

interests ever have centered here. Mr. Minahan was born in Ireland, June 21, 1863, and is a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Sullivan) Minahan, also natives of the Emerald Isle.

Reared in his native place, Daniel Minahan had his schooling there and remained there until he was eighteen years of age, when in 1881, he came to California and at San Francisco filed his declaration of intent to become a citizen of the United States. Presently coming across the bay he became employed with a threshing outfit in Solano county and in the next season began operations on his own account here, proprietor of a hay press, and was thus engaged for three years, at the end of which time he took employment in the plant of the Solano brewery. He remained thus engaged for almost two years and then, in association with a partner, rented the plant of the old Pioneer brewery at Vallejo and became engaged in business on his own account. For twelve years Mr. Minahan continued thus engaged and then, in 1890, he accepted the position of superintendent of streets and public works at Vallejo, a position of public trust and responsibility which he occupied for sixteen years, or until his resignation in 1906. Upon his retirement from this public office Mr. Minahan was variously employed until in October, 1918, when he was appointed to his present position of superintendent of the water works and has since been serving in that responsible capacity. Mr. Minahan is a democrat and has for many years been recognized as one of the leaders of that party in this section.

Mr. Minahan married Miss Nellie O'Keefe, who was born in Vallejo, and they have eight children, three sons, Daniel, John and Raymond Minahan, the latter of whom is now a law student, and five daughters, Margaret Coombs; Eileen, a student in the Teachers College at San Francisco; Alice, a student in the Lowell high school at San Francisco, and Lucile and Madaline. Daniel Minahan, the eldest son and a veteran of the World war, is now engaged as a civil engineer and John Minahan, the second son, is an electrician engaged in the operations at the navy yard.

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#### F. BURTON JONES, M. D.

Dr. F. Burton Jones, a well established young physician at Vallejo, former Medical Superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital and widely known throughout this section of the state, is a Canadian by birth but a Californian by choice and is pleased to regard this as his established home. Dr. Jones was born in the province of Quebec on June 29, 1891, and there had his initial schooling. He early turned his attention seriously to the study of medicine and his studies along this line were completed in the medical department of the George Washington University at Washington, D. C., from which institution he was graduated (M. D.) in 1914.

Upon receiving his diploma, Dr. Jones became engaged in the prac-

tice of his profession at Washington and there remained until in 1915, in which year he came to California as assistant physician in the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital. In 1917 he was made medical superintendent of that institution and was thus engaged until in 1919, when he determined to enter general practice and with that end in view opened an office at Vallejo and has since been engaged in practice in that city, with offices on the fifth floor of the Fisch-Higgins building, and is doing very well.

On June 16, 1921, at Vallejo, Dr. F. Burton Jones was united in marriage to Miss Rose V. Teicheira, who was born in that city, daughter of Manuel Teicheira, a member of one of the old families here, and they are the parents of one child, a daughter, Lucile. Dr. and Mrs. Jones have a pleasant home at Vallejo and take an interested and helpful part in the general social and cultural activities of the city and of the community at large, giving thoughtful attention to all measures and movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare in this favored section of California.

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H. W. LOWELL.

H. W. Lowell, manager and one of the proprietors of the Vallejo **Bus** Company, operating several lines of busses out of Vallejo, and a man widely known in local business circles, is a native son of California and all his life has been spent here, a resident of Vallejo for the past ten years. Mr. Lowell was born on a ranch in Sacramento county, September 5, 1879, and was there reared, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood district schools. He remained on the farm, helpful in the labors of developing and improving the same, until he had attained his majority, when he became employed as a stationary engineer in the power plant of the Southern Pacific Railway Company in Placer county, making his home at Roseville.

