

in the Azores, April 8, 1883, and he is a son of D. G. and Maria Lopes, both also native Azorians. They are now living in California, where they have resided for the past fifteen years, and are engaged in dairying, a vocation with which they became thoroughly familiar in their native island. As a young man, fifty years ago, D. G. Lopes came to California, but he presently returned to his native land and there remained until 1910, when he and his wife disposed of their holdings in the Azores and came to this state, where they since have made their home.

Reared on his native island, M. L. Lopes had his schooling there and grew up well trained in dairying operations. In 1901, when he was eighteen years of age, he came to California, and upon his arrival here he began working in local dairies, thus familiarizing himself with operations in that field as applied to conditions in this country. Two or three years later, upon attaining his majority, he began dairying on his own account, starting in a modest way with a small ranch and a small herd, and he has gradually expanded this enterprise until now, as noted above, he is recognized as one of the leading dairymen in this region, with a fine plant and a choice herd on his well improved ranch. He is constantly improving his place and has one of the best equipped dairies in this favored region.

Mr. Lopes has been twice married, and by his first wife, Julia L. Machalo, he has a son, Anthony Lopes, who is now in school. For his second wife Mr. Lopes married Miss Theresa Correia, who also was born in the Azores, a daughter of Theresa E. Correia, and who has been a resident of California since the days of her girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Lopes are republicans and give proper attention to local civic affairs and to other community activities. Mr. Lopes is an active member of the popular Portuguese society U. P. E. C. and is also affiliated with the I. D. E. S.

SAMUEL SUTTON.

Samuel Sutton, one of the best known and most widely experienced marine engineers in California, is acting as superintendent of the mechanical department of the Monticello Steamship Company, with headquarters at Vallejo. He came to California more than forty years ago, as a trained machinist, and has ever since been engaged as a marine engineer, his operations having effected excellent results in more instances than one in elevating the standards of the mechanical equipment of **the** steamship lines with which he has been connected. Mr. Sutton was born in Wilmington, Delaware, December 10, 1859, and is a son of Thomas L. and Sarah (Weaver) Sutton, the latter of whom, a member of one of the old Pennsylvania Quaker families, is still living, now nearing the ninetieth year of her age.

Reared in his home town, Samuel Sutton early finished an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade and became a highly competent craftsman,

continuing his studies along that line until he also became a competent engineer. In 1883, when twenty-four years of age, he came to California, arriving in port at San Francisco on the old sidemiheeler Olympia. **He** had no difficulty in securing a place and was employed as third assistant to the chief engineer of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. The character of his craftsmanship spoke for itself, so that he gradually was promoted until he was made superintendent engineer, with headquarters at Seattle, and in time he acquired a working interest in the White Star Steamship Company. In 1905 his services were secured by the Monticello Steamship Company, and he has since been a resident of Vallejo, his employment as marine engineer and superintendent of this company now having covered a period of over twenty years. It is not too much to say—for the evidence is apparent to all who have been here that length of time and are thus able to make comparisons—that the value of Mr. Sutton's efforts is clearly revealed in the vastly improved appearance of the floating equipment over which he has had supervision and in the higher standard of service as compared with that which existed here when he took charge. Mr. Sutton is widely known in marine circles along the coast and has long been regarded as one of the expert marine engineers serving on Pacific waters.

In 1891, at San Francisco, Samuel Sutton was united in marriage to Miss Martha Smith, who was born in that city, and they have a pleasant home at Vallejo. For the past thirty years and more Mr. Sutton has been a member of the Masonic fraternity and his interest in the affairs of this ancient order has never abated. He also is a faithful member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the precepts and practices of these two fraternal organizations are observed in his daily life among his fellowmen, his duties as a good citizen being observed to the best of his ability.

FRANK CEREDA.

Frank Cereda, one of the leading citizens and successful fruit growers of Green valley, has had an eminently active and useful life, but the limited space of a biographical sketch permits mention of only the salient facts in his career. He has performed well his part in life and it is a compliment worthily bestowed to say that the community is honored by his citizenship. Frank Cereda is a native of Solano county, having been born in Suisun valley on the 23d of April, 1887, and he is a son of Carlo and Teresa Cereda. The father came to this locality in young manhood, later returning to his old home to be married. On his arrival here the second time he settled in Suisun valley, where he owned a vineyard. On first arriving here he had been employed as a foreman on the Pierce ranch, where he had remained for twenty years. He subsequently bought the Durbson ranch of sixty-five acres in Green valley, and there he continued

to reside until his death, which occurred in 1924. His widow is still living and enjoys to the highest degree the love and esteem of all who know her.

Frank Cereda received his education in the public schools, and from his early boyhood he contributed his labor to the operation of the home farm, which he rented about eight years prior to his father's death. He devoted himself indefatigably to it, and since the demise of his father he has assumed entire control. The greater portion of this valuable ranch is planted to fruit, mainly cherries. Mr. Cereda is thoroughly practical in all that he does, understands every phase of fruit raising and cultivation and is an able and sagacious business man. Politically he is an ardent republican and takes a commendable interest in local public affairs, supporting all measures or movements for the advancement of the community welfare.

G. TOMASINI.

A venerable and honored citizen of Solano county, now retired from active labor after a long and busy life, is G. Tomasini, who lives on the Mayfield road, in the Suisun valley. As one of the oldest pioneers in this section, he has been a witness of and a participant in the wonderful transformation which has taken place here during the period of his residence in the locality, and because of the fine character' and the public spirit manifested throughout his career he has long held a high place in the regard and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Tomasini was born at Lake Majori, Switzerland, on the 1st of April, 1841, and is a son of Babtista and Jacomina (Tagnazzi) Tomasini, the former of whom followed farming in his native land, where he spent his entire life. Our subject secured a good education in the public schools of his native place and then went to Australia, where he found employment in the gold mines. He also made two trips to New Zealand and altogether spent eight years in those two countries. In 1869 he came to the United States, going first to San Rafael, California, where he remained about a year, and he then went to Sonoma county, locating at Fort Ross, where he remained about three years, engaged in dairying. Mr. Tomasini next went to Petaluma but a year later returned to Fort Ross and remained there for two years. He then bought a place called Timber Cove, for which he paid seven thousand dollars and which he operated for about five years. At the end of that period he sold out and came to the Russian river, where he bought a dairy and remained about four years. In 1884 he bought seventeen hundred acres of land in Suisun valley and started a dairy farm, carrying five hundred head of stock. However, about the time he had things well under way the price of butter went so low as to make the production of it unprofitable for him, so he gave up the dairy and turned his attention more to stock raising and general farming, and in this he was successful. He had also established a store at Timber Cove, which he had intended to run in connection with

the dairy. Toward the later years of his active connection with the farm he acquired a great deal of additional land, to the cultivation of which he gave his attention, and he reduced the size of his cattle herd. Eventually he disposed of much of his land, but he retains eight hundred acres, six hundred acres of which he rents, the remainder being reserved for the children of his son George, who died at the age of thirty-five years.

Mr. Tomasini was married to Miss Mary Jackson, a native of the state of Ohio, where she spent part of her childhood, securing the major portion of her education in the schools of Woodland, Yolo county, this state. They became the parents of four children : Anita, Algini, Almo and George. There are also seven grandchildren. Mrs. Tomasini passed away in 1916. Mr. Tomasini is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has taken all the degrees of the York Rite, including the commandery of Knights Templar, at Vallejo. He served at one time as a member of the board of school trustees at Duncan's Mill, Sonoma county. He is a man of absolute honesty and of enterprising and progressive methods, and he managed his extensive affairs with skill and prudence. For years he has been regarded as one of Solano county's grand old men, for he has been a useful and upright citizen, ever giving his support and lending his influence in favor of such measures as were intended to be for the best interests of the community.

ROBERT H. BROWN.

