. The time that he has spent in travel has been devoted almost exclusively to the study of sanitation in other cities and the conducting of investigations from which San Mateo has appreciably benefited.

Dr. Morrison has also been one of the most active members of the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo Union High School. The body of men comprising this board has been devoted to their task with the gratifying result that San Mateo district boasts of one of the best high schools in the state.

Dr. Norman D. Morrison was born on October 14, 1876 in Ontario, Canada. He is a member of the San Mateo lodge of Elks and Masons.

**John J. Shields**

**S**AN Mateo county is to be congratulated that the office of auditor, one of the most important functions in the county government is in the hands of such a competent person as John J. Shields who was elected by a handsome majority.

When Mr. Shields began his duties he revolutionized the auditor's

Besides being one of the best known figures in the political life of the county, Mr. Shields has been one of its staunchest citizens. He is a member of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce and is one of the enterprising citizens of that community that stands behind every movement for the general good. Mr. Shields has property interests in Redwood City and San Francisco.

John Joseph Shields was born in Colfax on March 24, 1866. He has lived in California forty-nine years, fifteen of which he has spent in this county. He was married in San Francisco on October 24, 1893. Mr. Shields belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Modern Woodmen of America.



office. The latest and most up-to-date systems of bookkeeping were installed and sweeping changes and improvements made, with the result that Mr. Shield's office has been paid many flattering compliments by expert accountants.

Before being elected county auditor, Mr. Shields was under sheriff for Sheriff J. H. Mansfield. He was one of the most thorough and efficient deputy sheriffs that the county has had.

**Dr. A. L. Offield**

**F**ROM years of practice in this county Dr. A. L. Offield of Burlingame is one of its oldest physicians. He gave up a large practice in San Francisco to come to Burlingame nine years ago. At that time Burlingame was one of the smallest towns on the peninsula but its growth bears out the predictions that Dr. Offield made for it at that time.

Dr. Offield is a member of the Burlingame Board of Health which has given Burlingame one of the best health departments of any municipality on the peninsula. The activity of the health board is apparent in Burlingame's sanitary conditions and general state of cleanliness which have made it one of the healthiest cities in the state.

Dr. Offield has built up a large practice in Burlingame, San Mateo and Hillsborough.

Dr. Offield demonstrated his faith in Burlingame's future by erecting a handsome business building on Burlingame avenue. At the time Dr. Offield built his building it was on

the outskirts of the business district but Burlingame's business district is growing at such a rate that the Offfield block will soon be engulfed by similar buildings.

Dr. Archie Leonard Offfield was born in Oregon City on June 3, 1877. He has been a resident of California for twenty-seven years. Dr. Offfield was married in San Francisco on July, 9, 1908. He belongs to the Burlingame Commercial Club, San Mateo Elks and the Burlingame Masons.

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### L. P. Behrens

**F**EW men have brought more honor and recognition to San Mateo county than L. P. Behrens, cashier of the First National Bank and president of the San Mateo County Savings Bank of Redwood City. As a banker and financier Mr. Behrens has become known throughout the state so favorably that the honor of being president of the California Bankers' Association fell to him.

This was a rare distinction to come to a man from a county which had so few members of the Association and was so unimportant compared with the great financial centers of the state. As a recognition of the splendid service of Mr. Behrens to the Association, he was presented with a beautiful loving cup when he retired from office.

As the directing genius of two of the county's largest financial institutions, Mr. Behrens has been a potent factor in the development of Redwood City and the peninsula. He has financed many large business enterprises and has been instrumental in locating several large industrial plants on the peninsula.

The \$1,250,000 bond issue for good roads is only one of the big movements for the betterment of the county that has received Mr. Behrens' hearty support and which can attribute its success in a great measure to his work and influence.

Mr. Behrens' business demands have partly restricted his activities in public life, although he has found time to serve as a member of the Board of Governors of the San Mateo County Development Association and president of the Sequoia Union high school board.

Mr. Behrens was born in Shasta City, Cal., on August 24, 1860. Before coming to Redwood City twenty-five years ago he had interests in Colorado and Alameda county. He belongs to the Masons and Odd Fellows.

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### John Edward Layng

**O**NE of the newcomers to Redwood City who has worked himself into the esteem of its citizens is John Edward Layng, one of the proprie-



tors of the Redwood City Undertaking parlors.

Since taking residence in Redwood Mr. Layng has won a place of prominence in its business and social life. He is accorded a place among the town's most enthusiastic boosters. Mr. Layng always finds time to point out places of interest to the stranger within the gates. Redwood's even

climate, accessibility, business opportunities and industrial advantages afforded by its water front that is yet only in the infancy of development, are subjects in which Mr. Layng is well versed and which are always at his tongue's end.

Although one of Redwood's infant institutions, the Redwood City Undertaking Parlors has become a flourishing business under Mr. Layng's competent management. Before coming to Redwood City Mr. Layng had taken several professional courses and had a great deal of practical experience in undertaking in different cities.

John Edward Layng was born in San Francisco on January 15, 1884 and has spent his entire life in California. He is a member of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce. In fraternal circles of Redwood City he holds a high place, claiming membership in the Masons, Eastern Star, the Redmen, the Foresters, the Odd Fellows and the Native Sons.

#### Dr. Herbert S. Anderton

ONE of the most successful physicians and surgeons on the peninsula is Dr. Herbert S. Anderton of Burlingame, who although only established in this county two years, has a large and growing practice. Dr. Anderton was located in San Francisco when he saw the field of opportunities that waited at the door of the metropolis and quickly recognized this county as the land of advancement.

After finishing medical school Dr. Anderton specialized on different subjects in several large eastern institutions. He then studied at the Marine Hospital in San Francisco and later was a surgeon in the emergency service in San Francisco.

Dr. Anderton is one of the directors of the Burlingame Commercial Club and one of the leading spirits of that organization. He has unbounded faith in the future of Burlingame and

the peninsula and has made investments in Burlingame property.

Dr. Herbert Seth Anderton was born in Virginia on September 29, 1885 and has been a resident of California for five years.

Dr. Anderton belongs to the Burlingame lodge of Masons.

#### Horace W. Amphlett

B RILLIANT futures are in store for some of San Mateo county's young men. Among these is H. W. Amphlett, formerly assistant postmaster of San Mateo and amateur playwright. Famed not only for his literary talents but admired for his sterling character, rare personality and keen ability, Horace Amphlett easily takes a place among the best liked young men on the peninsula.

After acquiring his early education in the San Francisco schools, Mr. Amphlett continued his studies in San Mateo graduating from the local high school in 1908. He immediately went into the postoffice and in only two years he worked up to the position of assistant postmaster. He has served in this capacity for the past five years. Mr. Amphlett resigned his position in February to fill the position of assistant cashier of the National Bank of San Mateo, where he will no doubt become a fixture.

In the literary world Mr. Amphlett has brought himself into fame. His sketches and small playlets have been produced locally by the Peninsula Club, the Elks and the Catholic Club. Some were of sufficient merit to interest big eastern producers who sent to Mr. Amphlett for his manuscripts. The best known are "Thru Green Eyes," "Tess of the Tenement," "The Misogynist," "The First Stone" and "The Roof Garden," all of which are copyrighted.

Mr. Amphlett is one of the organizers and is past president of the

Peninsula Club. He also belongs to the San Mateo lodge of Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

Horace W. Amphlett was born in San Francisco on June 27, 1890. He has spent the past ten years in San Mateo.

#### Joseph Ambrose McCormick

JOSEPH A. McCormick, Justice of the Peace in the second township and insurance broker, has claimed San Mateo as his home for the past sixteen years. During that time he has grown up from one of



the popular young fellows 'bout town to one of its substantial business men.

As a young man when Mr. McCormick first came to San Mateo he was a great favorite. He was a brilliant athlete and a great future awaited him as a baseball pitcher had he chosen a career on the diamond. However the sterner life appealed to Mr. McCormick and he chose to launch the business career for which he prepared himself.

Mr. McCormick has been a factor in the business life of San Mateo. He has been proprietor of a stationery store, and was associated with Charles Brown in the Smoke Shop.

In public life Mr. McCormick has been one of the most popular officials in the second township. After serving one term as justice of the peace the voters chose him to succeed himself at the last election.

Joseph Ambrose McCormick was born at Vallejo on December 23, 1874 and has spent his whole life in the "Golden State." He belongs to the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Eagles, the Moose and the Hibernians.

#### William Albert Crowell

WILLIAM Albert Crowell, manager and proprietor of the James Crowe Co., of Redwood City, the oldest undertaking establishment of the county, has made a host of friends since his arrival in Redwood City three years ago. Mr. Crowell has made the interests of his new place of residence his interests and few newcomers have taken a more prominent place in the community than that held by Mr. Crowell.

When Mr. Crowell took over the establishment that was founded in 1868 by the late James Crowe, a pioneer undertaker of San Mateo county, Redwood City gained a man of wide experience in this line. Mr. Crowell has been in the undertaking business in several cities, his last venture being in Sacramento where he was established for nine years.

Mr. Crowell has been appointed a deputy to Coroner W. A. Brooke. This is another position in which Mr. Crowell is thoroughly experienced. He was coroner and public administrator of Placer county. At that time he was established in the undertaking business at Auburn.

William Albert Crowell was born on August 9, 1862 in Massachusetts. He has lived in California thirty-five

years. On August 9, 1889, Mr. Crowell was married in Tulare. He has three children Bethel, aged 24, Elaine, 15, and Wilma, 13. Mr. Crowell is high in Masonic circles, being past master of the Eureka lodge and past high priest of Delta Chapter in Placer County. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

**Dr. George Borden Yount**

**D**R. George Borden Yount is one of the few professional men of the county who was born and reared here. Dr. Yount spent the early part of his life and received his preliminary education within a stone's throw of the office where he now attends to his large and growing practice.

Dr. Yount was born on September 28, 1882. After passing his childhood days in Redwood he entered the Redwood grammar school. After graduating he prepared himself for college at the Sequoia Union High School. After more preliminary study Dr. Yount entered the dental department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at San Francisco from which he graduated.

Since starting his practice in Redwood City Dr. Yount has been interested in other business affairs and has taken an active part in civic life. Acreage in Laurel Terrace and real estate in Oakland are among Dr. Yount's property interests. He is also perfecting an automatic control for aeroplanes that will assist in the science of aviation. Dr. Yount is one of the most active workers in the Redwood Highlands Improvement Club and is interested in the Horace Hawes gymnasium movement.