For fourteen years Mr. Lowell continued thus connected with the operations of the railroad and then he moved to Sacramento and became employed as a motorman on the local street railway, a connection he maintained for three years or until in July, 1916, when his services were secured as manager of the growing business of the Vallejo Bus Company and he since has made his home in Vallejo, with an interest in the business, his partners being V. C. Gorst and H. N. Richards. This bus company began operations in December, 1915, with two cars, each of eight-passenger capacity. It now operates eight cars, each with a twenty-passenger capacity, and is doing well, providing a service that is greatly appreciated throughout the territory it covers. The company operates four lines, Mare Island, South Vallejo, Bay Terrace and Valley Annex, maintains a thirty-minute schedule in an eighteen-hour day and in 1924

carried five hundred and thirty-six thousand seven hundred and seventy-three passengers.

Mr. Lowell is a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, having become affiliated with that patriotic organization during the time of his residence in Roseville, and takes a deep interest in the affairs of the society.

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#### PETER J. HANLON.

The late Peter J. Hanlon, a veteran of the Spanish-American war and a retired officer of the United States navy, had for years made his home in Vallejo and at the time of his recent passing there left a good 'memory, for he had done well his part in the development of the interests of that city, theatrical man, banker, a director of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and in other ways a valued factor in the labors of bringing about the present fine status of that city; a true town builder, enterprising, progressive and ever alert to the needs of the growing town.

Mr. Hanlon was a native of the old Keystone state, born in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was there reared, becoming an expert machinist. When twenty-three years of age he came to California and became employed as the foreman in the plant of the Risdon Iron Works at San Francisco. While thus employed he served as superintendent of construction of the elevated railway line between San Francisco and San Mateo. When the Spanish-American war came on in 1898 he enlisted his services in behalf of the army and served throughout the war. In 1905 he enlisted in the navy and served until his retirement, with the rank of lieutenant, June 11, 1909.

Following his retirement from naval service Mr. Hanlon established his home at Vallejo and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on February 13, 1925. Upon taking up his residence in Vallejo he had taken an interest in the promotion of local theatrical interests and had established the Bell theater. Later he promoted the Strand theater and at the time of his death was the manager and part owner of the Virginia theater, an amusement enterprise which his friends point out stands as a monument to his enterprise and ability along the lines of theatrical management. He took a deep and intelligent interest in the general promotion of the motion picture industry and was a member of the board of arbitration acting in behalf of that industry in San Francisco. In addition to his considerable theatrical interests, Mr. Hanlon had other interests of a substantial character, including his place on the directorates of the Vallejo Commercial National Bank and the Vallejo Bank of Savings, and had a high rating in the commercial life of the community. As a member of the board of directors of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce he did well his part in general local promotion work and at his passing was greatly missed in the circles in which he so long had labored effectually.

Mr. Hanlon was a member of the Roman Catholic church and was affiliated with Vallejo Council No. 874, Knights of Columbus. He also was a member of the local camp of the United Spanish War Veterans and of the Union League Club of San Francisco. He was an active and enthusiastic member of the Vallejo Rotary Club and had fraternal affiliation with the local lodges of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Hanlon was twice married and by his first wife had a son, Lieutenant Byron Hall Hanlon of the United States Navy, who survives him. In 1914, at Vallejo, Mr. Hanlon was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve Toland, who was born in that city and who survives him. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Hanlon has continued to make her home in Vallejo.

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#### WALTER Z. RANKIN.

Though a Canadian by birth, Walter Z. Rankin, president of the Benicia board of education and one of the veteran merchants of that city, one of the best known citizens of Solano county, has been a resident of California for forty years and there are few in this section of the state who have a wider or a better acquaintance than he. Mr. Rankin was born in the vicinity of the city of Montreal, important river port of the province of Quebec and chief city of Canada, October 10, 1862, and was there reared and schooled amid an excellent social environment. Upon leaving school he was for a time employed in the operations of one of the great paper mills there and then, in 1885, he then being in his twenty-third year, he came to California and located at Benicia, which ever since has been his home, he thus very properly having a right to regard himself as one of the "pioneers" of that flourishing and attractive little city on the bay.