Robert H. Brown, proprietor of the Samuel Brown Meat Company at Vallejo, the, oldest establishment of its kind in the city and one of the oldest continuing meat shops in California, is a native of Vallejo and has always made that place his home, being one of the best known men in this section of the state. Mr. Brown was born August 31, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Morris) Brown, pioneers of Vallejo, the latter of whom died in 1895. She was the mother of six children. The late Samuel Brown, founder of the business now carried on at Vallejo by his son Robert, came to California in 1857, arriving at San Francisco on the steamer Black Warrior. For some time after coming here he worked in the Mare Island navy yard, was for a while thereafter engaged in ranching and then, in 1868, embarked in the retail meat business at Vallejo, opening a shop there that has been maintained ever since, the business life of the Brown meat shop thus now covering a period of nearly sixty years. Samuel Brown died in 1906 and at his passing left a good memory, for he was one of the builders of the town. He had taken an active interest in the development of the city and in its general civic affairs and had rendered public service as president of the board of town trustees.

Reared at Vallejo, Robert H. Brown completed his schooling in St. Mary's College at San Francisco, and as a young man he became inter-

ested with his father in the retail meat business and in the development of the Samuel Brown Meat Company. Following his father's death in 1906 he took over the business and has since been conducting it successfully. His establishment is equipped in accordance with the strictest demands of modern usage and his wares have for many years been sought by discriminating buyers.

In 1886 Robert H. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Jennie M. Gully, who died August 3, 1923. Mr. Brown is a democrat and has long taken an interested part in local civic affairs. When the public library board was created at Vallejo he was elected a trustee and in that capacity rendered effective service.

C. F. HATCH.

C. F. Hatch, secretary and treasurer of the Monticello Steamship Company of Vallejo, is one of the best known young business men of that city and is an active factor in the promotion of all proper development enterprises in that section. He was born in the city of Olympia, Washington, September 28, 1891, and is a son of Z. J. and Addie (Tremain) Hatch, both now deceased. Years ago they came into the Pacific northwest from Monticello, Sullivan county, New York, and after a period of residence in Washington came to California in 1895, in which year Z. J. Hatch became one of the founders of the present Monticello Steamship Company, the concern having been established under the firm name of Hatch Brothers. On July 26, 1904, following a reorganization of the affairs of the firm and the adoption of a program of expansion, the name was changed to the Monticello Steamship Company, in honor of the Hatch brothers' old home town of Monticello, and the business has since been carried on under that name. It is one of the best established ferry companies on the coast, operating a fleet of ferries between San Francisco and Vallejo, and by common consent their boats are declared to be the finest and best operating in the bay. Z. J. Hatch, who did so much toward the substantial establishment of this concern, died September 15, 1913. His widow survived him for more than ten years, her death occurring February 6, 1924.

C. F. Hatch was but four years of age when he came with his parents to California, and he was reared at Oakland. Upon completing the course in the high school there he entered the Hastings College of Law, the law school of the University of California, and in 1915 he was graduated from that institution. On leaving college Mr. Hatch entered upon active connection with the affairs of the Monticello Steamship Company, and was elected secretary and treasurer, and he has since been thus serving, being in general administrative charge, with offices on the Monticello wharf at Vallejo. This concern also acts as local agent for the San Francisco, Napa & Calistoga Railway Company. Mr. Hatch is alertly respon-

sive to all movements for the advancement of the general interests of Vallejo and of this section of the state and is recognized as one of the progressive boosters of the town. As a member of the locally influential Vallejo Rotary Club he has done his full share in the promotive activities of that body, and in other ways he has shown his ardent interest in development projects.

In 1915, at Berkeley, C. F. Hatch was united in marriage to Miss Doris Brewster, who was born in Iowa but was reared at Berkeley, and they have three children : James J., Peter and Eleanor.

H. E. MANNING.

H. E. Manning is one of the well established members of the bar of Solano county and is widely known throughout the state, maintaining offices at Vallejo, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He is a native son of California and all his life has been spent in this state. Mr. Manning was born in the city of San Francisco, November 14, 1884, and finished his schooling in St. Augustine College there. Under the able preceptorship of Keogh & Ms, an old established law firm in San Francisco, he was prepared for the practice of law and in 1908 was admitted to the bar, this admission having been coincident with that of the late James H. O'Leary.

Following his admission to the bar Mr. Manning engaged in practice at Vallejo, in association with P. B. Lynch, and later for a time he was associated professionally with Thomas J. Horan, but of late years he has been practicing independently, and he is doing well. Mr. Manning is married, and he is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, at San Francisco.

JOHN H. RYAN.

In any review of the progress of events in Solano county and particularly in that section of the county comprised within the interesting Benicia settlement, the name of John H. Ryan surely should be included, for he was one of the first permanent settlers here and proved himself an important factor during the development of this section of California, for many years having been one of the best known persons here.

Mr. Ryan was a native of Ireland, and he came to California in 1852, coming around the Horn and up the coast to the port of San Francisco, which was then but little more than a sand hill. He was a skilled blacksmith, and after arriving here he became employed in the blacksmith shop on the Benicia docks of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, later being made foreman of the blacksmith shop at the Benicia government

arsenal, a position of responsibility he long maintained. On December 28, 1854, something more than two years after his arrival in this state, he married Miss Mary Fitzsimmons, also a native of Ireland, who had come here by way of the Isthmus, and they established their home in Benicia, where they spent the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in 1899 and hers in 1876. Of the children born to this pioneer couple but one now survives, Mrs. Mary Massle, widow of the late Richard Massle, who is now living at her home on First street in Benicia, and who has the distinction of being one of the oldest native born residents of that city.

Mary Ryan was born October 30, 1856, in Benicia, and was there reared. In 1885 she married Richard Massle, a native of the Saxon city of Wittenberg in Germany and who had not long before that time become a resident of Benicia, prior to his location here having been engaged in the retail meat business at Martinez. Upon taking up his residence in Benicia Richard Massle became engaged in the brewery business in partnership with Gus Gnauck, the pioneer brewer. He also operated a brick yard in that city, and the bricks entering into the construction of the old Masonic temple there were made by him. Richard Massle died in 1903, he then being fifty-two years of age. Mrs. Massle has an adopted daughter, Miss Esther Stanley Massle, and she also has a niece, Mrs. Frank Wassmann.

JOHN G. KREGELO.

John G. Kregelo, superintendent of the Masonic and Odd Fellow cemetery at Vallejo, is one of the best known residents of Solano county. He was formerly a soldier of the United States army and later was for several years an attache of the Mare Island shipyard. Though a native of the Old Line state, he has been a resident of California for almost thirty years and is quite content to regard this as his permanent home. Mr. Kregelo was born in the village of James in Dorchester county, Maryland, May 29, 1869, and is a son of John C. and Jennie B. (Fair) Kregelo, both also natives of that state and both now deceased, their entire lives having been spent in Maryland.

When he was eight years of age an adventurous impulse prompted John G. Kregelo to run away from home. He presently found a home on a farm in his native state and there remained until he was eighteen years of age, when he took up the trade of carriage blacksmithing, becoming proficient in that work. Later he enlisted in the artillery branch of the United States army and while thus in service became stationed in California, presently becoming attached to the service at the Mare Island shipyards. For six years he continued thus connected, or until 1903, when he was appointed superintendent of the Masonic and Odd Fellow cemetery at Vallejo, and he has since been thus engaged, a period of

more than twenty years, during which time many notable improvements have been made there. Mr. Kregelo is a member of the local lodges of the Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Kregelo has been twice married, and by his first wife he is the father of two sons, John C. and Robert Leroy, both of whom are veterans of the World war with overseas records. Mr. and Mrs. Kregelo are republicans and are properly interested in the general civic affairs of the community.

CHARLES WOLFF.

Charles Wolff, chief engineer of the plant and operations of the Monticello Steamship Company of Vallejo, and who was formerly and for years connected with the mechanical operations of the Mare Island shipyard, has been a resident of California for more than twenty years and is one of the best known citizens of Vallejo. Though of European birth he has counted himself an American since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Wolff was born in Alt-Altmandorf, Germany, May 28, 1874, a son of Robert and Anna (Voght) Wolff, both also natives of Germany and both now deceased, the latter having died when her son Charles was but six years of age. Robert Wolff, who was an upholsterer by vocation and who also was engaged in farming, died in 1913.