Dr. Yount was married in San Francisco February 21, 1906. He has two children, Adrienne Muriel, aged six years and George Borden, Jr. aged one year. Among Dr. Yount's fraternal affiliations are Psi Omega dental fraternity and the San Mateo Elks and the Native Sons.

**John V. Doherty**

**O**NE of the livest insurance brokers on the peninsula is John V. Doherty, city treasurer of Burlingame and one of the Queen City's leading boosters.

Doherty is primarily a Burlingame booster and the only time he is not



talking about Burlingame is when he is talking insurance. No man can boast of having more data, figures and statistics on Burlingame's growth at his tongue's end than John V. Doherty. He is an authority on increase in realty values, public improvements, population increase, health and climatic statistics in so far as they concern Burlingame.

Mr. Doherty has lived in Burlingame for eight years and its steady rapid growth in that time has given him such faith in the city that he believes the rest of the world should know the same things about the town that he does.

Since becoming city treasurer, Mr. Doherty has been an important factor in the administration of the city affairs. He has not confined his ef-

forts to his official duties but every city officer has found a willing helper in him when anything for Burlingame's interest was undertaken.

Besides being a hustling insurance broker, Mr. Doherty has real estate and other business interests in Burlingame.

Mr. Doherty is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Young Men's Institute, the Hibernians and the Burlingame Commercial Club.

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#### Rev. Bradford Leavitt

**R**EV. Leavitt is a minister of the Gospel; he is indeed more than this, for he is the pioneer in a new vocation in which his qualifications as a minister fit him for the perfect administration of his self imposed combined duties of clergyman and funeral director.

When Rev. Leavitt entered this new field comparatively recently, opinion was divided as to the wisdom of his decision. Today the many hundreds whom he has served in this double and truly Christian role will testify that he was most certainly right in his decision; as he has proved that he could with his dual qualifications lessen the burden of grief attendant upon the last rites of those who pass away.

Rev. Leavitt was born in 1868 in Boston, Mass. He came to California when a comparatively young man and has been a resident of Woodside for the last ten years. In 1893 he was married in Cambridge, Mass.

The Rev. Leavitt was pastor of the First Unitarian (Star King) Church in San Francisco from 1900 to 1914 where his sermons and the administration of the affairs of the church attracted widespread comment of the most favorable nature.

At the present day the Rev. Leavitt occupies the position as vice president of the N. Gray and Company of San Francisco and is the manager of the Burlingame and South San

Francisco branches of this enterprising firm.

The Rev. Leavitt is a member of the following clubs and organizations: Commonwealth Club, Harvard Club, Chit-chat Club, Unitarian Club and University Club. He belongs also to California Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. His home is at the Shine Ranch, Woodside.

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#### Dr. H. D'Arcy Power

**D**R. Power has been a resident of San Mateo county for a period of ten years, and although his professional duties are confined for the most part to San Francisco, he takes an active interest in county affairs, as serving as chairman on the Board of Health of Burlingame signifies.

Although a resident of the state for twenty-two years, Dr. Power believes that his choice of Burlingame as his home will be permanent.

Dr. Power has risen high in his chosen profession,—medicine—being Dean of Medicine in the San Francisco Polyclinic, Staff Physician of the San Francisco Hospital and chairman of the health committee of the Civic League of San Francisco.

Medicine, nevertheless is not Dr. Power's only accomplishment; he has a hobby, if such a difficult subject as color photography could be so termed. Dr. Power is an authority on this branch of photography upon which he publishes valuable and instructive papers from time to time.

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#### Henry Martens

**M**R. Henry Martens has been a resident of California for thirty-five years, during all but five years of which period he has devoted himself to the steel industry in San Mateo County.

In 1886, after an exhaustive search for the best location for a foundry, Mr. Henry Martens together with Mr. J. W. Heney, selected South San Francisco and founded the

Enterprise Foundry. In 1892 the firm was incorporated.

Mr. Martens is one of South City's strongest boosters. In a recent interview he stated that the Enterprise Foundry of which he is president owes much of its prosperity to its advantageous location which splendidly meets all their requirements. The heavy steel buildings they have erected during the last few years in making additions to the plant, make it the largest and most perfectly equipped steel foundry on the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Martens was born in Germany on April 17, 1860 and secured his early education in that country. He came to America and on September 22, 1884 he was married in San Francisco.

Mr. Martens is a member of the Redwood City Chapter of the F. & A. M. 168.

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#### Dr. F. Holmes Smith

**D**R. F. Holmes Smith is a comparatively young man, yet he has already passed through a most interesting career, one phase of which was a stirring trip up into the frozen north where he faithfully followed the call of medical duty in Alaska, upon the shores of the Behring Sea, as the company doctor for the North American Commercial Company. Upon his return to civilization he took up the less arduous duties of a practicing physician and surgeon at San Bruno in 1909.

Dr. Smith was born at Lake City, Minn., on October 29, 1879, and received his college education at Stanford University, after which he received his doctor's degree at Cooper Medical College. Thereupon he immediately entered into the practice of medicine, being interned at the French Hospital, where he secured much valuable practical experience. From here he went to Alaska.

Upon his return from Alaska he was married in 1911 at San Jose and

shortly afterwards decided to throw in his lot with San Mateo County. Following this wise decision he moved to San Bruno and nailed up his shingle. He entered into the life of this thriving town with enthusiasm, with the result that he soon had established a lucrative practice. In a short time he was elected health officer of San Bruno—another result of conscientious attention to his duty.

Although deeply interested in his profession, Dr. Smith has not neglected the social side of life. He is a member of the B. P. O. E., 1112 as well as a member of the Masonic Lodge of South San Francisco.

Dr. Smith owns property in San Bruno and also has business interests in this town. A son, Harry F. Smith, three years old will soon be going to school, and in time will it be hoped follow as successful a career as his father.

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#### Sebastian Lombardi

**S**UCCESSFUL dairyman, farmer and cattleman. Thus in a few words we can outline the interesting career in San Mateo county of Sebastian Lombardi.

Nevertheless success did not come without effort and a hard struggle. When Mr. Lombardi first came to San Francisco to go into the dairying business he was without money, but he soon had established a paying business. With the capital he realized in his San Francisco venture he again entered the dairying business in San Bruno upon a larger scale in 1900. He rented a place here in the beginning. Today he owns this place together with other property in San Bruno, San Francisco and Stanislaus County.

Mr. Lombardi was born on Dec. 8, 1866 in Switzerland. He has been living in California since 1890 and has been a resident of San Mateo County for the last fifteen years. He

was married in San Francisco on February 15, 1902.

Before leaving San Francisco for San Mateo county, Mr. Lombardi took a thorough course education in the night schools of that city to fit himself for the responsibilities he knew would in time be thrown upon his shoulders, as well as to prepare himself to earn more money.

In recognition of his ability and of his sterling integrity he was appointed postmaster of San Bruno, which term he served for two years. He is also prominent in fraternal circles being a member of the W. O. W., and of the Y. M. Institute.

Mr. Lombardi is the father of four children, Steve, aged twelve, August ten, Rose, eight and Loretta six.

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#### Mercedes Silvia

**B**ELONGING to one of the oldest and most representative families of the county, Miss Mercedes Sylvia has much to remember and to be justly proud of in the part that her forbears took in the settlement and upbuilding of San Mateo County in the early years when there were hardly any settlers, inadequate transportation and no conveniences to speak of.

She was born in San Bruno, July 23, 1887, educated in San Mateo county, and has continued to live here ever since. Provided with ample means that would enable her to live anywhere she chose, she has nevertheless elected to remain in the county of her birth—which speaks much for the charm that this beautiful section of country never fails to weave about all who live within its limits.

Her father, Custodio Silvia, now deceased, lived a most useful life, and bequeathed to his daughter an estate of sixty-three acres of very valuable land in San Bruno which is constantly increasing in value.

Miss Silvia is deeply interested in church work and devotes much of her time to furthering the cause of the Catholic faith in San Bruno. In 1909, shortly after San Bruno had been made a separate parish, the Silvia family bought a piece of ground 50x100 feet, where the church now stands and presented it to the church, while the San Bruno people collected \$1500. The little mission church is a familiar and beautiful object to all who pass along the Camino Real. It is called the "Mission San Bruno;" and is in part a monument of the generosity of the Silvia family of which Mercedes Silvia is the only heir.

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#### Richard Charles Stickle

**T**HE career of Mr. Richard Charles Stickle, particularly since he settled in San Mateo county, is well worth reading and points a moral. Nine years ago he came to San Bruno practically without a penny in his pocket, and went into business for himself carpentering and contracting. For quite a time he labored under considerable difficulty, as he was without capital.

Being an exceptionally good carpenter and thoroughly conscientious, business came his way—and it was not so very long before he had plenty of money to swing his contracting operations.

Perhaps Mr. Stickle's success can better be portrayed by a plain statement of what he has accomplished. The houses he has built in San Bruno only this last year number fourteen; and in fact he has built more houses in this town than all his competitors combined.

Mr. Stickle was born in Illinois on August 23, 1878, and only came to California twelve years ago. The first three years of this period was spent in Sonoma county where he was married at Santa Rosa the December of 1906. While in Santa Rosa

he worked as a carpenter until he decided to come to San Francisco to try his luck. But he only remained in the city for a short time and made his final move to San Mateo county, which proved to be the best thing he could do.

Mr. Stickle has two children: Cecil, eight years old and Logar, six years of age.

Mr. Stickle is comfortably well off and owns considerable property in San Bruno as well as the beautiful home where he resides.

**George E. Seely**

**G**EORGE E. Seely, justice of the peace in the third township was elected to office two years ago. This was his first experience in public life and since first taking his oath of office he has by fairness, thoroughness and soundness of his decisions, attracted county-wide attention as a magistrate.

Mr. Seely is a machinist by trade and has worked at his profession in Redwood City for nine years. Being an able mechanic and of an inventive turn of mind, Mr. Seely has several patents which in time bid to make him famous. Justice Seely's modesty has made these almost unknown to his friends but they are of such merit that big manufacturers have examined them. Some which are now in Justice Seely's hands for minor improvements will soon be on the market.

Mr. Seely is a collector of autographs and he has the genuine signatures of many of the famous men of the world. He is also known as a great reader and a deep thinker. His knowledge of law was obtained by night study while following his vocation.

George Everett Seely was born in New York City and is a comparatively young man. He was married on April 14, 1896. He has lived in San Mateo county for the past nine

years living all this time in Redwood where he has property interests.