Upon his arrival here Mr. Rankin became employed in the operations of the old Baker & Hamilton Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, and was for thirteen years thereafter connected with that concern. In 1898 he became engaged in business on his own account, opening a grocery store at Benicia, and has ever since been thus engaged, a period of nearly thirty years, one of the oldest merchants in continuous business in the city. Mr. Rankin has a well stocked and admirably appointed place of business at 919 First street and is doing well, a firmly established figure in local commercial circles.

For years Mr. Rankin has given his earnest attention to the development of the general interests of his home town, particularly interested in the development of the local school system, and since 1913 has been a member of the board of education, present president of the board. During this incumbency many notable improvements have been made in the admirable school plant of the city of Benicia and the facilities for the schooling of the youth of the city have been extended in every direction, •

these including the erection of a new primary school and the Glencoe school and the recent floating of a bond issue for the erection of a new high school, with the expectation that this fine modern addition to the city school plant will be ready for occupancy in 1926. Mr. Rankin was an earnest promoter of all these improvements and that his progressive spirit is supported by the people was revealed when it was found that the referendum in the matter of the seventy-two thousand dollar bond issue for the new high school was carried by a vote of three to one. Mr. Rankin also is the president of the local public library board and in that capacity has done much to extend the facilities of this admirable institution.

In 1899, at Benicia, Walter Z. Rankin was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Stevens of that city and they have three children, a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Atkins, who was graduated from the University of California in 1921, and two sons, Sheldon Rankin, who is now a student in the California State Teachers College at Chico, and Raymond Rankin, who is still in high school. Mrs. Rankin was born in Ohio and was reared in Kansas but has been a resident of Benicia since the days of her young womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are members of the Congregational church and take an earnest interest in the activities of that congregation. Mrs. Rankin is the secretary of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and is an active and influential figure in community nurse work and other local welfare movements. Mr. Rankin is a veteran member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has twice served as the noble grand of that lodge.

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#### EDOUARD SUTTER.

Edouard Sutter, professional optometrist at Vallejo and one of the best known men in this county, is of European birth, but has been a resident of this country since the days of his young manhood, and of California for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Sutter was born in the republic of Switzerland and is a member of that ancient Swiss family from which sprang Captain John A. Sutter, whose name, familiar to every California school child, is definitely emblazoned on the scroll of fame on this coast and a review of whose vivid career, ever an interesting story here, will presently be set out in this connection.

Reared in his native Switzerland, Edouard Sutter, born in 1858, was well schooled and also there received initial training in the art and mystery of optics. In 1877, he then being nineteen years of age, Mr. Sutter came to the United States and became employed in the optical and jewelry establishment of the Merry Optical Company, then an acknowledged leader in this line, at Kansas City, Missouri. There he acquired a further knowledge of the fine art to which he had devoted himself and after awhile, for purposes of acquiring a wider range of experience, started out as a jour-

neyman optometrist and was for some time thus engaged, working in various cities throughout the country. He finally established himself in business as a jeweler and optician in Russell, Kansas, and was there thus engaged until in 1900, when he disposed of his interests there and came to California with a view to effecting his permanent residence here.

Upon his arrival in California, Mr. Sutter established himself in business at Pomona, in Los Angeles county, and there he remained until in 1902, the year in which he took up his residence in Vallejo, which since he has been glad to regard as his permanent home. Mr. Sutter is recognized in his profession throughout the state as an optometrist of proved skill and wide experience and he has a well equipped and admirably appointed establishment at 240 Georgia street, his specialty being the eyeglasses of his own manufacture, and along this line he enjoys a fine trade. Mr. Sutter is an enthusiastic yachtsman and an ardent fisherman, an active member of the Vallejo Yachting and Rowing Club, and finds equally interesting diversion in fishing for bass in the prolific waters of the bay. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been raised a master Mason during the time of his residence in Russell, Kansas, and has long taken a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