Reared in his native place, Charles Wolff had good local schooling and supplemented this in a trade school, early becoming a competent and well trained mechanic. He gave his particular attention to marine engineering, and in 1896, when he was twenty-two years of age, he came to the United States and was for some years thereafter employed on steamships, working out of the ports of New York, Philadelphia and Boston. He presently enlisted in the United States navy, and it was while thus serving, in the capacity of a chief machinist's mate, that he made his first acquaintance with California, coming here in 1904. In 1907 he was promoted to the grade of first class machinist and continued to serve in that capacity until 1908, when he was promoted to a position on the office staff of the navy yards and presently was made quartermaster machinist. He was serving in that capacity when in 1918 he transferred his services to the Monticello Steamship Company, operating a fleet of ferry boats on the bay between San Francisco and Vallejo, and he has since been connected with that company. Mr. Wolff started with this concern as a first class machinist, but in that same year he was promoted to the position of chief engineer and has since been rendering service in this latter important and responsible capacity, with headquarters in the company's offices on the Monticello wharf at Vallejo.

In 1906, at Vallejo, Charles Wolff was united in marriage to Miss Emma Petersen, who was born in that city, a daughter of George Petersen, and they have two sons : George Wolff, a pharmacist, now engaged

in his profession at San Francisco ; and Charles Wolff, Jr. Mr. Wolff is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Sons of Herman.

NEWTON C. BENNETT.

Newton C. Bennett, a well known and well established building contractor at Fairfield and an influential figure in the general social and industrial life of that town, is a native of Solano county, where his interests ever have been centered. He was born in the village of Rio Vista, January 5, 1884, and is a son of William and Letha (Butler) Bennett, the latter of whom is still living. She also was born at Rio Vista and is a daughter of the pioneer, N. C. Butler, who had come here in settlement days and had become a substantial rancher in that neighborhood. N. C. Butler also served for years as postmaster of Rio Vista, and in his time he was one of the best known and most influential citizens of that section of the county. The late William Bennett, who died in 1890, was a native of England. In 1870 he came to California and after his marriage here he established his home on a ranch adjacent to Rio Vista and there spent the remainder of his life, having been one of the substantial citizens of that community. Of the children born to him and his wife three are living, the immediate subject of this sketch having an elder brother, Joseph Bennett of Rio Vista, and a sister, Mrs. Rose Anderson, also of that place.

Reared on the home place at Rio Vista, Newton C. Bennett had his initial schooling there and then attended and was graduated from the Fairfield high school. Upon putting aside his textbooks he became employed in the building operations of Comstock & Salisbury and became a skilled carpenter, later transferring his connection to the bridge crew of the Southern Pacific Railway Company. He was thus engaged in bridge construction on that road for ten years, this work taking him over the Sacramento, the Oakland and the San Joaquin Valley divisions and thoroughly familiarizing him with the details of heavy construction work. In 1913 Mr. Bennett embarked in business on his own account as a building contractor at Fairfield, and he has since been thus engaged, having directed much of the better class of building operations that have been carried on there in recent years, this including the erection, of many of the best business buildings on Texas street. Among the structures erected by Mr. Bennett may be mentioned the Fairfield Theater building, the John Thomas building, the Martha Washington store building, the Vallado pool room, the I. D. E. S. hall, the new reinforced McGinnis block, and the Evans & Pyle and Soares reinforced concrete stores, besides numerous cottages and ranch houses.

In 1905, at Fairfield, Newton C. Bennett was united in marriage to

Miss Ivy Carpenter, who was born in that city, a daughter of Frank Carpenter, and they have ten children: Norman, Opal, Inez, William, John, Lucian, Joseph and Newton (twins), Dorothy and Mary Jane. The Bennetts have a pleasant home at Fairfield and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general affairs of the community. Mr. Bennett is a member of the volunteer fire department and secretary of the Fairfield Firemen's Club. He is a past president of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, is treasurer of the local grove of the Order of Druids and is a charter member of the Fairfield Lions Club, in the affairs of all of which popular fraternal organizations he takes an earnest and helpful interest.

ALEXANDER DONALDSON.

Alexander Donaldson, who occupies a position of large responsibility as superintendent of the Solano County Hospital, is one of the well known citizens of this county, having lived here since 1894. His has been a life of industry, and idleness has no part in his make-up, for he early learned the important truth that only he who works for it may attain success. He is a native of Australia and was born on the 2d of October, 1872, a son of John and Mary Jane (Blair) Donaldson, the former of whom was a native of Scotland and the latter of Australia. When our subject was about ten years of age the family came to California, and the father was employed on Mare island for a number of years. Both parents are now deceased.

Alexander Donaldson received his education in the public schools and in the school of experience. Upon reaching years of maturity he went to work in the Mare Island navy yard and for eleven years was employed as a planner and estimator there. On the 1st of March, 1924, he was appointed superintendent of the Solano County Hospital, and he is still discharging the duties of that office. Prior to taking this position he had made a visit to Alaska and all sections of the Pacific coast, and by attentive and thoughtful reading and close observation he has become a well informed man. He has proven himself the right man for the place which he is filling, for in addition to business ability and the exercise of common sense in the management of such an institution, the successful superintendent also must have a deep human sympathy for those unfortunates who are under his care. This is one of the chief keynotes to Mr. Donaldson's success, for it is his constant aim and effort to make the inmates contented and happy and to see that they receive the care and attention that they should have.

Mr. Donaldson was married to Miss Nora Cahill, a native of the state of Nevada, and they have one child, Ramona. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 229, Free and Accepted Masons, at Vallejo, of which he is a past master ; Lodge No. 559, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks,

and the Improved Order of Red Men, both of the latter also at Vallejo. Politically Mr. Donaldson maintains an independent attitude, voting for the men and measures which in his judgment will be for the best public interests. He is a lover of out-of-door life and is especially fond of fishing, in which he is an adept. In all the relations of life he has been true to every trust, and because of his marked ability, genuine worth and friendly disposition he has won and retains the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

DAVID M. FLEMING.

Solano county enjoys the distinction of having retained on its board of supervisors a member who has served continuously as long as any other county supervisor in the state, David M. Fleming, the present president, having rendered service on that board for almost thirty years, a record to which his friends point with pride. Mr. Fleming was elected to represent the Vallejo district on the board of supervisors in 1896. By successive reelections he has been retained on that board and since 1907 has been serving as its president. When it is recalled that all of what may be regarded as the modern improvements that have been made in Solano county, including the erection of the beautiful new court house and county hospital at Fairfield, the miles of permanent highways and many other up-to-date improvements that have been necessitated by the progress of the times, have been brought about during the period comprehended within Mr. Fleming's term of service, it will be realized that he has indeed been a valuable personal factor in the development of this county.

David M. Fleming is a native son of Vallejo and all his life has been spent here. He thus has been a witness to the development of this region from the pioneer period, and the recollections of his boyhood bring to mind conditions far different than those that now afford so noble a scene here. He was born November 11, 1858, on the old Fleming place at the corner of Amador and Fleming streets, where he still resides, and he is a son of John and Annie (Kirby) Fleming, both of whom were born in Ireland but were married here, where they spent the remainder of their lives. For a time after his arrival in California in 1852, John Fleming was located in San Francisco, and then until 1856, he was engaged much of the time in working in the mines. In the latter year, after his marriage, he established himself at Vallejo, he and his wife making their home on the site above referred to, and subsequently the street was named in their honor. John Fleming developed a good piece of farm property adjacent to the growing city and was regarded as one of the substantial pioneers of the settlement. He put up on his place the first fences built in Solano county,, using redwood posts. He died in 1909 and his wife died in 1884, and their memory still is cherished in the community.

Reared at Vallejo, David M. Fleming attended the local schools and during the days of his young manhood aided in improving and developing the home farm. He was then for some years engaged in the operations of the navy yard, holding a foremanship, and he next embarked in the grocery business at Vallejo, a line which he continued for sixteen years or until some time after taking up his duties on the board of county supervisors. As noted above, it was in 1896 that Mr. Fleming was elected to that board, and he ever since has been rendering service in that important and responsible capacity, being one of the best known men in public service in this section of the state and one of the deans of county supervisors in the state of California. He is a democrat and has for many years been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in Solano county.