Justice Seely is a member of the Foresters, the Odd Fellows, the Eagles, the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Aid and Royal Arcanum.

**John MacBain**

**T**HE development of a few gravelled lanes to eighty miles of paved and macadam boulevards is part of the story of "honest" John MacBain's seven years as supervisor of the Third Township.

When John MacBain took office, in 1904, his dream was to give his constituents a system of perfect



roads. With not a foot of macadam or paved road in his township, he started out on this gigantic undertaking, on which he has worked tirelessly ever since, with the exception of the four years that he was not in office.

The roads of the Third Township now have no superiors in the State. The two main arteries are the State Highway and the Middlefield road, both of which are paved. From them

branch off Atherton avenue, Fair Oaks avenue and Oak Grove avenue, all of which are paved, and Ringwood road, Glenwood avenue and Valparaiso avenue which are macadamized. The Woodside road is a perfectly paved stretch running from Five Points, six miles back in the hills, to Woodside. A beautiful macadam and paved road connects Woodside, Portola and Menlo Park. Plans are in preparation for the improvement of the Alpine road and the macadamized boulevard into La Honda considered to have few rivals in California.

Supervisor MacBain has administered his other official duties as competently as he has built his roads. He was one of the leading spirits in the building of the new county court house, and he has been active on all the leading committees of the board. The careful and thorough manner with which he has deliberated on the claims against the county has caused him to be popularly called the "watch dog" of the San Mateo County Treasury.

In private life Supervisor MacBain is one of the leading contractors of the peninsula. He was a carpenter by trade. In 1880 he branched out into contracting and since then he has been identified with the largest building projects in San Francisco and San Mateo County. He has constructed many large business blocks and public buildings in San Francisco. At present he is engaged in reconstructing the American Theater there, which was one of his first large contracts in San Francisco.

No contractor has built more of the magnificent country mansions for which San Mateo county is noted than John MacBain. He just completed the beautiful country home of C. Frederick Kohl at Easton. Others that he erected are the homes of David F. Walker, at San Mateo; Samuel Knight in Hillsborough; John Henry Meyer at Atherton; E.

W. Hopkins, Gus Taylor and William H. Taylor at Menlo Park. Many of the public buildings, schoolhouses and large industrial plants of the county were built by MacBain.

John MacBain was born in Pictou County, Novo Scotia, on October 3, 1849. His parents were farmers. After he had learned his trade he worked in several large eastern cities and in 1874 he came to California. He moved to Menlo Park in June, 1878, where he has since resided and where he now lives with his family.

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### P. H. McEvoy

THE subject of this sketch was born May, 9, 1848, in Sidney, Australia. He left Australia with his parents in 1849, for San Francisco, by way of Honolulu.

After leaving Honolulu the vessel met with such adverse winds and weather, that it was six months before land was sighted at Monterey, California. This long voyage had depleted the stores of provisions and water to such an extent that for two weeks prior to sighting land, everyone on shipboard was put on an allowance of both food and water, passengers receiving such small rations that when land was sighted they compelled the captain to land them at Monterey, rather than take any further chances of landing at San Francisco.

After a residence in Monterey of less than three years, he moved with his parents in March, 1852, to the Carey Jones ranch, south and west of what is now Redwood City, and now known as the Hawes ranch, which was at this time part of San Francisco county, San Mateo county being organized in April, 1856.

He attended the first school in San Mateo county, which was located on the extreme corner of what is known as Redwood Highlands, continuing until 1863 when he entered what is now known as St. Mary's Col-

lege, on Mission Hill, San Francisco.

At the age of eighteen we find him farming 320 acres on the Woodside road near his parents' home. He continued farming and contracting until 1914 when he retired to private life.

Mr. McEvoy was naturalized in the 12th district court in August, 1869. He has been a life-long Democrat, serving his party as supervisor of the third township for sixteen years.

He has the distinction of being the first and only democratic supervisor who has held office in the third township for the period of sixteen years.

Mr. McEvoy is still very active, hale and hearty, and his many friends in this county have urged him again to seek the office of supervisor.

**Dr. Frank S. Dolley**

ONE of the most important institutions in the north end of San Mateo county is the South San Francisco General Hospital owned and Conducted by Dr. Frank S. Dolley. Situated near the great South San Francisco industrial district and close to San Bruno, Daly City and Colma, the residents of these cities are saved the cost and inconvenience of going to San Francisco or San Mateo for treatment.

The South San Francisco General Hospital was founded by the late Dr. Harry G. Plymire and on his death it was taken over by Dr Dolley. The institution is modern and up-to-date in every detail and fills one of the most serious needs of the north end of the county.

Dr. Dolley came to South San Francisco after a wide experience in medicine and surgery. After graduating from the medical school of Maine he studied under some famous surgeons at several New York hospitals. He was three years at the Presbyterian Hospital and two years at the Roosevelt Hospital. After

coming to San Francisco Dr. Dolley spent several months in the surgical department of the Lane Hospital.

Dr. Frank S. Dolley was born in Maine on July 26, 1883. With the exception of the last two years which he spent in California, Dr. Dolley passed his entire life in the East. He was married in New York in 1912.

**Mrs. Leonard H. McRoskey**

RACINE McCoy McRoskey was a native of Oregon, raised and educated in Portland where she passed with credit through the grammar and high schools of that city. In her early womanhood she moved to San Francisco where she



lived until after the earthquake of 1906. In 1907 the McRoskeys came to San Mateo where they were living at their home on San Mateo Drive at the time of Mrs. McRoskey's death in April, 1915.

Mrs. McRoskey took an active part in club and social affairs, being a member of the Thursday Club and the Woman's Club of San Mateo and

also of the Women's Pacific Coast Press Club and Laurel Hall Club of San Francisco. Besides these she belonged to a number of social clubs in Burlingame and San Mateo. However she will be remembered best as the author of "Drift O'Dreams," a collection of poems and short prose sketches; and "The Missions of California," a sympathetic study of the buildings and work of the Franciscan Fathers in this state.

The nervous break-down which caused her death was the direct result of overwork incident to the writing and publishing of this book.

While the artistic temperament was dominant, there was also a strongly practical side to her nature as was evidenced when she served so efficiently as chairman of the finance committee on the first grand jury in which women were chosen. Though Mrs. McRoskey was not a militant suffragette, she took an active interest in political matters and local campaigns, and was an officer of the San Mateo County Civic Center.

She was one of the talented and energetic women of San Mateo county and is richly deserving of a place in the local hall of fame. Her untimely death is a distinct loss to the community and a sad bereavement to her family, friends and admirers.

Not only for her social activities will Mrs. McRoskey be remembered long in the community in which she lived, but also for her quick sympathy and steadfast loyalty which her friends will always associate with the name of Racine McRoskey.

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#### E. I. Woodman

MR. Woodman is one of the leading newspaper men of the county, his sphere of activity being South San Francisco where he is the editor and manager of The Enterprise.

He is also secretary of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, a body that has been instrumental toward the substantial upbuilding of its city, in which Mr. Woodman in his two-fold capacity as newspaper man and civic booster, has taken no small part.

Mr. Woodman has been in the newspaper business for over forty years, coming from Sacramento in June, 1907 where he was also engaged in the newspaper business. He has resided in South San Francisco ever since. Mr. Woodman is a member of the San Mateo Press Association.

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#### James McCormick

THE business enterprises of the little city of Pescadero are largely represented by the interests of James McCormick, who though not a native Californian, has thrown himself heartily into the upbuilding of his adopted land, which owes much to his earnest efforts.

He was born in Ireland in 1841, the son of Peter and Catherine (Gibeny) McCormick. His parents emigrated when he was seven years of age, settling in Cathage, Jefferson County, N. Y..

In 1863, James McCormick left home, for San Francisco, and arrived in that city January 15, 1864. After about nine months in Santa Cruz, he came to Pescadero where he has resided since. In 1873 he started his mercantile business which is now the leading store in his district.

In the milling business he also has timber interests and owns valuable timber lands.

James McCormick is one of the most prominent figures in the public life of the county. He has served as road supervisor, deputy assessor, and later was a member of the San Mateo County Exposition Commission. In politics Mr. McCormick is a Democrat.

Mr. McCormick was married in 1866 to Miss Julia S. Shaffrey, and the children born to them are Alice A., Francis, Ella M., Florence, James, Lillian E., and Julia.

**Asa Thomas Weeks**

**W**AS born in La Honda on March 1, 1859, where he spent his early boyhood, being educated in the public schools and St. Matthew's School.

In 1881 he decided to leave home and try his hand at mining in Idaho; and while there built the finest house at Sand Point. He then removed to Alaska to engage in mining; and while there served three years as United States Commissioner. In 1904 he came to Pescadero and engaged in the lumber business which he continued for five years. He then decided to try his hand at mining again in Mexico, but after one year spent there he returned to Pescadero and married Elma Chandler a member of one of the pioneer families of Pescadero. Mr. Weeks then settled down to farming and stock raising, in which he has been more than successful.

**William Alexander Moore**

**T**HE subject of this sketch was born July 19, 1851 on his father's ranch north east of the village of Pescadero. His father Alexander Moore was one of California's earliest settlers, coming to California from Jackson County, Missouri, in 1847 and making the trip over the plains with ox teams, arriving at Johnson's ranch on Bear river, October 2, 1847, where he remained until he removed to Santa Cruz, Nov. 15, 1847.

The early life of Moore was spent in farming and stock raising with such success that he has continued to follow this vocation.

On April 9, 1883 he was married to Hattie Huff. The couple have one

son, James Alexander, who is now with his father on their ranch of 117 acres, on Pescadero creek.

Mr. Moore is a member of the Native Sons, and the Ancient Order of Foresters.

**Loren Coburn**

**A**LTHOUGH a resident of Pescadero, the active years of Mr. Coburn's life have been spent in the mining regions of California and the growing cities of Oakland and San Francisco. Loren Coburn was born



in Berlin, Orange County, Vermont, January 11, 1826, with New England blood, a promise of future success.

When ten years of age, his home was changed to Massachusetts, where he remained until he started for California in 1851. He shipped from New York on the steamer Falcon, bound for Cuba. After passing over the Isthmus of Panama he took passage on the ship Panama, arriving in San Francisco on June 1, 1851.

From there he went to the northern mines, by way of Sacramento, Greenwood valleys, and remained

four months at the placers, on the middle fork of the American River. On returning to San Francisco, laden with the fruits of his successful mining experience, he was induced to enter a business life.