In consideration of Mr. Sutter's kinship to the California pioneer, Captain Sutter, it will be interesting here to introduce a brief review of the life and adventures of the man at whose mill in Sacramento county was discovered the evidences of California's wealth in gold, a discovery in 1848 which set the world agog and precipitated this section of the coast country into the midst of as wild a scramble as probably ever has been seen any place. John Augustus Sutter was born in Baden, February 15, 1803, a son of Swiss parents and of that line of Sutters in Switzerland from which Edouard Sutter sprang. Upon completing his studies in a military college he received a commission in the French army, in which he rose to the rank of captain, remaining in the service until he was thirty years old. In 1833, in company with a number of his Swiss friends and kinsfolk, he formed the design of emigrating to some vine-growing section of the United States, and was commissioned to go out to America and select a location for the new colony. He arrived in New York upon this errand in July, 1834, and went thence into Missouri, where he selected a site suitable for the necessities of his friends and, having with him considerable capital, purchased implements, stores, timber and other materials for the projected establishment. Unfortunately, the Mississippi steamboat, which he loaded with these goods, struck a snag and sank, proving a total loss.

Following this disaster Captain Sutter joined a party of hunters and trappers and, after making a tour in New Mexico in March, 1838, went as far as Fort Vancouver. There he took passage on a vessel bound for the Sandwich islands, designing to sail from Honolulu for San Francisco. At Honolulu he found that he would have to wait five months for a ship to San Francisco, so he took a situation as supercargo on a vessel bound for Sitka, and from this latter point sailed down the coast and at length

reached San Francisco, from which port he proceeded inland, taking a schooner load of goods up the Sacramento river and landing near the site of the present state capital, where he began to build the stockade which presently was to become famous as Sutter's fort.

Captain Sutter's colony at this place consisted of six white men, adventurers from various parts of the world, and eight friendly Indians, to whom were added, in the course of a year, eight more white men, while every season brought in a few more recruits. The Captain had secured from the Mexican government a grant of eleven square leagues of land and he named his settlement New Helvetia, in honor of his native country. Besides cultivating the soil, Captain Sutter's party sent hides to San Francisco for export to the United States and the post became a depot of furs purchased from the wandering trappers and hunters. Altogether the colony prospered and worn and starving bands of emigrants from the United States frequently were relieved and entertained at Sutters. The war with Mexico ended in the acquisition of California by the United States, and in March, 1847, the flag of the United States floated over San Francisco and its troops garrisoned the town.

In the meantime, in 1842, upon the evacuation by the Russians of their coast holdings, Captain Sutter had come into possession by purchase of the land and movables in and around Fort Ross and he loaded his schooner with these movables, including the guns, which he might find useful at New Helvetia should the Californians conclude to make him an armed visit. His well fortified adobe stronghold had always been a place of refuge to the Americans and his kindness to the footsore immigrants trailing down the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains made his loyalty to the Mexican government a matter of some doubt. It is likely that the Captain's diplomacy and the rifles of his North American hunters, which could shoot true and far, had much to do with the toleration of New Helvetia. One of the guns removed from Ross was a brass four-pounder cast in St. Petersburg and first saw active service when Napoleon so signally whipped the Austro-Russian forces under the sinking sun of Austerlitz. Though the Russians lost sixty pieces of cannon to the terrible Corsican, this gun was among the few saved. Sutter mounted the piece on the walls of his fort, but when he marched south with his company to help Fremont whip Castro, that fighting Californian took it away from him at the battle of Couenga. It was afterward recaptured by the American forces and returned to Sutter, who presented it to the Society of California Pioneers. The famous gun of two hemispheres received its last baptism of fire when it and its kindred relics went down in the flames that swept San Francisco, April 18, 1906.