In April, 1882, at Vallejo, David M. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Annie Fleming, a native of Ireland, and to this union were born six children, John, Josephine, David, Edward, Annie and William, the two last named of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming also have five grandchildren, in whom they take much pride and delight. Though Mrs. Fleming bears the same family name as that of her husband there is no immediate kinship through ties of blood relationship so far as the family records reveal. The Flemings are members of the Roman Catholic church and are earnest supporters of the affairs of the local parish. Mr. Fleming is an active member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and of the Young Men's Institute and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

JAMES M. BARKLEY.

James M. Barkley, a member of the board of trustees of the city of Benicia and one of the best known educators in this section of the state, has been a teacher for years and is at present vice principal of the Armijo high school at Fairfield. Mr. Barkley is a native son of California. He was born in the neighboring county of Contra Costa, December 22, 1885, and his early education was finished in the Brentwood high school in that county. He afterward entered the University of California and in 1914 was graduated from that institution, following this by a year of post-graduate work in the university, majoring in history and economics.

Upon leaving the university Mr. Barkley was engaged as teacher of history and economics in the Benicia high school and was also given charge of the department of commercial forms, thus serving at the time this country entered the World war in the spring of 1917. He was connected with the manufacturing firm of Kullmann, Salz & Company in 1918, and when word came to speed up all industries this big leather concern sent him to New York to take under government direction some special training in employment management and personnel work, and under the directions there received he rendered effective service in the

industrial field here during the period of the war. Upon the completion of that work, in 1920, Mr. Barkley resumed his activities in the school room and has since been serving as vice principal of the Armijo high school at Fairfield, the county seat, being teacher of history and economics there and head coach in the department of high school athletics. He retains his home at Benicia, however. In 1924 Mr. Barkley was elected to represent his ward on the board of trustees of the city and is now serving in that capacity, giving his earnest attention to such municipal problems as have arisen during this incumbency.

In 1914, at Berkeley, James M. Barkley was united in marriage to Miss Frieda Zacker, who was born in North Dakota but has been a resident of California since 1907, and they have two children : James M. Barkley, Jr.; and Eleanor M. Mrs. Barkley, herself a graduate (1914) of the University of California, is a teacher in the Benicia high school. The Barkleys have a pleasant home at the corner of Second and K streets and give their interested attention to the general social and cultural activities of the city and the community at large. Mr. Barkley is a Mason and both he and his wife are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also is affiliated with the local organization of the Scouts, is one of the county members of the bay section of the California Teachers Association, and is one of the two members from Benicia of the republican county central committee.

NATHAN E. HANSON.

Nathan E. Hanson, who is chief clerk in the offices of the Mare Island navy yard, a position he has occupied for the past twenty years, is a native of California, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and has been a resident of this state all his life. Mr. Hanson was born in Lake county, August 8, 1871, and is a son of David M. and Catherine E. (O'Donnell) Hanson, the latter of whom is still living and now resides at Vallejo.

The late David M. Hanson, who died at his home in Vallejo. in February, 1920, was for many years one of the leading lawyers in California. He was born in Virginia and was a son of George M. Hanson. who was appointed Indian agent for the Pacific coast country under President Lincoln's administration. He came with his family to California in 1849, crossing the plains and the mountains with ox teams. In due time David M. Hanson was sent back to Virginia to finish his schooling in one of the colleges in the Old Dominion, and upon his return he was appointed, in 1861, by President Lincoln, to serve as secretary of the Territory of Nevada, in which capacity he continued until that territory was admitted to statehood in October, 1864. In the meantime he had been carrying on his law studies, and upon the completion of his term of public service in Nevada he engaged in the practice of law at Lakeport. He was presently elected prosecuting attorney in and for Lake county and by successive

reelections served in that office for six terms. Later he was associated with Dennis Spencer until a growing defect in his hearing necessitated his retirement. During this time he also was professionally associated in practice with Barclay Henry in San Francisco, and he was widely known in the profession throughout the state.

Supplementing the education he received in the schools of Lake county by a course in the San Francisco Business College, Nathan E. Hanson became thoroughly qualified for general clerical service, and in 1894, when in his twenty-third year, he became connected with the clerical staff of the navy yard, with which governmental institution he has ever since been connected, this service now covering a period of more than thirty years. He presently was made a bookkeeper in the office and in 1906 was promoted to the post of chief clerk, in which important and responsible position he ever since has continued, being one of the veterans in service there.

On June 30, 1920, at Vallejo, Nathan E. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Blanch LeRoy Havery. Mrs. Hanson was born at Vallejo and is a daughter of the late Judge Joel Havery, one of the pioneer lawyers of that city and its first mayor. He was a native of New York state and had come to California with his parents in settlement days. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are democrats and have ever given their interested attention to the general civic and social affairs of the city and community at large. From the time of its organization Mr. Hanson has been an active member of Vallejo Lodge No. 559, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler and of which he is the present secretary.

BRENTON R. STEWART.

One of the leading citizens and representative fruit raisers of the Suisun valley is Brenton R. Stewart, proprietor of one of the best orchards in this locality. He is a native of Solano county, and was born on the 16th of June, 1880, a son of Thomas C. and Grace (Daughters) Stewart, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of California. Grandfather Daughters was one of the early pioneers of California, having crossed the plains, with ox teams, in 1850.

Brenton R. Stewart was born on a ranch and there remained until he was fourteen years of age, at which time the family moved to Rio Vista, where he completed his public school education and also took a business course in a private school. His first employment was as a clerk in a store at Rio Vista, and he remained there until 1903, when he came to Suisun and entered the employ of the Suisun Hardware & Implement Company. He was with this concern for eleven years, acquiring valuable business experience and forming a wide acquaintance. Ambitious for an independent career, Mr. Stewart then bought fifty-eight acres of land, a part of the Woolfskill tract, and this he planted to apricots, prunes, pears and peaches. By careful attention to the details of his work and the exercise

of common sense methods, he has brought his orchard up to a high standard of excellence, and without the aid of irrigation has met with pronounced success in his operations.

Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Lola Gray, who was born at Marysville, California, and they are the parents of two children, Brenton and Ida Jane. Fraternaly Mr. Stewart is a member of Suisun Lodge No. 55, Free and Accepted Masons. He has always been deeply interested in educational affairs and for thirteen years has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Armijo union high school of the Fairfield and Suisun districts.

WILLIAM GEORGE ELLIOTT.

William George Elliott is a veteran of two wars and a retired officer of the navy, and is now living at Vallejo, where he has made his home for years. He has been a resident of California since the days of his young manhood, having become connected with the Mare Island navy yard following the completion of his service in the Philippines during the progress of the Spanish-American war in the late '90s. Mr. Elliott was born in Detroit, Michigan, January 22, 1879, and is a son of James H. and Mary (Hudson) Elliott, both of whom died in 1887.

Bereft by death of his parents when he was but eight years of age, William G. Elliott was cared for by kinsfolk in Detroit and there went on through the high school. He then became apprenticed to the machinist's trade and after completing his apprenticeship entered the navy as a machinist, and while thus serving he took part in naval operations in the Philippines during the time of the Spanish-American war. Upon the completion of that service he became employed in the operations of the navy yard at Mare Island and presently was made a leaderman machinist. When this country entered the World war in 1917 he was commissioned for service in the navy and was retired at the close of that service with the rank of lieutenant commander. He has since been living retired at Vallejo, giving his attention to his considerable private affairs. Mr. Elliott has no fewer than seven medals, awarded for conspicuous service in time of war.

In 1915, at San Francisco, California, William G. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss May R. Tierney, and they have one child, William G. Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott erected at Vallejo the first modern apartment house put up in that city, and he and his family make their hone there, at No. 617 Ohio street. Mrs. Elliott was born at San Francisco and is a daughter of Luke W. and Mary E. (Malcolm) Tierney, the latter of whom was born in the city of St. Louis, and both of whom are still living. Luke W. Tierney is a native of California, born in San Francisco, and is a son of Michael Tierney, one of the pioneers of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are democrats and have ever given their interested attention to local civic

affairs. Mr. Elliott is a member of the local camp of the United Spanish War Veterans and of the local post of the American Legion. For years he has been an active and influential member of the Marine Engineers Association, and he is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

ALFRED GUYAN.