He engaged in the livery business in Oakland where he remained four years, after which he disposed of his stable and bought another in San Francisco, continuing in active business for twelve years.

While still in the city, Mr. Coburn purchased the Punto del Ano Nuevo Rancho, a Spanish Grant of four leagues.

After the sale of his San Francisco business he leased his ranch to the Steele Brothers, and in 1866 took his long deferred trip back to the land of his birth.

Returning in 1868, he spent the next four years in San Francisco and at the expiration of the Steele Brothers lease in 1872, he removed to Pigeon Point and assumed charge of his vast property, having added to it, 10,000 acres on the Salinas river in Monterey County, and a large tract of timber land near Pescadero.

The famous Pebble beach is located on this property, and on it he has erected a beautiful hotel. The United States lighthouse is also located on property once owned by Loren Coburn. For many years he engaged in the dairy and stock business with the same success that characterized his early efforts.

Mr. Coburn has made Pescadero his home for many years, and has won the esteem of his fellow citizens by his worthy efforts to make himself an honor to the land of his adoption. He has the honor of being the largest individual land owner in San Mateo County.

Mr. Coburn married Miss Mary Antoinette Upton, a native of Reading, Massachusetts. She died in Pescadero in 1896, leaving one son, Wallace Loren Coburn. Mr. Coburn then married Miss Satira S. Upton, an

estimable woman and sister of his dead wife, who has brought him happiness and companionship during his declining years.

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#### Josiah C. Williamson.

**MR** WILLIAMSON was born February 18, 1851, in Marshfield, Massachusetts, coming to Pescadero, California, December 14, 1869, via the Isthmus of Panama. He lost no time, but immediately engaged in the dairy business. After four years spent at this, he clerked in a store until 1885, when he opened up a general merchandise store, which is still continued by him and is the largest mercantile establishment in Pescadero.

On December 14, 1879 he married Harriet Hornsinger. The children born to this union, who are now living, are: Frank, Gladys, and Elmira.

Mr. Williamson served as postmaster in Pescadero for eight years. Fraternally he is a member of the Odd Fellows.

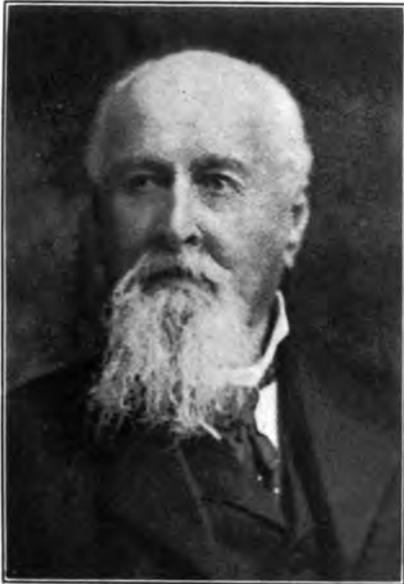
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#### Dr. Isaac R. Goodspeed

**F**OR fifty-six years—more than half a century, Dr. Isaac R. Goodspeed has been one of the foremost citizens of San Mateo County; coming here when a young doctor with the ink on his diploma hardly dry, he remained in the county ever since. During this time he has been identified with many successful business enterprises and has faithfully filled the various offices he has held for both San Mateo City and County.

Dr. Goodspeed was born in China, Maine, on May 30, 1831. In 1854 he graduated from Bowdoin Medical College, one of a class of nineteen. Today he is the only living member of that class. He began the practice of medicine at Milwaukee, and in 1854 he was married to Miss Elizabeth P. Woodcock at Gardiner, Maine.

A short time after his graduation he went west to Chicago, and in 1858 came to California. He tried mining in Nevada for a while, but with indifferent success; and soon came to San Francisco and opened an office on Kearny street, where he remained until 1860. In the Spring of this year he decided to try his luck down the peninsula. He liked the climate of Pescadero so well that he settled in this town and remained there for the next ten years. For two years he taught school and practiced medicine. Then he went into the merchandise business and later



on tried ranching,—all the time keeping up the practice of medicine. His other activities while at Pescadero were, serving as Justice of the Peace, ex-officio Coroner, and Associate County Judge with one of the justices of the Santa Cruz Bar.

In those days Pescadero was in Santa Cruz County, and did not until 1868 become a part of San Mateo County. It was through Dr. Goodspeed's ceaseless activity, in conjunction with Judge Templeton's legislative work, that this addition

was made to San Mateo County, amounting to about 140 square miles of new territory." While at Pescadero, although there were many hard characters to deal with, Dr. Goodspeed was instrumental in keeping this place as peaceable as a New England town by driving out the unruly element.

In 1870 he came to San Mateo and began to practice. His career at Pescadero had been most successful: everything that he touched seemed to turn to gold. The corner where the cigar store stands, opposite the S. P. Station was purchased by him when he came to San Mateo, and is still owned by him.

Dr. Goodspeed was soon elected Coroner. He served as postmaster from 1875-82. In 1882 he received the Republican nomination for the state senate but like all other candidates of that party, he suffered defeat, although he ran 5000 ahead of his ticket and received 400 majority in his own county. He was chairman of the Republican Central Committee for sixteen years. He held the position of Surgeon of the San Mateo County Hospital for thirty-five years, and was the Division Surgeon for the Southern Pacific Company from San Francisco to Monterey from 1895-97. In 1882 he was appointed Surgeon of the Steamship, City of Sidney; and on his return to San Mateo found that his property had been destroyed by fire, which wiped out a whole block, with a loss of \$5,000 to him.

Dr. Goodspeed has served several years as school trustee, and filled an appointment about fifteen years ago from former Governor Pardee, as State Examiner for Insanity. In addition to his local activities, Dr. Goodspeed has found time to make five trips to the east.

January 23, 1916 was the sixtieth anniversary of Dr. Goodspeed's marriage. Both Dr. and Mrs. Goodspeed are hale and hearty. There

are a son and daughter: Edward Goodspeed, freight agent at San Mateo; and Mrs. R. J. Pye of Santa Rosa.

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#### Dr. Clarence Victor Thompson

THE subject of this sketch was born in Eureka, Humboldt County, California, October 27, 1881. He received his education in the grammar and high schools; and attended business college until he decided to study medicine. He entered the Cooper Medical College, and after he graduated, immediately entered the City and County Hospital at San Francisco as house physician. He then removed to Eureka and became acting assistant surgeon and officer in command of the station. After two years he left for Alaska, practicing there for two years before locating in Pescadero, where he has been more than successful.

Two years ago Dr. Thompson entered the political field and was elected supervisor from his district, which term he is now serving.

Dr. Thompson is a member of the Masonic and Elk Lodges.

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#### Jurgen Frederick Wienke

WAS born in Germany, July 15, 1844, where he was educated. At the age of twenty-five he left his native county to seek his fortune in the States, coming to California in 1869. He is an engineer by profession, serving in this capacity on the ferryboats in Germany.

In 1881 he purchased a farm at Moss Beach and opened up a hotel for an investment, under the impression they were to put a railroad through his property within a year. But it was many years after before he saw this in reality, although his land has greatly enhanced in value, enabling him to retire in comfortable circumstances for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Wienke was married in San Francisco in 1881, one child being born to this union,—Lizzie Wienke Nash.

Mr. Wienke served as school trustee for 24 years.

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#### Frank L. Eksward

FRANK L. Eksward, the Secretary Manager of the San Mateo County Development Association, has taken a leading part in the recent development of the county. Many of the notable promotion projects of this community have been successfully launched and carried to a satis-



factory conclusion under his leadership and co-operation.

Mr. Eksward was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1870. He has traveled all over the United States and visited portions of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. He has been identified with San Mateo County for the last seven years, five of which he has been engaged actively in promotion work. He is an enthusiastic worker for general county development and particularly for

good roads. His only hobby is the upbuilding of San Mateo County.

Mr. Eksward spent much of his time before he became definitely interested in development and community publicity—in law work in various eastern cities.

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#### Dr. William Ansyl Brooke

**D**R. Brooke was born 52 years ago at Dranion Springs, a little town near Placerville in El Dorado County. He studied medicine at Cooper Medical College in San Francisco, and practiced first in Sacramento, as intern in the City and County Hospital, later moving to Alameda. He came to Halfmoon Bay, eleven years ago, and has resided there ever since. He is a member of the San Mateo Medical Society, State Medical Society and American Medical Association. He was appointed Coroner and Public Administrator on April 7, 1915, which term he is now serving. His personal popularity and professional ability have won for him the highest regard of his fellow citizens.

He also belongs to a number of fraternal organizations, among them being the Masons, Native Sons, Eagles, and Maccabees.

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#### Dr. Allan R. Powers

**T**HE thriving industrial center and model city of South San Francisco exerts a strong attraction upon the professional man as well as the captain of industry and business man. This is exemplified by the coming to this community of Dr. Allan R. Powers and other capable professional men who saw an excellent field wherein to build up a desirable practice.

Dr. Powers was located at Rio Vista, Solano County for two years before coming to San Mateo County. Before he took up his study of medicine he was in the United States Forest Service.

Dr. Powers received his university education at the University of California, graduating in 1901, with a degree of B. S. He attended Cornell and Yale in the east, and received his degree of M. F. from the latter institution in 1904. He graduated from Cooper Medical College as M. D. in 1912.

In addition to an extensive practice already acquired in South San Francisco, he is the District Surgeon at that city for the Southern Pacific Co.

Dr. Powers was born at San Rafael, California, on May 23, 1881, and has been a resident of this state for thirty-four years. His home is now at 628 Grand Ave., South San Francisco.

In the month of August, 1913, Dr. Powers was married in Sacramento. He had one child, Edith Cornelia Powers, who died December 21, 1915.

Dr. Powers is a member of the Rio Vista Chapter of the K. of P., 165; Moose 832; Imp. Order of Redmen, Tippecanoe 111; Fraternal Brotherhood, and San Mateo County Medical Society.

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#### John Pitcher

**A**N old and highly respected settler, being one of the original forty-niners coming across the plains from St. Louis in ox teams. He was born July 25, 1827 at Vincennes, Indiana; and has resided in San Mateo County for the past 55 years.

Mr. Pitcher has the distinction of being the oldest public official, holding the office of Justice of Peace, for the past 35 years.

Mr. Pitcher has been very successful during his stay in Halfmoon Bay, acquiring a large farm, town property in San Francisco and many other interests.

Mr. Pitcher is today, what he has always been, a man true to himself, true to nature, and true to his friends.