When California passed from Mexican domination Captain Sutter was in possession of a very valuable estate. He had a flour mill and a mill race, three miles long, which had cost twenty-five thousand dollars, and he had expended ten thousand dollars in the erection of a sawmill. He had one thousand acres in wheat and owned eight thousand cattle, two thousand horses and mules, two thousand sheep and one thousand hogs. Upon

setting up the new government Stockton appointed him alcalde of the district and General Kearney made him Indian agent, so that he was the dominant figure throughout that section. Among Sutter's men was one James W. Marshall, a New Jersey mechanic who had superintended the erection of the sawmill, which was about forty miles east of the fort. On the evening of February 2, 1848, Marshall rode into the fort, his horse foaming and spattered with mud, and himself greatly excited. Taking Sutter to one side he showed him about a thimbleful of yellow grains of metal which he said he thought were gold. Sutter subjected the grains to an acid test and established the fact that it really was gold. This was the discovery of gold in California.

Although Captain Sutter tried to keep this discovery a secret until he could get in his harvest, it was impossible, and, as has been written by one of the historians of that period, "the harvest was never gathered. Sutter's oxen, hogs and sheep were stolen by hungry men and devoured. No hands could be procured to run the mills. His lands were squatted on and dug over and he wasted his remaining substance in fruitless litigation seeking to recover them. To carry on this legal warfare he was compelled to sacrifice or mortgage the parts of his estate not seized by the gold diggers until, little by little, his magnificent properties melted away, leaving him all but destitute. For one item, he paid in ten years in counsel fees and legal expenses one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars."

The tide of emigration which swept into California as soon as the news of the discovery at Sutter's mill spread over the United States was something unprecedented. In ten years the population multiplied ten times. The gold fever was the phenomenon of the age. The emigrants were nearly all young or middle-aged men, adventurers, nine-tenths of whom rushed at once to the mines or prospected for new ones. Fortunes were made in a day by the lucky ones, while thousands of others, no less hard workers, fell into abject poverty, some even starving to death in the mountains. Among the unfortunates was Marshall, the discoverer of the gold. Squatters seized the little property he had, taking also his live stock, and divided his land into town lots. He became reduced to extreme poverty but about 1865 obtained a warrant for a tract of land, due him for services in the Mexican war, and on that place had some success in grape culture. Captain Sutter was finally granted by the legislature a pension of two hundred and fifty dollars a month. In 1864 his homestead was destroyed by fire and in 1873 he moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He died in Washington, D. C., June 17, 1880.

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THOMAS F. MCGILL.

On that notable roster of honored octogenarians of this region, surviving pioneers of this favored section of California, the name of Thomas F. McGill of Vallejo must ever occupy a place near the top, for this is a name that has been known here for sixty years, a period covering the

whole of what may be regarded as the "modern" development of this region and of the growth of the splendid cities which have come to their present state of development during this time and of the equally splendid development of the horticultural and agricultural interests of this wonderful garden spot. Mr. McGill was here, an active, alert and energetic young man in 1865, the year in which the Civil war came to an end. He thus has been a witness to and a participant in that amazing development which has marked this region since that seemingly now far away time, and in much of that development he has been a very active personal factor. The historical section of this work reveals what has been accomplished here during that time. His life and observations constitute a personal epitome of that wonderful story and when in a reminiscent mood he has many interesting tales to tell of the time when things were in a pretty "raw" state here and of the time when a proper social and economic order of affairs was being worked out, situations being created leading to the gradual progress in affairs that in good time has wrought its perfect work in what the eyes of man now here behold. He knows just how all this was brought about and in the present pleasant "evening time" of his life takes joy in the many visible evidences that what has been accomplished is good.

Thomas F. McGill was born in the city of New York on June 15, 1842, and was twenty-three years of age when in 1865 he came to California, stimulated by the stories then getting back east of the possibilities awaiting young men here in this wonderful coast country. He came around by the way of the Isthmus, up the coast, landing at the port of San Francisco. In that same year he located at Napa but not long afterward settled at Vallejo, which ever since has been his place of residence. For some time after his arrival in Vallejo he worked there at the butcher trade and then he set up in business in the retail meat trade for himself, opening a shop on Santa Clara street, and was for years thus successfully engaged, moving from Santa Clara street to Georgia street and thence to Sacramento street, and building up a business which proved a very substantial foundation for his present considerable fortune. For some time in those earlier days of his mercantile experience here his brother, William McGill, was associated with him in the business and the two had their share in the labors of development work that faced the pioneer merchants of Vallejo. Mr. McGill continued active in that line until his retirement about twenty years ago and was thus for years one of the best known merchants in town. From the beginning of his activities here he had an unshakable confidence in the future of Vallejo and early began to take an interest in realty developments, making investments along this latter line that as the town progressed turned out very well indeed. As a builder he did his share in constructive development and he still owns the business block which he erected on Sacramento street as well as the buildings adjacent, to the corner of Virginia, besides much other valuable real estate in and about the city. He also formerly rented a live stock ranch and was for some years actively inter-