Alfred Guyan, whose fine dairy farm is located in the American canon, enjoys a fine reputation among the younger generation of ranchers in Solano county because of his persistent industry, good judgment and fine character, as well as from the fact that he is a member of one of the prominent and highly respected families of this locality. He was born on the farm where he now lives, on the 10th of July, 1900, and is a son of John and Lena (Bauchman) Guyan, the former of whom died September 16, 1910. Both parents came to California early in their lives and met and were married in San Francisco. Later they settled in Solano county, the father securing a tract of land in the American canon, where he took up ranching and established a good home, and there he spent his remaining years. After his death his widow continued to operate the home place until 1925, when her son Alfred took it over, and he is now operating it.

Alfred Guyan secured his education in the district schools of his home neighborhood, and he thoroughly understands the operation of the farm, having already demonstrated his ability and substantial worth. The place is devoted largely to dairy purposes and Mr. Guyan is now milking twenty-five cows. A portion of the tract is in orchard, while the remainder is largely hay and pasture land. Politically Mr. Guyan is an ardent supporter of the republican party and takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs, while fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

THOMAS F. MCGILL, JR.

Thomas F. McGill, Jr., a well established grading contractor at Vallejo, was born there February 2, 1872, and is a son of Thomas F. and Marion McGill, pioneers of Vallejo, the latter of whom died in 1913. The senior Thomas F. McGill, now living retired in that city, where he has had his home for the past sixty years, was born in the city of New York and was twenty-three years of age when in 1865 he came to California and settled at Vallejo. Here he embarked in the retail meat trade and built up a business which was for years one of the leaders in its line and out of which were developed other interests in the way of realty and so forth, which made him one of the substantial business men of the community, as is related elsewhere in this work, together with an interesting story of the life and career of this pioneer.

Reared at Vallejo, the junior Thomas F. McGill was graduated from the high school there in 1891. From the days of his youth he had been familiar with the details of his father's retail meat business, and after leaving school he took an active interest in that enterprise, continuing thus engaged until 1905, when he embarked in the raising of live stock, a line he followed for two years, at the end of which time he went to San Francisco and there became engaged as a teaming contractor. In 1908 he returned to Vallejo and there established himself in his present line as a general grading contractor, with a complete equipment for all kinds of grading work, local as well as highway. During the time Mr. McGill has been thus engaged much of the best of the highway construction in this and adjacent counties has been brought about, and he has had a large share in that important work. Mr. McGill has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the city of his birth and in many ways has been helpful in promoting projects looking to a further development of the community.

Thomas F. McGill, Jr., has been twice married. In 1900, at Vallejo, he was united in marriage to Miss Florence Cassidy, who died in 1920, leaving a son Harold W., and a daughter, Anna Marion. In 1921 Mr. McGill married Miss Minnie Deming, who was born at Vallejo. In their political affiliation Mr. and Mrs. McGill are republicans.

CHARLES NEIL.

Among the men who are closely identified with the fruit interests of Solano county is Charles Neil, who has for a number of years been district manager for Solano county for the Earl Fruit Company, one of the largest fruit raising interests in this section. Mr. Neil was born in Pennsylvania on the 7th of October, 1867, and is a son of Joseph and Martha (Darling) Neil. When our subject was but one year old the father brought his family to California, making the trip by way of the overland trail, with ox team and covered wagon. He located at Cordelia in 1868 and remained there until 1884, when he came to the Vaca valley.

Charles Neil received his educational training in the public schools of Cordelia and Vacaville, and at the age of sixteen years he began working on neighboring ranches. On attaining mature years he engaged in business on his own account, establishing a meat market, and later he went into the hardware business in Vacaville. Eventually, however, -he- turned his attention to the fruit business, and he is now the owner of one of the finest fruit ranches in the Vaca valley, comprising one hundred and ninety acres of good land in the English hills, north of Vacaville, the property being at one time a part of the old Palmley and Hartley ranches. The land is planted to early fruit, which is successfully grown without irrigation, and it is one of the most productive ranches in the valley. In addition to managing his own ranch, about ten years ago Mr. Neil became

manager for Solano county for the Earl Fruit Company, which has about two thousand acres of fruit land, owned and leased, in this county, and a fine, well equipped packing plant in Vacaville. Mr. Neil has proven himself eminently qualified for this responsible position, and he enjoys a high standing throughout the county. He is a director of the First National Bank of Vacaville and gives his support to every measure or enterprise calculated to advance the interests of the community along any line. Fraternally he is a member of the Vacaville lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

ANTONIO J. PINE.

For nearly forty years Antonio J. Pine has been engaged in the mercantile business at Benicia, Solano county, and formerly and for years he was a member of the board of directors of the old Peoples Bank of Benicia and later of the Central Commercial & Savings Bank. He is thus thoroughly familiar with local commercial conditions and has long been regarded as one of the substantial and dependable figures in commercial circles throughout this section of the state, while in the ranks of the Portuguese fraternal societies in California there is perhaps none more widely known or more influential than he.

Mr. Pine is an Azorian by birth, but he has been a resident of California since he was nineteen years of age. He was born on the island of Pico in the Azores, August 9, 1855. This interesting group of islands, eight hundred miles west of Portugal, belongs to that government, which has occupied them since 1432, and they form the Portuguese province of Azores, the capital of which is Ponta Delgada. The islands of the group, Sao Miguel, Santa Maria, Terceira, Sao Jorge, Pico, Fayal, Graciosa, Flores, Corvo and Formigas, are divided for civic purposes into three districts, Angra, Horta and Ponta Delgada, and now have a population of about two hundred and fifty thousand. The soil is fertile and productive and the group has long been noted for the fine health resorts that have been established there. The adaptability of the soil of this section of California to fruit culture long ago began to attract the attention of Azorian horticulturists and dairymen, and there is not an island in the group that is not represented in the substantial population of Solano and Napa counties.

Reared on his native island, Mr. Pine remained there until 1874, when he came to California and engaged in mining operations in Sierra county. In 1888 he established himself at Benicia, opening a grocery store there, and he ever since has been thus engaged in business, with a well stocked and admirably appointed store on First street, being one of the veteran merchants of the city. As noted above, Mr. Pine was for many years a member of the board of directors of the old Peoples Bank of Benicia, and when that institution was sold to the Central Commercial & Savings

Bank of Vallejo he was made a director of the latter and so continued until his recent resignation from the board. He also has rendered service as a member of the local school board.

Mr. Pine is a charter member of Oakland Council No. 7, U. P. E. C., was one of the organizers of Benicia Council No. 18 of that popular Portuguese fraternal society and was its second president, is one of the honorary members of the Portuguese society, I. D. E. S., at Benicia, and is also a member of the Portuguese compatriotic society, A. P. P. B., in San Francisco. In 1897 he served as supreme grand president of the U. P. E. C. in the state of California, and during that incumbency, by the exercise of his fine executive talent and because of his wide acquaintance among his compatriots in this state, he broke all records for organization work in that society, during that time having effected the organization of no fewer than ten local councils of the U. P. E. C., with a membership of from forty to fifty each, a record which still holds. The first council of this society in California was organized in San Leandro in 1880, with an initial membership of thirty. There are now one hundred and seventy councils in the state, with an aggregate membership of more than twelve thousand, and with one billion, one hundred eighty-six thousand, three hundred thirty-eight dollars and twenty-six cents in the treasury on February 28, 1926.

In 1893, at East Oakland, Mr. Pine was united in marriage to Miss Mary Foute, who also was born in the Azores and who has been a resident

are living, Mr. and Mrs. Pine having a son, William Pine, and three daughters—Mrs. Eva Sylvia and the Misses Annie and Lillian Pine. Mrs. Pine has for years been an active and influential figure in the ranks of the women's auxiliaries to the Portuguese societies in California and has rendered official service in that behalf as grand president of the S. P. R. S. I. and as secretary of the Vallejo and Martinez councils.

AUGUST BELLMER.