### Kenneth M. Green

**K**ENNETH M. Green, one of the County's most promising and successful young attorneys, maintains his offices at San Mateo, in which City, he enjoys a large and growing practice.

Mr. Green is essentially a local product, having come with his



parents to San Mateo County at an early age. He is a graduate of the San Mateo Grammar School and a member of the first graduating class from the San Mateo Union High School, and is, at present writing, President of the Alumni Association of the latter institution.

After attending Stanford University, he studied law in one of the leading law offices in San Francisco, and, in 1909, was admitted to practice in all the Courts of this State, as well as the Federal Courts of this District.

Mr. Green has been honored with office in several fraternal organizations, being a Past Master of San Mateo Lodge of Masons, Past President of San Mateo Aerie of Eagles

and Past President of San Mateo Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West. He is also member of the Elks and the Moose.

His hobby and particular interest, outside of his profession, is chickens, of the feathered variety, and he is President of the San Mateo County Poultry Association.

Kenneth Milton Green was born in Oakland, California, on the 25th day of July, 1887, is unmarried and is the eldest son of the Honorable Milton J. Green of San Mateo, late United States Referee in Bankruptcy at San Francisco.

### Paul Pinckney

**U**NDER the head of "The Press" comes the name of Paul Pinckney, one of the foremost newspaper men of the county, and editor and proprietor of the San Mateo Times.

Mr. Pinckney was born in South Carolina on March 24, 1869. His early education was accomplished in the common schools and supplemented by a course under private tutors. At fifteen, instead of going to college he decided to see the world as both his parents had passed away.

Ever since this he has "been seeing the world" through the eyes of a newspaper man, serving in the capacity of both reporter and editor. He was the editor for two years of the Southern Home Journal, a literary magazine of Jackson, Mississippi; whence it was moved to Memphis, Tennessee.

He served three years in the Spanish American War in the Philippines as steward in the medical department, being called upon to act in many responsible capacities.

After the war he was reporter on the San Francisco Chronicle, going from this position to San Mateo, where on September 12, 1903 he acquired a half interest in the San Mateo Times and made that sheet a prosperous one. In 1910 he purchas-

ed Mr. Henry Thiel's interest, and became sole owner.

Mr. Pinckney helped to organize the San Mateo Board of Trade in 1905, now the Chamber of Commerce, and has been its secretary ever since. In 1906 he helped organize the San Mateo Hotel Company, operating the Peninsula Hotel, the enterprise being capitalized at \$600,000. He became the secretary, and later, one of the directors.

**Joseph Debenedetti (Deceased)**

THE life of a successful father, standing before him as an example, Joseph Debenedetti forsook Italy's sunny skies for the western lands of California. His father, John came to the United States in 1855, and in 1856 removed to the west. He mined for a short period, engaged in the mercantile business in San Francisco, and then went to Santa Clara where he died.

Joseph Debenedetti was born in 1849. When only six years old he firmly made up his active mind to follow his father across the sea. In 1867 he set out for San Francisco via Central America, and after his arrival he went to Calaveras County where he spent 10 months. He then returned to San Francisco, and for two years engaged in trading with remote settlers in the county. In 1872 he came to Halfmoon Bay and a year later opened a general merchandise store. In 1874 Mr. Debenedetti married Teresa Scarpa. Seven of their nine children are living,—Mrs. Josephine Michieli, John L., Mrs. Angelina Francis, George, William, Mrs. Irene Betten-court, and Henry.

Politically Mr. Debenedetti was a Democrat and as a recognition, he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland. He served as a supervisor of San Mateo County for 12 years, and while in this office he let the contract for the bridge over

Paraleside Creek at Halfmoon Bay, the first concrete bridge erected in San Mateo County. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. Mr. Debenedetti died May 18, 1914.

**Joseph B. Gordon**

FEW men owe their success more to their own efforts than Joseph B. Gordon, junior member of the law firm of Kirkbride & Gordon of San Mateo. His path was not strewn with roses. It was one over which only sheer pluck, courage and perseverance can take the traveler.

Mr. Gordon had had only a high school education when he aspired to



be a lawyer. After preliminary study he became a law clerk with Mr. Charles N. Kirkbride in 1904. While so engaged Mr. Gordon took a four year law course at the San Francisco Law School. Before its completion he was elected city clerk of San Mateo. Still ambitious to acquire a more profound knowledge in his chosen profession, Mr. Gordon enrolled for post graduate work, so for years we find him filling the posi-

tion of city clerk in a splendid way, acting as law clerk in Mr. Kirkbride's office and attending law school at night. After completing his law study, he was admitted to the bar and in 1912 with Mr. Charles N. Kirkbride formed the law firm of Kirkbride & Gordon.

In spite of the demand that Mr. Gordon's large practice makes on his time, he interests himself in all public movements. He is an active member of the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce and the San Mateo County Development Association. He also belongs to the Elks, the Masons, and the Native Sons.

Joseph B. Gordon was born in San Jose, California, July 12, 1887. His parents removed to Santa Cruz County and engaged in ranching. Mr. Gordon received his early education in the schools of that county. Mr. Gordon was married in Watsonville, on July 18, 1914.

#### D. A. Raybould

ONE of San Mateo County's newcomers who has risen to a place of esteem in the community is D. A. Raybould of the San Francisco Chronicle. Mr. Raybould is known in all parts of the county as one of its wideawake, energetic young men who has at heart the welfare of the county as well as the interests of his paper.

During the few years that Mr. Raybould has represented the Chronicle in San Mateo county he has enjoyed a reputation for fairness. His news articles have kept the peninsula cities in the foreground and not a day passes that some section of the county is not exploited in the San Francisco press.

A few years ago Mr. Raybould wrote the Peninsula Polo Annual, a history of the sport of kings in the county. Through this book which was distributed among all the leading clubs of the East, California polo received a great deal of recognition.

Mr. Raybould was born in Salt Lake City, September 12, 1888. He received his early education in the Salt Lake schools. He completed his education at the University of Utah. After leaving college Mr. Raybould connected with the leading journals of Utah. Since coming to California in 1911 Mr. Raybould has been with the San Francisco Chronicle.

Mr. Raybould belongs to the Owl and Key and the Skull and Bones of the University of Utah, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the Ophite club of San Francisco, the Peninsula Club of San Mateo and the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce.

#### Rufus H. Hatch (Deceased)

WHEN the discovery of gold made California the Mecca of the hopes of so many thousand people flocking from all parts of the world, to share in the treasures proclaimed, there were some who saw at once what had escaped the eyes of those looking below the surface of the land, the rich valleys and verdant hills and sunlight as bright as the glitter of gold.

With almost every day of his life, spent in tilling the soil, it was little wonder that Rufus H. Hatch felt his eyes gladdened by the sight of such productive farming land, and wasted no time in determining where his chosen work lay at hand.

Rufus H. Hatch was born in South Redding, Vermont on September 22, 1829, and passed his boyhood in that state. At the age of 24 he came to California, landing at San Francisco, November 10, 1853. With one year's work on a hog ranch near the old Mission, he came to San Mateo County, located January 20, 1855 on 320 acres of government land which he entered and paid for in greenbacks in San Francisco. This farm was located within three miles of Halfmoon Bay, and for about twenty years he spent his time upon it, engaged in general farming and stock

raising. He also bought some timber lands and started a mill on Purissima creek.

Mr. Hatch married Martha Schuyler, daughter of James Schuyler, one of the oldest settlers in Halfmoon Bay. The children born to this union are Alvin S., who now has the lumber yard at Halfmoon Bay; Edna L. McGovern and Clara E. Kneese. Mrs. Hatch died in 1888.

He was connected fraternally with the order of Odd Fellows and F. & A. M. of San Mateo.

#### Mrs. Henry C. Finkler

PROMINENT in the club life of the county and the State is Mrs. Henry C. Finkler, president of the Redwood City Woman's Club. Although one of the most active club-women of the county, Mrs. Finkler has devoted her energies to many other good causes which has placed her in the front rank of the county's leading women.

Mrs. Finkler has lived in California almost all her life. The last eight years she has spent in Redwood City. Her first work after taking up her new place of residence was to take a leading part in the organization of the Redwood City Woman's Club. Since then no woman has been more active in the affairs of the club than Mrs. Finkler. As an appreciation of her work and efforts the members elected her president of the organization last year.

Mrs. Finkler holds a high place in State clubdom, one of her most important connections being auditor for one term of the San Francisco District of the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Few citizens have contributed more time and energy to Redwood City than Mrs. Finkler. Credit is due her for the annual May festival, famed throughout California. As an expression of Redwood City's gratitude to Mrs. Finkler for this work, the Board of Trade and the Floral

Festival Committee presented Mrs. Finkler with a gold and silver loving cup. The Board of Trade has sent Mrs. Finkler to represent Redwood at several conventions.

In addition to her club affiliations, Mrs. Finkler is a member of the George F. Evans Relief Corps and the Red Cross Society.

#### Edward W. Howard (Deceased)

UPON leaving College, Edward W. Howard entered the Export & Commission Firm of Otis McAllister & Company. The will of his father, Wm. H. Howard, who died in 1910, appointed him executor of the estate, which embraced vast holdings in San Mateo County, immediately adjacent to San Francisco, and a magnificent Ranch of forty-six thousand acres on the westerly side of the San Joaquin Valley.

These properties he handled with extraordinary ability, and in 1905 formed the Howard Cattle Company, of which Corporation he acted as the executive head from its inception to his death.

By its business integrity this corporation earned for itself a great name, and today stands as one of the premier live stock corporations of the Pacific Coast States.

In 1905 Mr. Howard married Miss Olivia Lansdale of Philadelphia, and of this union there have been born five children, Olivia, William Henry, Ann, Gertrude and Marion.

The home life of the couple was one of beautiful simplicity, and perfect understanding, and the children are exemplars of their union.

In 1904 Mr. Howard was appointed by Governor Pardee a member of the California State Board of Agriculture and he remained in this position until 1914. During his incumbency, the Association made remarkable progress and today ranks high throughout the country.

Mr. Howard was long a devotee of the kingly game of polo, and a player

of ability. The formation of the San Mateo Polo Club was his conception and the success achieved by that organization was, in large degree, due to his efforts as he was a controlling factor in the Club and served as a director thereof from its formation. It is generally conceded that no grounds excel in beauty, those of the San Mateo Polo Club. His love for the game and his association with things agricultural, naturally led him to take an active interest in the breeding of ponies, in which he proved very successful, and as a result the impress of the Howard ponies has been markedly felt throughout the United States, while many of them have been shipped to England.