ested in the cattle business, this fitting in very well with the extensive killing plant he maintained in connection with his retail meat business. He was a member of the old volunteer fire department and now takes pleasure in his membership in the Exempt Firemen's Association.

In 1864, in New York state, Thomas F. McGill was united in marriage to Miss Marian Goodman who died in 1913. Mr. McGill has three sons, Thomas F. McGill, Jr., George Edward McGill and Norman W. McGill.

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#### ARTHUR LINDAUER.

Arthur Lindauer of the law firm of Lindauer & Horan at Vallejo, former district attorney and one of the best known lawyers in this section of California, and actively identified with the civic and social life of the community, is a native son of California and all his life has been spent in this state, a resident of Vallejo since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Lindauer was born in the city of San Francisco on September 7, 1884, and is a son of Arthur and Julia (Braun) Lindauer, the latter of whom is still living, a resident of Vallejo for many years. The senior Arthur Lindauer, who was a native of Virginia, died at San Francisco in the late '80s and his widow afterward moved to Vallejo with her family. She was born in Chicago, Illinois.

Having been but a child when he became a resident of Vallejo, the junior Arthur Lindauer received his schooling in the schools of that city and when fifteen years of age began to learn the trade of tinsmith, working in the shops at the Mare Island navy yards. Upon learning the trade he continued working at that vocation for ten years, meanwhile pursuing his studies under private tutelage and after a while began to give his thoughtful attention to the study of law. Mr. Lindauer completed his law studies in the office of Philip B. Lynch at Vallejo and under that preceptorship was prepared for admission to the bar, and in 1911 was admitted to the bar and has since been engaged in practice at Vallejo. In 1923 he entered into a partnership in practice with Thomas J. Horan, under the firm name of Lindauer & Horan, and that mutually agreeable arrangement has been continued, the firm having present offices in the Horan building on Marin street. Mr. Lindauer is a republican and for eight years served the public as district attorney for this judicial district. Prior to that he had rendered further public service as justice of the peace. He has a flourishing practice, has substantial interests developed along other lines, is an active member of the Solano County Bar Association and of the California State Bar Association and has a wide acquaintance in the profession throughout the state. He finds his recreation in the enjoyment of out door sports and is an ardent "fan" of both baseball and football.

In 1904, at Vallejo, Arthur Lindauer was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Thompson and they have one child, a daughter, Mabel June.

Mrs. Lindauer was born in Indiana, daughter of Daniel Thompson, but was reared in California and thus feels herself as much a Californian as *any*. The Lindauers have a pleasant home in Vallejo and Mr. and Mrs. Lindauer take a proper and interested part in the general social and cultural activities of the community. Mr. Lindauer for years has been active in local Masonic circles and is a past worshipful master of Naval Lodge No. 87, Free and Accepted Masons, at Vallejo. He is a past president of the local aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. He has ever taken a deep interest in general development work here and has long been recognized as one of the substantial promoters of the community's best interests along all lines of proper endeavor.

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EDWARD W. BUZZINI.

The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is widely known as one of the principal automobile dealers of the Suisun valley, being the owner of a fine, up to date garage and salesroom in Suisun. By close and painstaking attention to his business, square dealing and courteous treatment of his customers, he has gained a fine standing among his business contemporaries and is well liked throughout the community.