Among the successful fruit growers of Solano county whose prosperity has been gained entirely through their own unaided efforts, specific mention should be made of August Bellmer, whose well cultivated fruit farm is located in Green valley. He is a native of Germany, born on his father's farm on the 1st of January, 1877, and is a son of Herman- and Margaret (Plotz) Bellmer. August Bellmer attended the public schools near his home. When he was six years of age he suffered the loss of his mother by death, and in 1891, when he was fourteen years old, his father brought him and his sister to the United States. They located first in San Francisco but subsequently the father went to Oregon, where he was engaged in farming, and there his death occurred. Our subject attended the public schools of San Francisco and also attended night

classes at the Lincoln school in that city. He then embarked in the merchandise business there and was thus engaged until the earthquake of 1906, when he came to Green valley, Solano county, and bought twenty acres of land. He has cleared up and improved this farm, planting it all to fruit, with his own hands, and he has made many practical improvements on the tract, increasing its value in proportion. It is now an attractive and comfortable home and Mr. Bellmer is realizing a good income in return for the labor which he has bestowed on the place.

Mr. Bellmer was married to Miss Catharine Klusman, who was reared in Cordelia, and they became the parents of two children, Evelyn and Frank, the last named dying at the age of eleven years. Politically Mr. Bellmer is a staunch supporter of the republican party, though he exercises his franchise judiciously, voting usually for the men whom his judgment approves as being best fitted for the offices they seek.

WILLIAM HERBERT.

William Herbert, present president of the park board of Vallejo and for the past twenty-five years an operative in the navy yard, is a native of the old Pelican state but has been a resident of Solano county since the days of his boyhood, being one of the best known men in the county. He was born on a plantation in the parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, July 20, 1880, and is a son of Percy and Elise (Osborn) Herbert, the former of whom is still living.

William Herbert's mother died when he was but a lad, and he was then sent to California and was reared in the household of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Conway, at Vallejo, attending the parochial schools there and finishing the high school course in St. Vincent's school. He subsequently took up the trade of an electrician, completing his apprenticeship at San Francisco, and he was employed in that city until 1901, the year in which he attained his majority, when he became connected with the electrical department of the Mare Island navy yard, and he has since been thus employed, being one of the veterans of that service. Mr. Herbert is a democrat and has for years been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in Solano county. He served a term (1910-11) as a member of the Vallejo common council, during that period taking an active part in the movement for the conservation of Vallejo's water supply, and he is now serving as president of the city park board, doing much in this capacity to develop and extend the city's beautiful park system.

In 1914, at Vallejo, William Herbert was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Reynolds, who was born in Scotland, a daughter of Frank Reynolds, but who has been a resident of California since the days of her girlhood, and they have one child, Elizabeth. The Herberts reside at No. 433 Tennessee street, and they take an interested part in the city's

general social activities. They are members of the Roman Catholic church, and Mr. Herbert is an active member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and of the Young Men's Institute. He also is affiliated with the fraternal order of the Woodmen of the World.

MARVIN C. HURT.

Marvin C. Hurt is the junior member of the mercantile firm of Chandler & Hurt, dealers in furniture at Suisun and Vacaville, and is one of the best known merchants in Solano county, being well established at Suisun, in charge of the firm's store there. He was born in the village of Glasgow, Howard county, Missouri, October 1, 1880, and was reared on a farm in that county. Upon completing his schooling he became connected with the operations of the Bell Telephone Company and was thus employed in various places until 1911, when he came to California and became connected with the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company at San Francisco. Mr. Hurt was advanced in the ranks of this company's operatives until he was given an administrative position, and in 1913 he was made manager of the concern's operations for the district centering at Vacaville. For seven years he continued as manager of the telephone interests here, and in 1920 he embarked in business on his own account, becoming a partner of H. D. Chandler, veteran furniture dealer at Vacaville, the two forming a combination under the name of Chandler & Hurt. They extended the activities of the old established furniture business at Vacaville to include a store at Suisun, and Mr. Hurt has been in charge of the latter store since its establishment.

At Vacaville, Marvin C. Hurt was united in marriage to Miss Rosalee Chandler, a native of that place, and they have four children : Catherine, Helen, Marvin and Robert Lee. Mr. Hurt is serving on the board of trustees of the Lions Club at Fairfield, of which he is a charter member. He likewise belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with the lodge of that ancient order at Vacaville.

ROBERT P. DUFF.

One of the venerable pioneers who remains to tell the story of the early days in California is Robert P. Duff, of Vaca valley, near Vacaville, a man whom to know is to honor and accord the highest esteem, for his life has been exemplary and his influence has been exerted for the best interests of the community. The history of this locality and that of his own career are closely allied, for he came to California over seventy years ago and to Vacaville nearly forty-five years ago, so that he has been a witness of and a participant in the wonderful development of this section of the state.

Mr. Duff was born at St. John, New Brunswick, on the 18th of August, 1839, and is therefore now eighty-six years of age. His brothers also were early pioneers of California, having come here in 1849, making the journey by sailing vessel from Boston, Massachusetts, by way of Cape Horn. They were the founders of the city of Eureka, Humboldt county, owning the town site and erecting the first buildings. Their father came later and joined them at Eureka. They built the first saw-mill at that place and surveyed the town, paving the way for the future splendid growth which that thriving city enjoyed. In those early days they had much trouble with the Indians and also were greatly annoyed by wild animals. Often when the cows were driven home in the evenings elks would come with them.

Robert P. Duff came to California in 1854, by way of the Isthmus of Panama, which he crossed partly on muleback and partly on foot. He remained at Eureka a number of years, but in 1883 he came to Vacaville, Solano county, and bought a twenty acre ranch in the Vaca valley, where he still lives. He planted the tract to deciduous fruits, and he has made many good and substantial improvements on the place, being now very comfortably situated. Mr. Duff is one of the fine old gentlemen of Solano county, and no one enjoys to a greater degree the respect and esteem of all who know him. He is a remarkably well preserved man for his age, while his mental faculties are as keen and alert as in his younger years. He has kept in close touch through the years with the events of his state and community and his reminiscences of the early days here are extremely interesting. Mr. Duff was married to Miss Bella C. Tower, a native of the state of Maine, and to them were born two daughters.

WALTER F. PARKER.

Walter F. Parker, tax collector in and for Solano county, and a veteran of the World war, is a native of this county, where he is widely known, and his interests ever have centered here. He was born at Fairfield, January 21, 1891, and is a son of William T. and Emma (McDermott) Parker, the latter of whom also was born in Solano county, a daughter of G. W. McDermott, one of the pioneer farmers of this region, who crossed the plains and the mountains into California in 1850 and established his home here. William T. Parker, the proprietor of an extensive sheep ranch near Fairfield and one of Solano county's substantial citizens, was born in the village of Troy, Davis county, in the southeastern part of Iowa, and has been a resident of California since 1874.

Reared at Fairfield, Walter F. Parker attended the schools of that place, and as a young man he was employed in the operations of the Pacific Portland Cement Company there. In 1914 he had his introduction to public service when he received an appointment as deputy to the county

auditor and entered upon his duties in that connection in the courthouse at Fairfield. He was serving in that public capacity when war was declared, and in 1917 he became a member of the United States Naval Reserve Force. In 1922 Mr. Parker was elected tax collector in and for Solano county, and on January 1, 1923, he entered upon the duties of that office, his term to run for four years, or until January 1, 1927. With businesslike directness Mr. Parker has made several changes for the better in the administration of the affairs of this office, one of the most popular of which is the plan he put in force of mailing to the taxpayers their tax statements, a method which universally has been declared an improvement over the old system which compelled those interested to call at the collector's office for their statements or to send in for them. In addition to his official duties Mr. Parker also has an interest in his father's sheep ranch, to which he has given a good deal of intelligent attention, and he is achieving recognition as one of the well informed young sheep men of this region.

In 1917, at Vallejo, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Elinor Hogan, who was born in that city, a daughter of Daniel Hogan, and they reside in Vallejo, at No. 123 Alameda street. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have three children : Walter, William and Elinor. Mr. Parker is a member of Vallejo Post No. 104, American Legion, and he belongs to Vallejo Lodge No. 559, B. P. O. E., in 1925 having been honored by that lodge by election to the post of exalted ruler.

ENOS C. DANA.