As a tribute to his agricultural knowledge he was elected a member of the Live Stock Advisory Committee of the Panama Pacific International Exposition, and was also a member of the Polo Committee of the Exposition.

Mr. Howard's faith in California was complete, and preceiving the future of this great State, he, with two associates, in the latter part of 1912, secured an option upon eighty-six thousand acres of land on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley and worked actively and untiringly toward the development of this great property, forming as the holding company of the land a corporation, capitalized for ten million dollars, of which he was elected the president.

It was in connection with this very business that Mr. Howard entered the building in which the breaking of the elevator cables caused his untimely death.

As executor of his father's estates, he had apparently insurmountable obstacles to overcome, but to them all he brought to bear great discretion and good judgment. No one could come in contact with him and not feel impressed by the weight of his knowledge and dignity of expression.

As a result of the national fame which he had achieved, he was, shortly before his death, and without any previous knowledge on his part, unanimously elected a Director of the American Short-Horn Breeders' Association. This is a position usually greatly striven for; and no more eloquent tribute could be paid to his standing in the live stock world. He was also for many years a member of the executive committee of the American National Live Stock Association and a very dear friend of the president of that Association.

Mr. Howard was the president and executive head of the following corporations: William H. Howard Estate Company; Howard Ranch Company; Howard Cattle Company; San Mateo Development Company, and Black Mountain Land & Water Company. He was also a director of the National Bank of San Mateo, treasurer of the Church of St. Matthew of San Mateo, ex-president of the California Live Stock Breeders' Association and vice president of the California Cattlemen's Protective Association. Mr. Howard was also for many years a member of the Pacific Union Club of San Francisco.

It can truly be said of him that his earnest efforts were beneficial to society at large, and the results of his activities were felt at an age when most men are only commencing their life work.

He died at the age of thirty-six, and, had he been spared, it is impossible to conceive of any limitation to the achievements of his brilliant and fertile mind.

#### Martin H. Walsh

ONE of San Mateo County's oldest and most efficient peace officers is Martin Walsh, constable of the third township who preserves law and order in the aristocratic Menlo and Atherton districts.

Mr. Walsh came to San Mateo County thirty-six years ago. He took

up his residence in Menlo Park soon after his arrival and since then he has been one of Menlo's most highly respected citizens.

During his long residence in the county, Mr. Walsh has also been involved in public affairs. Thirty-two years ago he cast his vote for Judge Buck and P. P. Chamberlain and since then he has been linked with the political life of the county. He was one of the first school trustees of the Menlo district, was a deputy coroner under Dr. H. G. Plymire and is serving his second term as constable in the third township.

His record as a peace officer has not only been marked by a series of important arrests but by the fact that he has kept order in his district and made it noted for the few crimes that have been committed.

Martin Hurbert Walsh was born in Iowa on May 31, 1858. He married in Menlo in 1882 three years after coming to California. Mr. Walsh is a cement worker by trade. Among his fraternal affiliations is membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Foresters and the Woodmen of the World.

**P. P. Chamberlain**

**M**R. P. P. Chamberlain came to Redwood City in 1868. He accepted the first position that offered and became grocery clerk for Isaac M. Schlouecker. Soon after this he went into the merchandise business with W. J. Wilcox, and after the withdrawal of his partner, carried the business on alone, under the name of P. P. Chamberlain which firm is still in existence.

During early days of the grocery business, Mr. Chamberlain was elected county treasurer which office he has faithfully administered for more than thirty years.

Mr. Chamberlain is interested in the Redwood City Building and Loan Association and the Redwood City

Realty Company. He has always taken an active interest in the social side of city and county life, and now although seventy-four years old, he may still be seen enjoying himself at public functions, dances and receptions. He takes a keen interest in fishing. He is a member of the San Mateo B. P. O. Elks.

Mr. Chamberlain's boyhood life was spent in Ohio from which he went into the wilderness of Minnesota, and lived the rough and ready life of the lumber camps before he journeyed westward and threw in his lot with the old timers at Redwood City. He brought west with him an enviable record as a soldier.

**Ellis C. Johnson**

**M**R. Ellis C. Johnson is one of Daly City's most influential citizens as well as having the distinction of being that city's first Postmaster, and City Recorder ever since that municipality was incorporated. He is also serving as Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Johnson was born in Philadelphia, July 1860. He has been a resident of California since 1881, while San Mateo County has claimed him only since 1907.

Before coming to Daly City, Mr. Johnson was located in Stockton, being the superintendent for the Haggin and Tevis Ranch.

**William H. Toepke**

**M**R. Toepke has been identified with the profession of architect for the last eighteen years both in San Francisco and in San Mateo County.

He drew the plans for the San Mateo Union High School, the San Mateo central fire station, the Elk's Club, and numerous residences of Burlingame, San Mateo and Redwood City.

Among the many edifices for which Mr. Toepke has drawn plans in San

Francisco might be mentioned the Flatiron Building at Market and Sansome Streets, an apartment for the Cuneo Estate and the Doe Estate, the Mission High School and the Maskey Building, where Mr. Toepke has offices.

Mr. Toepke was born July 12, 1871 in San Francisco, and has lived in this city all his life, with the exception of the last eleven years when he has resided in San Mateo County. He received his education in the city's grammar and high school, and then later fitted himself for the profession which he is now following.

Mr. Toepke is interested in fraternal life and is a member of the San Mateo Elk's Club No. 1112. He served as Trustee for the City of San Mateo.

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#### E. W. Florence

**M**R. E. W. Florence who holds a responsible position with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in the county, is one of its foremost men.

Mr. Florence is a native son, being educated in the public schools of Chico, and then graduating from Heald's Business College in San Francisco.

On February 2, 1901 he entered the employ of the P. G. and E. Company. He represented this Company in Chico for eight and a half years; and was then transferred to Fresno as their representative where he remained for two years. From there he came to Redwood City where he has been for the last four years and a half.

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#### Alfred F. Green

**A**LFRÉD F. Green was one of San Mateo County's most loyal citizens, spending the greater part of his life within its limits, until his recent death in December 1909.

He was a native of Vermont, coming to California as early as 1853,

settling first in San Francisco where in 1855 he was married to Mary C. Tilton. In 1858 he moved to San Bruno where he went into the dairy business, remaining there until 1865, when he removed to Millbrae, and established himself there in the same business. At Millbrae he joined with D. O. Mills and was with him for twenty years.

At the end of this period he was engaged by the Spring Valley Water Company to superintend the building of their concrete dam at Crystal Springs. He continued with this company until his death at Millbrae.

Mr. Green was a member of the Board of Supervisors for thirty years, and served one term in the legislature in the sixties.

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#### Mrs. Guadeloupe Valencia

**O**NE of the names that comes to us from the earliest historical records of the county is that of "Valencia".

The Valencias were large landholders during the early pioneer days of the county and still retain a small portion of these large early holdings in the vicinity of San Bruno, where Mrs. Valencia and some of her daughters are still living in the family home, bordering on the State Highway.

Mr. Valencia came from a large family, his brothers being Leonard, Frank, Eustaquio and Antone. His father's name was Juan Sotelo Valencia.

Mrs. Valencia was married fifty-two years ago at the Mission Dolores which was established in 1777 in San Francisco. She was blessed with a large number of children—ten in all. The names of those still living are: Mrs. Petra Whitaker (whose husband ran the famous Union Hotel in San Francisco); Mrs. Francis Colleta; Mrs. Anne Fernandez, Miss Celestine Valencia, Mrs. Pauline Ford, Mrs. Clara Stevens, Mrs. Inez

Overholser, Mr. Samuel Valencia, and Mr. Edward Valencia.

Mr. Guadalupe Valencia had the distinction of belonging to the San Francisco Fire Department in the early days of that city, and was, just before his death, the oldest living member of that organization.

Mrs. Valencia was born in San Rafael, but was raised in San Mateo County where she has lived ever since being married.

**James Daniel Hedge**

**T**HE name of James Daniel Hedge has been only comparatively recently inscribed upon the scroll of names which includes some of the brainiest men of the county—its newspaper proprietors and editors.

Although Mr. Hedge was born in Redwood City, he has been permitted by circumstances only recently to throw in his lot permanently with that city, where he is now the Managing Editor of the Redwood City Democrat.

Mr. Hedge received his early education in the Redwood City grammar school and Sequoia Union High School, from which he went to Stanford University, finally fitting himself for a business career by a course at Heald's Business College.

Mr. Hedge has lived in the state thirty-two years; been in Goldfield, Nevada three years and in San Mateo County twenty-six years. He was married May 1906 in Goldfield. He has two children,—Roland L; and Norman J. Hedge. Mr. Hedge belongs to Redwood Parlor No. 66 of the N. S. G. W.

**Daniel P. Flynn**

**D**ANIEL P. Flynn was born and raised in San Mateo County, and has spent his busy and useful life in activities which have had the county of his birth for a setting. His recent appointment, on February 7, 1916 to fill the unexpired term of C.

D. Hayward (deceased), the former County Assessor, was a signal mark of recognition of the ability which has characterized all his business career.

Mr. Flynn was born in Redwood City on November 23, 1875. He attended the public schools of this city, and later embarked in a business career, in which he has successfully devoted his energies to farming and the contracting business. He is trustee of the Selby Estate which is estimated to amount to about three-quarters of a million dollars.

It is an interesting fact that Mr. Flynn is still living in the very house in which he was born, and to which many pleasant memories of early childhood are attached. His father's name was Martin Flynn. Mr. Flynn is married and has four children,—Mary, Agnes, Martin and Francis.

**Hugo Pinkney Frear**

**M**R. Hugo Pinkney Frear, after about thirty years of residence in various parts of California, finally decided, eleven years ago, to go to Burlingame, then a little village. He was one of the first to build here; and so well pleased that he is still residing in this place.

Mr. Frear's profession is that of Naval Architect at the Union Iron Works where he has been associated with Mr. Geo. Dickie in the building of some of the greatest battleships and cruisers of the American Navy. He is a graduate of Oahu College, Honolulu and Worcester Polytechnic Institute at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Frear took an active part in the incorporation and the improvements of Burlingame; and it was through his efforts that this city received its public library site. He served on the first board of trustees and was elected the first chairman of the town board.

Mr. Frear was married in 1891 in San Francisco. He has a daughter Beatrice. Mr. Frear's father was the Rev. Walter Frear, D. D.