Edward W. Buzzini was born in San Francisco, California, on the 31st day of July, 1889, and is the son of Isirel and Johannah (Emig) Buzzini, the former of whom was a Swiss-Italian and the latter a German by nativity. The father, with four of his brothers, came to the United States in young manhood, and the mother came to this country in company with a brother, meeting and marrying Mr. Buzzini in San Francisco. The father engaged in the liquor business in that city, but later disposed of the business and in 1893 came to Suisun and took over the operation of a hotel, which commanded his attention up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1899. He was survived a number of years by his widow, who passed away in 1919.

Reared at Suisun, Edward W. Buzzini was educated in the public schools of that place and while still a boy went to work. He first learned the butcher trade, at which he was employed about four years. He then operated "rent car" service several years, but in 1919 he disposed of that business and bought an interest in Joseph Slickborg's garage. Sometime later he sold his interest in that business and during the ensuing seven months was engaged in selling automobiles at Vacaville. Then for a while he was engaged in repairing cars at his home but, determining to enlarge his sphere of operations, he bought an old brick building in Vacaville. He tore down this building and hauled the bricks to Suisun, where, on a lot which he had bought, he erected his present modern, fire-proof and well arranged garage. After getting his place in shape, he

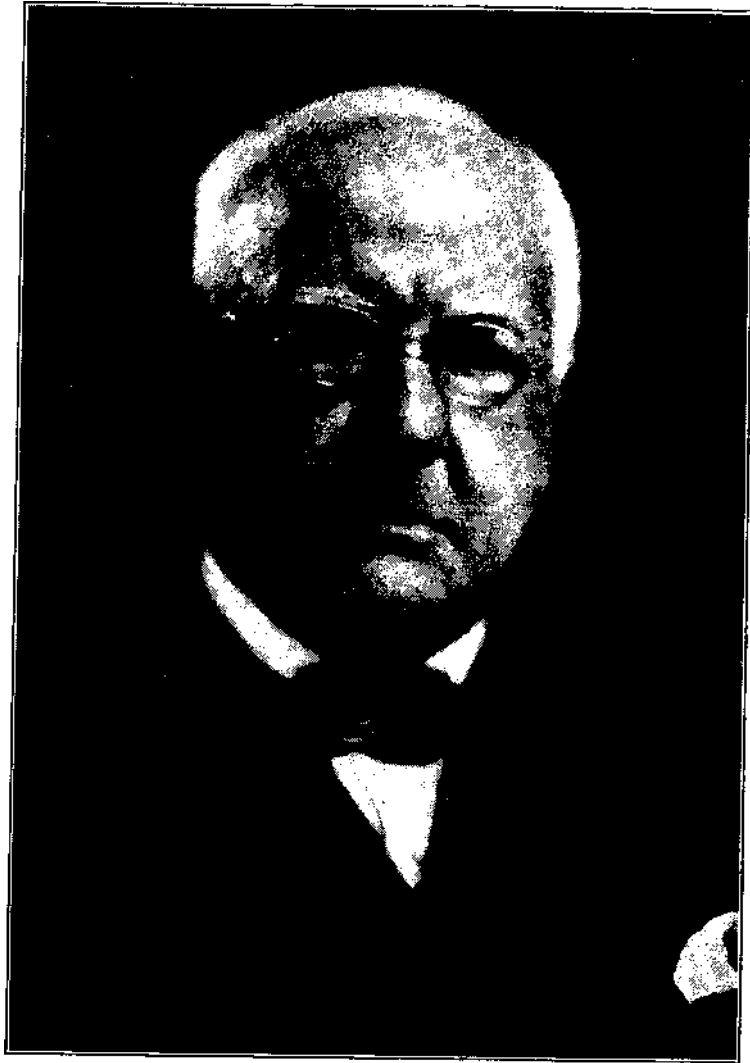
took over the agency for the Chrysler, Studebaker and Chevrolet cars, in the handling of which he has been quite successful. He employs four men in the storage and sales departments and his establishment has gained an enviable reputation as a reliable house. Mr. Buzzini gives his support to the republican party and is deeply interested in all public questions affecting the general welfare. He stands for law and order and the best things in community life and enjoys an enviable standing in the confidence and respect of the people of his community.