Enos C. Dana, for the past ten years a member of the board of trustees of the city of Benicia and also a member of the local board of education, is one of the most substantial and best known citizens of that flourishing little city on the bay. He is an Azorian by birth but has been a resident of California since the days of his boyhood, a period of over forty years. Mr. Dana was born on the island of Corvo in the Azores group, April 26, 1867, and there resided until he was sixteen years of age, when he came to the United States, landing at the port of Boston. After three weeks spent in that city, he came to California and became employed at farm labor in the vicinity of Benicia. He presently found himself in a position to begin farming operations on his own account and after his marriage established his home on a farm near Benicia. His affairs prospered and he gradually added to his landholdings there until he became the owner of a fine ranch of three hundred and thirty-five acres. On this place he continued to make his home until 1914, when he sold the ranch and moved into the town, where he since has resided, he and his family being very comfortably situated at No. 921 First street.

Upon his retirement from the farm Mr. Dana made some judicious investments in local real estate, and he has developed interests along

that line which place him among the well circumstanced men of the community. He has ever given his earnest attention to local civic affairs and to movements dealing with the development of the material interests of his home town, and since 1915 he has been rendering effective public service as a member of the board of trustees of the well directed municipality. He also has served as a member of the board of directors of the Benicia Chamber of Commerce and is regarded as one of the real town builders and "boosters." During the time of this country's participation in the World war he was a member of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and in that behalf rendered valuable service. He also has long been interested in local educational affairs and is now serving as a member of the city school board. His participation for many years in the affairs of the two popular Portuguese societies, I. D. E. S. and U. P. E. C., ranks him as among the veteran and influential members of these compatriotic organizations, and he is the present secretary of the former and treasurer of the latter. The Benicia lodge of the I. D. E. S. now has a membership of nearly one hundred and fifty and Owns, free of debt, its own lodge hall, a building erected in 1915 at a cost of twelve thousand dollars. Mr. Dana has served as president of both of these organizations and has been an influential personal factor in the development of their growing interests.

On April 26, 1899, Enos C. Dana was united in marriage to Miss Armina T. Noronha, who was born in the city of San Francisco in 1879, and they have two children : Mrs. Blanche L. Silvera, now living at Walnut Creek in the neighboring county of Contra Costa ; and Gerald I. Dana, who is now (1926) a student in the Benicia high school.

ASA L. SCARLETT.

Among the native sons of California who have by their progressive and enterprising methods achieved pronounced success, mention should be made of Asa L. Scarlett, who today is acknowledged to be one of the best fruit growers and most public-spirited citizens of the Suisun valley district. Mr. Scarlett was born on the 17th of March, 1892, at Lathrop, San Joaquin county, California, and is a son of F. O. and Anna W. (Story) Scarlett, the former of whom was born and reared in Iowa, while the latter is a native of the Suisun valley. When our subject was about three years of age the family came to the Suisun valley where the father bought a thousand acre ranch, which had been owned and developed by W. B. Brown, an early pioneer settler of California, who died in 1925, at the age of one hundred years.

Here Asa L. Scarlett was reared, he secured his elementary education in the district schools, after which he entered the University of California, from which he was graduated in 1915. He then returned to the home ranch and in association with his brother, W. S. Scarlett, turned his

attention seriously to the work of developing the farm. Their ten years of persistent and well directed labor has shown most bountiful results and today not only is the Scarlett ranch the largest in the valley owned and operated by one family, but it is also leading the way in results, due to the scientific and practical methods which have been followed by the two brothers. There are now three hundred and twenty acres of the ranch planted to fruit. Forty acres are planted to apricots, which produce ten tons of green fruit to the acre. One hundred and twenty acres are planted to French prunes and twenty acres to Imperial prunes, besides which eighty acres are devoted to pears. The orchard is under an irrigation system, the water being supplied from two fine wells on the ranch, Byron Jackson pumps being used to raise the water. A fine and complete dehydrating plant has recently been installed, at a cost of twelve thousand dollars, with a capacity of twenty-four tons of green fruit every twenty-four hours. It is the famous Puccinnelli dehydrator and is the only one in the valley, its installation, at great expense, being but a sample of the progressive and up-to-date methods followed by the Scarlett brothers in their management of the ranch. They have been eminently successful in their operations and their success has given them great prestige throughout the valley.

Asa L. Scarlett is first vice president of the Solano County Farm Bureau, is a member of the Suisun Valley Farm Bureau and is president of the Suisun Valley Farm Center, while fraternally he is a member of Suisun Parlor No. 39, Native Sons of the Golden West. Mr. Scarlett is a man of influence in local affairs, being thoroughly in sympathy with any movement looking toward the advancement or betterment of his community in any way, and because of his ability, his indomitable industry and his genuine worth as a man and a citizen he is held in the highest regard throughout the community, where he has spent the major portion of his life. He is genial and unassuming and is extremely popular socially.

DENNIS J. MORAN.

The roster of Solano county's officials has the unique distinction of carrying the name of an under sheriff who has held office continuously in that shrievalty longer than any other under sheriff in California, a record of uninterrupted service that is not likely soon to be excelled. This particular distinction belongs to Dennis J. Moran, under sheriff of Solano county and popular theatrical man at Vallejo, who has been retained in office since the time of his appointment under the administration of Sheriff James A. Keyes in the year 1902. Close attention to the duties of that important office and an apparently natural aptitude for such work proved their own recommendations for his continued retention in that capacity, and he has for years been one of the most familiar

figures in local public service, even as he is acknowledged to be one of the most popular.

Dennis J. Moran was born in Vallejo, August 11, 1876, and has always lived here, having probably as wide an acquaintance throughout this and adjoining counties as any man here. He finished his schooling in St. Mary's College at Oakland, and as a young man he became employed as a clerk in the Trull drug store at Vallejo, later becoming engaged in business on his own account, as the proprietor of a cigar store. As noted above, it was in 1902 that he received the appointment of under sheriff in and for Solano county, and by successive reappointments he has been retained in that office. In 1910, in association with the late Peter J. Hanlon and Charles McCauley, Mr. Moran became interested in the promotion of motion picture theaters in Vallejo, this trio establishing the old Bell theater. In 1915 they expanded their interests by taking over the Strand and on May 25, 1920, opened the modern and strictly up-to-date Virginia theater, regarded as one of the best of its class in California. Since the death of Mr. Hanlon in February, 1925, Mr. Moran and Mr. McCauley have carried on the business of this popular playhouse. Mr. Moran has other substantial interests in Vallejo and is a member of the board of directors of the Vallejo Commercial National Bank. He is affiliated with the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

FRANK A. BUTTERFIELD.

Frank A. Butterfield enjoys distinctive prestige among the fruit growers and packers of central California, for he has demonstrated extraordinary skill in the handling and packing of fresh and dried fruits and has for many years held responsible positions among the leading packing companies. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 22d of July, 1876, and secured his education in the public schools. He then went to work in a grocery store at Milford, Michigan, where he remained until 1903, when he came to California. Coming at once to Suisun, he secured work on the Haile ranch and afterward was employed in Connolly's livery stable. Later he went to the Napa valley, where he obtained employment in the bottling department of the Samuel mineral springs, owned by John Morris.

Returning subsequently to Suisun, Mr. Butterfield entered the dried fruit industry, securing work as a general roustabout and weigher in the Alden-Anderson Fruit Company's plant. Later he was put in charge of the facing room and four years after beginning work was made foreman of the plant. Mr. Butterfield next became foreman for The J. K. Armsby Fruit Company, with which he remained for about four years, and then, when the Armsby Company and the California Packing Corporation were consolidated, he was appointed superintendent which position he still holds. This is known as their packing plant No. 60, located

at Fairfield, and packs an average of from five thousand to six thousand tons of dried fruit annually, comprising mainly peaches, prunes, pears, apricots and plums. During the busy season about seventy-five men and fifty women are given employment here, and it is one of the best equipped and best managed of all the company's packing plants. Mr. Butterfield has devoted very serious and thoughtful study to the handling of fruit and is considered one of the best informed men in the business. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Daughters of Rebekah, holding membership in the lodges in Suisun. Mr. Butterfield was married to a Miss King, and to this union was born a daughter, Helen, who is a student in the Armijo union high school. His career has been a busy and useful one, for he has endeavored to do well whatever he has undertaken, and because of his thoroughness and painstaking care he has been honored with the confidence of his employers and the respect and esteem of all who have been associated with him.