Mr. Frear is a member of the Institution of Naval Architects of London; Society of Naval Architects and Marin Engineers, N. Y.; Society of Naval Engineers, Washington, D. C.; National Geographical Society; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Smithsonian Institue, Washington, D. C.; and the Commonwealth Club, San Francisco. Mr. Frear has served on the committee of the International Engineering Congress during the recent Exposition.

He has been naval architect for the Union Iron Works for the last thirty-two years, superintending the designing and construction of 141 vessels including battleships, armored cruisers, cruisers, monitors, gun-boats, torpedo-boat destroyers, torpedo boats, submarines, passenger steamers, freighters, tankers, ferry-boats, brigs, tugs, yachts and other craft. He designed the 23-knot cruiser Chitose for the Imperial Japanese navy in 1899, the fastest cruiser to date, built in America. He designed and patented the ore-carrying fleet for the Bethlehem Steel Company and executed the plans for the great dome of the Lick Observatory at Mount Hamilton.

#### Clarence Decatur Hayward

**M**R. Clarence Decatur Hayward was serving his sixth term as Assessor of San Mateo County when his sudden and entirely unexpected death on January 21, 1916, deprived the county of one of its most trusted and highly respected servants.

Mr. Hayward was born in 1863, and spent the early part of his life at the home of his parents in Pescadero, San Mateo County. Part of his youth was spent working in his father's lumber mill where he ac-

quired a knowledge of the lumber business. He was elected Assessor of San Mateo County in 1894, and has held that office ever since.

Mr. Hayward is the son of B. and Cornelia S. Hayward, and is survived by Mrs. Maud Merrill Hayward, Mrs. A. S. Kelenborn, and Mrs. David Moore. He was a member of Redwood Lodge of Masons, San Mateo Elks Club and Redwood City Native Sons. The Hayward home is located in Redwood Highlands, Redwood City, San Mateo County.

#### Timothy Guy Phelps

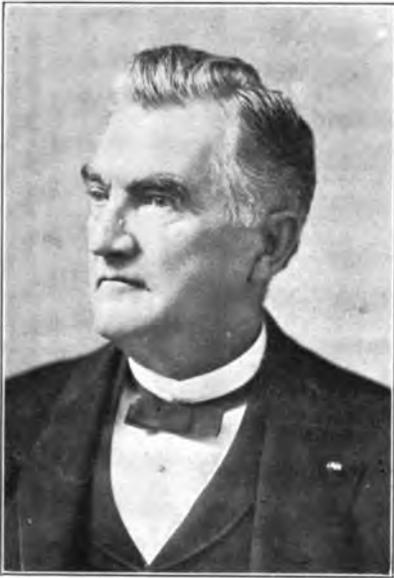
**F**OREMOST among San Mateo County's greatest men and best loved pioneer, stands the name of Timothy Guy Phelps, statesman and farmer.

Big hearted, strong and lovable—his accomplishments are written large upon the scroll of the county's greatest achievements, as well as those of the state. Many times a State Assemblyman and Senator, once United States Congressman during Lincoln's administration, twice Collector of the Port of San Francisco, Regent of the University of California for 21 years and Chairman of the Lick Observatory during that time—these were some of the posts of trust held by Timothy Guy Phelps.

Timothy Guy Phelps was born in Chinango County, New York, December 24, 1824. He received a common school education, and when twenty-one he went to New York City to study law. A few years later, when news of the discovery of gold in California reached New York, Mr. Phelps started for California by way of Panama, arriving in San Francisco on December 14, 1849, after a passage of one hundred and two days from Panama. He started immediately for the mines in Tuolumne County, and engaged in river mining with but scant success. Here he spent the following spring and winter.

On his return from the mines to San Francisco, he first engaged in the mercantile business in that city. Afterwards he became a partner of Jim Dow, one of the most successful of the early Californians, and well known to all the early timers.

In the great fire of 1851, he sustained great financial loss, but before the embers had cooled, he started in to rebuild. He was again successful and soon recouped his former losses.



About this time he bought a large ranch of 3500 acres in San Mateo County where San Carlos is now located. Here he spent all his spare time engaged in agricultural pursuits.

During Mr. Phelps' many trips on business down the peninsula to secure options on grain crops, he journeyed as far south as San Juan, and soon became imbued with a love for the country around San Carlos and then made up his mind that here was the place where he would like to make his permanent home. A short time afterward he became one of the owners of the Rancho de las Pulgas

—and continued to add to his holdings until he had acquired 3500 acres.

Mr. Phelps took an active part in the stirring historical events of '51, when the masses of the law-abiding people organized under the name of the Vigilance Committee to suppress crime and restore order. In 1853 Mr. Phelps journeyed east, and was united in marriage to Miss Sophronia J. Jewell of Guilford, New York. He became a member of the first grand jury held in this county, August 1st, 1856. In this year his public career really began when he was elected to the State Legislature from San Mateo and San Francisco Counties on the first Republican ticket ever presented to the voters of this electoral district. It is interesting to know that today this district still remains.

In the role of legislator in the Assembly, Mr. Phelps showed such ability that he was sent to the Senate, at the next election. In representing his constituents in the Senate Mr. Phelps led the opposition against what was known as the Parson's Bulkhead Bill, which would have given control of the city's entire water front to a company of capitalists for a period of fifty years, and equipped them with the right to charge a toll on all in-coming and out-going merchandise, thus throttling the commerce of the city and ruining competition. His fight against these big interests gained him great popularity and the confidence of the people.

In 1858, he was re-elected to the Senate, contesting the election with Major-General Halleck, afterwards commanding general of all the Union armies. In March, 1857, when senator from the Fifth Senatorial district, (S. F. and S. M. Co.) Mr. Phelps introduced into the State Legislature "An Act to reorganize and establish the County of San San Mateo, which became a law in

April 18, 1857. This act defined the southern boundary, and provided for an election to be held in the following May. Mr. Phelps served in the Senate from 1858 to 1861, introducing the first street railway bill for the City of San Francisco.

In 1859-60, the contest to steal the waterfront of San Francisco was renewed with greater determination than ever. Mr. Phelps again threw himself into the fray as champion of the people against the powerful syndicate of capitalists backing this nefarious movement. His fight in the state legislature is historic.

In 1860 he became vice-chairman of the state convention which met in San Francisco to send delegates to the memorable convention in Chicago that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President. His services in the State Legislature as an assemblyman covered several terms, and extended over a period of many years.

Mr. Phelps joined the Society of California Pioneers in 1861, and was later elected Vice-President of the organization.

In 1861 he attended the Republican State Convention at Sacramento, being a candidate for nomination for Governor of the State, but withdrew in favor of Stanford. He was, however, immediately nominated for Congress, and elected by a majority of 20,000 votes, serving from 1861 to 1863. He took a prominent place in Congress, his duties bringing him into close touch with President Lincoln who became his intimate personal friend. Lincoln consulted him on all issues pertaining to the Pacific Coast. Serving during the Civil War, he was known as the "War Congressman."

Upon Mr. Phelps' return from Congress, he found upon investigation that the officers in charge of the Presidio were all southern men, and were just ready to deliver the state to the Confederacy. He immediately informed President Lincoln that

plans were made and mature to split California from the Union. Lincoln immediately sent a relief and removed the Presidio officers, replacing them with true adherents of the Union cause.

Among other measures, he voted for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Phelps performed one of his greatest services to the State when he was chosen and sent to represent the ranch owners and bankers of California, to protest the attack on the validity of the Spanish Grants, and particularly the boundaries of the Pulgas Rancho. The bill was killed in the committee, and this unjust legislation was crushed forever.

Before Mr. Phelps arrived in Washington upon this mission, one of the Committee who had this matter in charge, asked Senator Sergeant, who they were sending from California. "Why", he said, "Farmer Phelps." After Mr. Phelps' speech before the Committee, this same man remarked to Senator Sergeant, "I'd like to know—if those are the kind of farmers in California—what kind of statesmen have you there? I would like to live in that state."

A few years later his wife died.

While in Congress, he voted for the first street railway bill of the city of Washington. He was prominent in securing the passage of the overland railroad law, and in conjunction with the California delegation, succeeded in placing a representative from the Pacific Coast on the Supreme Court Bench of the United States.

On January 24, 1870, he was appointed by President Ulysses S. Grant as Collector of Customs in San Francisco, for a period of four years. In the same year he was married to Josephine A. McLean of San Francisco, a daughter of one of the old pioneers.

Five years later, in 1875, he accepted the Republican nomination for Governor as he was in favor of uniting the Independent and the Republican parties. Governor Pacheco and others assured him that he could thus strengthen the Republican party. But two weeks later the Independents under Booth, Swift and Estee reconsidered, and concluded to nominate a ticket of their own, believing they would again control the state. It was a hard fight. Irwin, of course, was elected, but only by a majority of 435 votes. Although the Republicans lost the governorship, they succeeded in holding their party together, and thereby crushing the Independent party whose main object was hostility to the railroads.

Mr. Phelps became Regent of the University of California in 1878, and spent much of his time during the following years in the upbuilding of the State university.

One of his most public-spirited acts was giving the railroad—later known as the Southern Pacific—its present right of way from Belmont to Redwood City. On January 4, 1890, he was again appointed Collector of the Port of San Francisco under another president,—Benjamin Harrison. During the same year he was decorated with the United Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States for distinguished services to the government during the war.

Timothy Guy Phelps lived to the age of seventy-three years, and at the time of his death was the picture of robust health and strength. His demise was due to an accident. He passed away on Decoration Day, May 30, 1899.

The bulk of his large estate was left to his widow, although he remembered his brothers and sisters and their heirs in a substantial way. He left no children.

The life of Timothy Guy Phelps was an honor to the state and the

county where he made his home. In his speeches—particularly his memorable speech on taxation—his voice was ever heard in the defense of labor and the industries of the people.

His domestic life was particularly happy. In Mrs. Phelps he had a helpmate whose unflinching sympathy, social tact, and clear-headed advice in all matters, did much to enable him to successfully follow his career.

The name of Timothy Guy Phelps stands to-day an honor to the State of California, revered by her citizens and beloved by her people. Honesty of purpose, uprightness of living, protection to the growing Republic; combined with gentleness and a loving nature, have endeared his memory in the hearts of all.

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**W. J. Martin**

One of the Leading Spirits in the  
Upbuilding of South San  
Francisco

### Mr. Robert Sheldon Thornton

THE life history of Mr. Robert Sheldon Thornton reads more like a narration based on fiction, than the actual events of a most useful and instructive career of one of San Mateo county's leading citizens.