MRS. AMELIA BEDFORD.

Mrs. Amelia Bedford is one of the well established merchants of Vallejo, Solano county, conducting an admirably stocked furniture store there, in association with her son, Gilbert C. Bedford, and doing business under the firm style of Mrs. Amelia Bedford & Son. She was born in England but has been a resident of California for more than twenty years. It was in 1902 that she and her husband, H. G. Bedford, came to this state with their family and established themselves on a fruit ranch in Sonoma county. Four years later, in 1906, they moved to Vallejo, and there H. G. Bedford embarked in the furniture business, establishing a store which since 1911 has been conducted by Mrs. Bedford and her son, the latter of whom has cooperated extensively in the management and development of the business since he was twenty years of age, and through his efforts the enterprise has become one of the largest of its kind in the county. Gilbert C. Bedford is an active factor in the general club and social life of Vallejo, and he is a veteran of the World war, his service during the time of this country's participation in that great struggle having been rendered in the navy. He is a member of the local post of the American Legion, is an active member of the locally influential Kiwanis Club and is also affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Mrs. Bedford has for years taken an interested and helpful part in social and civic affairs of the city of Vallejo and of Solano county, being one of the acknowledged leaders in local feminist movements, and before women came into their own in the matter of equal suffrage she was an ardent supporter of the cause of "votes for women," doing much to stimulate local interest in that cause. She is president of the Solano County Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Bedford has a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Hilton, the wife of the former assemblyman from Solano county, who

is now making her home in Los Angeles. The Bedford furniture store is admirably located at Nos. 413-17 Georgia street, and Mrs. Bedford and her son reside at No. 719 Alameda street. The store handles a general line of furniture and household furnishings and is amply stocked to serve the needs of the fine trade area centering at Vallejo.

HARRY PETERSEN.

In the death of the late Harry Petersen, one of the old and honored pioneers of the Dixon district, Solano county lost one of its representative citizens. His career was a long, busy and useful one, and although he devoted his attention primarily to his individual affairs, he never allowed the pursuit of wealth to warp his kindly nature, but preserved his faculties and the warmth of his heart for the broadening and helpful influences of human life, being to the end a kindly friend and gentleman, with whom it was a pleasure to associate. Mr. Petersen was born on the island of Finn, Germany, on the 15th of September, 1835, and his death occurred on the 1st of July, 1908, when in the seventy-third year of his age. He received his education in his native land and then went to sea. Eventually he became captain of a sailing vessel, and in the late '50s he came around Cape Horn to California. Here he left the sea and turned his attention to mining, in which he met with but little success. Mr. Petersen then came to Solano county and took up a government claim of one hundred and sixty acres in the northern section, near Dixon, and devoted himself indefatigably to its cultivation and improvement. He gradually prospered and added to his holdings from time to time until he eventually became one of the largest landowners in the district, the old home ranch being still in the possession of the family. He also owned three thousand acres of delta land near Rio Vista. He was a hard working man, exercising good business judgment in all his operations, and he was progressive and enterprising in his ideas. A public-spirited and progressive citizen, he ever lent his support to every movement for the betterment of the community, and his benefactions were large. He and his wife founded the Lutheran church in Dixon and gave freely to its support. Mr. Petersen was one of the founders of the Bank of Dixon, of which he served as a director for many years. In his business career as well as in his private life no word of suspicion was ever uttered against him, for his actions were always the result of careful and conscientious thought and he did his full duty in all the relations of life.

In 1866 Mr. Petersen was married to Miss Mary F. Bauch, who was born near Hamburg, Germany, and came to Dixon in the year of her marriage, an uncle and a brother having preceded her here. To their union were born five children, namely : Christopher, who died at the age of twenty-one years, and Henry, Mrs. Matilda Hall, Mrs. Millie Moss and William D. There are nine grandchildren. Mrs. Petersen, who

now lives in Dixon, possesses a kindly and gracious personality, and her life has been filled with good deeds and love for all about here. She is held in esteem and affection by all who know her and is numbered among the fine old ladies of Solano county.

JOHN A. BROWNE.

John A. Browne, formerly and for years justice of the peace in and for the Vallejo district, former police judge and ex-commodore of the Vallejo Yacht Club, is now engaged in the practice of law at Vallejo, and he is one of the best known and most popular citizens of Solano county. He was born at Vallejo in 1859 and has always made this place his home, thus having observed and participated in general development work here for more than sixty-five years. Judge Browne's parents were among the first residents in what was then the budding town of Vallejo, coming to that place in the early part of the year 1858 and residing continuously in the city until their demise a few years ago. His mother passed away in 1924, after a residence of sixty-six years, being at that time the oldest resident, her husband and the father of the Judge having died some few years previous to her death.

John A. Browne attended the public schools of his native city and thereafter followed the wholesale and retail candy manufacturing business for a number of years. Public affairs and life appealed to him, and during his period in business life he was active in local civic affairs, being elected a member of the board of city trustees. He served thus during his incumbency of eight years, a period noted in the municipal history of the city for the first constructive work advanced in public utilities and municipal improvements, which he was a factor in furthering as chairman of the important committees of the board from time to time. In this connection he served faithfully, giving the best he had.

In 1898, following his public career as city trustee, he was elected justice of the peace of Vallejo township, to which office he was successively elected for a number of terms. He resigned in 1921 to accept and take over the duties of police judge of the city, resigning from the latter office in 1924. Since then he has been engaged in private law practice in Vallejo.

There are few better known or more enthusiastic yachtsmen on the Pacific coast than is Judge Browne. He is one of the organizers of the Vallejo Yacht Club and served as second commodore of that interesting body. In 1924 he again was elected commodore. He is a delegate of the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association of Northern California, an organization which since 1898 has been in charge of all yachting events held on the bay, and he has for years given his intelligent attention to the affairs of that society. For many years he has been secretary of the local yacht club, and he takes much pride in the performances of his fine thirty-foot

sloop, the Charmian. Judge Browne also has for years taken an interested and helpful part in the activities of the Vallejo parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and is a past president of that patriotic organization.

The Judge is a widower, his wife having died a few years ago. Surviving to the family tree in a third generation of Vallejoites is a married daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Bathe, and there is a grandson "Dick," known as the one hundred per cent boy, in a "blue ribbon" from the United States Naval Hospital clinic, according to government standard. During his incumbency Judge Browne married happily more couples than all of the judges combined in Solano county. He has also been judge in many prize baby contests, being accounted an authority in the latter, and the title "Judge" will pass only with his demise.

ANTONE E. CATRAIO.

Among the numerous Azorians who have attained large success in their agricultural and other operations in California and who have become substantial and dependable citizens of Solano and Napa counties, the name of Antone E. Catraio, proprietor of fine ranches in the American and Jameson canyons on the Green valley road in the vicinity of Cordelia, deserves special mention. Mr. Catraio came here a little more than a quarter of a century ago, a poor boy unacquainted with the language and the customs of the country in which he had chosen to make his home, and by dint of hard labor and close application he has accumulated some fine pieces of property and now, in the very prime of his life, is able to live retired from active labor, in calm enjoyment of the fruits of his industry.

Antone E. Catraio was born in the island of Sao Jorge in the Azores group, December 26, 1881, and is a son of Joseph and Annie Catraio, who are still living there, the former now (1925) being in the eighty-ninth year of his age. In the days of his youth Joseph Catraio sailed to San Francisco, before the advent of the railroad, and leaving his vessel in that port he became a participant in the scramble for gold which at that time was in progress in this state. For nine years he remained in California, and he then returned to his native islands, where, after his marriage, he settled down and where he ever since has made his home.

It was probably due to the favorable stories of California life which he heard from his father that Antone E. Catraio early decided to come to California. He arrived here when he was fifteen years of age and became employed in dairy work in Napa county. That was in 1897. For eighteen months he remained there, meantime securing a working knowledge of English and becoming familiar with dairying operations as applied to this trade area. He next went to San Mateo county, where he was employed in dairies until the spring of 1907, when, being in his