Mr. Thornton was one of the earliest settlers in the county and took an active and unselfish part in the upbuilding of the community, assuming the role of democratic leader for a considerable period.

When 33 years old he reached San Francisco, in the year 1852. He did not take the long route around the Horn but came by way of Panama. He crossed the Isthmus via the Chagres River; braved and survived the dangers of yellow fever—although he was himself stricken with the disease—and after interminable delays, he set sail again on the Pacific side of the Isthmus, and in time reached San Francisco. He landed with 50 cents in his pocket, but full of confidence and enthusiasm. As luck would have it, while in search for his brother, the first man he saw was a friend whom he had outfitted the year previous for California with three hundred dollars. This man whose name was Charlie Ford, luckily was able to reimburse Mr. Thornton and thereby pay off his earlier indebtedness. Later, fully recovered from the yellow fever, Mr. Thornton set about establishing himself firmly in California.

Before we follow Mr. Thornton in his admirable career in California, let us hark back to his earlier days in the east, before he was influenced to try his fortune with the other Argonauts in the golden west.

His father was Deacon Eaton Thornton, a well-to-do farmer of Johnston county, R. I. Robert Sheldon Thornton was born October 31, 1819, just seven years after the war of 1812 against Great Britain. Today Mr. Thornton, although ninety-seven

years of age enjoys excellent health.

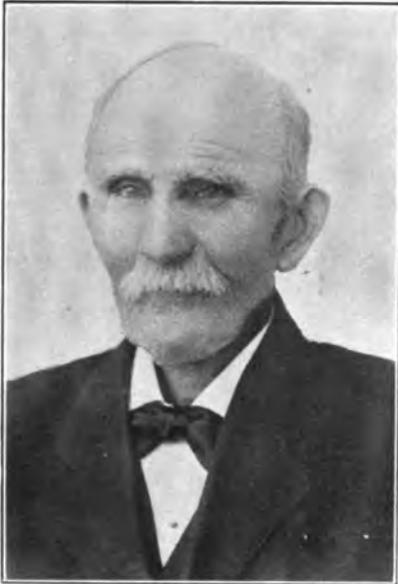
He was one of a family of eight, consisting of three boys and five girls. The girls received an excellent education, but the boys were expected to get out and meet the world at an early age, and shift for themselves. Robert Sheldon proved no exception to this rule and was soon sent to work in a blacksmith and carriage-maker's shop. He enjoyed this work and very soon demonstrated to his employer that he was a workman of no mean ability.

He soon went into business for himself; and was from 1844 to 1851 doing a general blacksmithing business and building carriages of all kinds in North Scituate. These years were the formative period in Mr. Thornton's life, and although he worked hard, there were pleasant hours of relaxation spent upon the water; for North Scituate in those early days was an important shipping center as well as harbor and rendezvous for whaling vessels. It was then that Mr. Thornton learned to sail a boat, and this knowledge stood him in good stead in his early days in California, as his first job here was on board a vessel plying up and down the bay of San Francisco.

In 1827 he was married in Rhode Island to a farmer's daughter. There were two children by this union and both died within a year of their birth and were later followed by their mother who passed away with quick consumption. A second marriage in 1849 in North Scituate, R. I., was more fortunate. The second wife lived to a ripe old age; and only on July 27, 1912 passed away. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Lindsey who is now living with Mr. Thornton; and is his companion in his declining years.

In his younger days in North Scituate, Mr. Thornton was a leader in many ways among the young men of that period. He was director of the

North Seltuate band, and now has stored away among his most precious possessions the E flat bugle which he played. But honors did not come singly, and when only eighteen years old he received from Governor King of Rhode Island his commission as Captain of a military company,



which he led for a long time, in the town of Gloucester.

In 1851 he turned his face toward California and entered the second period of his life. It was not long after he arrived in California that he directed his attention to the acquirement of land from the Government. In 1853 he settled on 160 acres of government land located about six miles south of where the Cliff House now stands. The first blacksmith shop in this locality was started by him. He worked industriously at this trade, combined with carriage-making, and was soon able from the proceeds thereof to acquire more land, so that it was not many years before he was the possessor of more than five hundred acres of the choicest land in that vicinity. In after years Mr. Thornton sold at va-

rious times parcels of this land when the increase of its value warranted a sale. Nevertheless at the present day he still holds 160 acres, his home and a number of lots—all valued at a very high figure.

Before Mr. Thornton had resided in the state many years he began to attain an enviable political prominence. Following in the steps of David Cook, the first supervisor of San Mateo County, he was in the fall of 1858 also elected supervisor, which office he held for five years. As he became more prominent in politics he was elected county chairman of the Democratic Committee, and held this office for a long time. His object in assuming this last office was to hold the democratic party together, which he was a prominent factor in doing. He was also nominated several times by the democrats for state senator, but as the county was overwhelmingly republican, he never attained the satisfaction of holding this office.

Had Mr. Thornton taken no further part in San Mateo County activities than the part he assumed in the famous case of the United States Government versus Laguna Merced Rancho, in which he was the representative of thirty property holders whose titles were in peril of being lost—his name would go down in the annals of the county in grateful remembrance. Each of the thirty litigants had valid claims to 160 acres of land apiece; and as these claims were in dispute, they made Mr. Thornton their attorney. The case was tried in the district court and later in the Supreme Court. After six years they won their case. The decision was handed down by Judge Field who was appointed by Abraham Lincoln. By the decision which was unanimous, the thirty legatees together with Mr. Thornton, secured patents to their land. Judge Field who was a friend of Mr. Thornton, personally congratulated him upon his victory.

When the government made a systematic survey of this land, Mr. Thornton assisted in the surveying work, and the sectionizing of the land in the neighborhood of Colma for settlers.

Although Mr. Thornton never joined any fraternal societies, he has always shown a willingness to assist financially various organizations and associations as well as religious orders, no matter what their creed, when the demand made upon him was just. He has always contributed generously to churches and benevolent organizations.

Having lived a well ordered and useful life, and outlived most of his early associates, Mr. Thornton has, in keeping with the well ordered and methodical habits acquired in his busy life—already laid his plans for the disposal of his large estate. He owns a private burial ground in North Scituate where it is his desire to be laid to rest with the members of his family who have gone before.

#### Edward Rucker Dixon

ONE of the most popular young men in the banking circles of San Mateo County is Edward Rucker Dixon, who was born at Merced, California, March 21, 1883. After leaving high school, he secured a position with the bank of Newman, California, where he remained for twelve years, serving faithfully in every branch of the banking business. It is partly due to his efforts that this bank has been developed to one of the most influential banks of the great San Joaquin valley.

Mr. Dixon came to the National Bank of San Mateo, January 10, 1916, to fill the position of cashier, being selected from a large list of applicants. In the selection of Mr. Dixon as cashier, the National Bank of San Mateo feels that it has added another good asset to the city of San Mateo as well as to its working organization.

Mr. Dixon is fraternally connected with the B. P. O. Elks, F. & A. M., and Knight Templar lodges.

#### Ed. T. McGettigan

ABOUT five months ago a new Chamber of Commerce sprang into existence in Redwood City that has already done as much for the advancement of its chosen field, as any similar promotion organization in the entire State.

The creator and moving force of this association is Mr. Ed. T. McGettigan who has made community building, trade-development and trade-protection a life study.

Mr. McGettigan was born in Vallejo, California, March 3, 1875. Early in life he attended the "College of Hard Knocks," obtaining his education in a life of practical experience, including in his curriculum, salesmanship, government clerkship; and finally taking up newspaper work, which he followed for twelve years. His newspaper experience covered a field ranging from San Francisco to Denver.

The positions he is now filling are: Secretary-Manager of the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce, and General Manager of the Peninsula Industrial Commission, an organization formed for the purpose of making known, through widespread newspaper publicity, the merits of San Mateo County. In a little over two years, Mr. McGettigan's articles on the good roads of San Mateo County have been published in magazines and papers in nearly every state in the Union as well as in Canada and Australia, being largely responsible for the recent development of the County during the last two years.

Mr. McGettigan lives in Wellesley Park, Redwood City with his wife and four children. He is Past Exalted Ruler of Vallejo lodge of Elks, the B. P. O. E., being the only fraternal order of which he is a member.

**John J. McGrath**

**S**AN MATEO is fortunate in having so many of San Francisco's substantial business men listed among its residents. John J. McGrath is one of them who, although burdened with the responsibilities of an important position, gives painstaking support to every movement for the good of the city and enables the community to reap the benefit of having men of his type as a resident.

Mr McGrath is an expert sales-manager, having been in this line for twenty-five years. His first sales position was with Swift & Co., when he had emigrated from Ireland and settled in Chicago. Two years later he came to California and became identified with the Western Meat Company. He ascended to the position of assistant sales manager in the eighteen years he was with this company. He left them five years ago to become traveling representative in San Francisco for Folger & Co.

In his twenty-five years experience in selling goods, Mr. McGrath has handled hundreds of salesmen and has become a recognized expert in this work. The rules and suggestions that he makes for his men, have proven so valuable that his friends have urged him to print them in book form, that more persons may benefit from them.

The heavy tax that business imposes on Mr. McGrath's time has not prevented him from taking an active

part in civic affairs, and every movement that is launched for the public good, finds him a substantial backer.

John McGrath was born in Lime-  
rick, Ireland, on July 23, 1872. He received his education in his native land. With the exception of two years spent in Chicago, Mr. McGrath has lived in San Mateo continually since coming from Ireland twenty-five years ago. He married Miss Mary Kelly, a native of San Mateo. His daughter Carmelita, aged 13, is a pupil in the San Mateo schools, while his son, John G., aged 18, is preparing for the priesthood at St. Patrick's seminary. His youngest daughter, Manolln, aged 6 years, is also a pupil of the San Mateo public schools. Mr. McGrath is a property owner in both San Mateo and Hillsborough.

John J. McGrath has recently, on January 7, 1916, been appointed by President Wilson to be postmaster of San Mateo for a term of four years, relieving Thomas E. Byrnes, whose term expired Dec. 20, 1915. Mr. McGrath was specially endorsed for this office by the Democratic County and State Central Committees, and by United States Senator James D. Phelan.

The office of Postmaster is an important one, as it carries a great responsibility; and those who are appointed to this office may consider themselves highly honored by the trust imposed in them by their fellow townsmen, as well as by the Chief Executive of the United States.