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#### COMMODORE STACY POTTS.

In common with thousands of persons of fine taste and discriminating judgment Commodore Stacy Potts, U. S. N., retired, has found California the ideal place in which to spend the pleasant "evening time" of life and he never has had occasion to regret the choice which established his residence at Vallejo following his retirement from the navy after many years of active and sometimes strenuous service. He thus is quite content to regard this as his permanent home, for here he has found conditions of living much to his liking.

Commodore Potts is a Pennsylvanian, born in the city of Philadelphia, February 4, 1853, and is a member of one of the old Quaker families of that city. He was reared in Philadelphia, supplementing the schooling he received in the old Friends Academy there by a course in Spring Garden Academy and in the drawing school of the Franklin Institute as well as in the drawing classes of the high school, and became a quite proficient amateur artist. Early attracted to the mechanical trades, he entered himself as an apprentice in the machine plant of the I. P. Morris Company at Philadelphia and there became a competent machinist, meantime carrying on supplemental studies in mechanical engineering. In 1871, upon the establishment of a class of engineering in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, he successfully passed the examination for entrance to that class and in 1874 was graduated from the same, a member of the first class of engineers sent out- from the naval academy. A year later, in 1875, he was given his ensign rank and made assistant engineer on the U. S. S. Worcester stationed at Key West, and was later with the squadron at New Orleans, from which station he returned north with the Colorado which presently was put out of commission at the Brooklyn navy yard. Later service was rendered on various ships and in shore stations and when the Spanish-American war came on he was the chief engineer of the Detroit which took part in the bombardment of San Juan, Porto Rico. When he finally had earned his retirement he was chief engineer of the old Brooklyn, this grade having been reached through merit of successive steps in rank from assistant engineer (ensign) to the rank of master, junior lieutenant, lieutenant, chief engineer, lieutenant



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commander, line officer and captain, and he was retired in 1910 with the rank of commodore.

On June 23, 1881, at Vallejo, Commodore Potts was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana R. Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania, and they have three daughters : Mrs. Joseph R. Wilson of Vallejo; Mrs. Everett Morsell of Vallejo, and Mrs. Ruth A. Barton of Merced, Texas. It was in 1908 that Commodore and Mrs. Potts established their home at Vallejo and they are very pleasantly situated there, residing at 705 Georgia street.

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#### OTTO FREI.

Among the numerous substantial citizens of Solano county of Swiss stock and birth there are few who have a wider and better acquaintance throughout that area covered by his operations than has Otto Frei, a contractor in cement and concrete construction with plant and headquarters at Tolenas, a pleasant suburb two miles east of Fairfield, the county town. Mr. Frei has been established here since 1918 and during that time has built up a flourishing business in his line. A skilled cement worker with years of practical experience in large operations behind him, when he came here he was for a while engaged in county work, with particular reference to bridge and culvert construction, and then he became engaged as a contractor on his own account, one of his first considerable jobs being the erection of the concrete water tower in the courthouse yard at Fairfield. At his tile plant at Tolenas he makes a specialty of the manufacture of ornamental tile, imitative of cut stone, and much of the recent construction work of the better type carried on here carries these tiles with fine decorative effect. One of the most notable structural jobs of this sort is a garage built by Mr. Frei in Fairfield, veneered with the ornamental tiles of his manufacture and which is commonly declared to be the most attractive business building in the town. He also has constructed miles of cement sidewalks in and about Fairfield and the evidences of his skilled handiwork are apparent on every side.

Otto Frei was born in the republic of Switzerland on June 21, 1872, and was there trained as a shoemaker. In 1891, when nineteen years of age, he came to the United States and became employed as a cement worker in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, where in 1896 he received his final naturalization papers as a citizen of the United States. Later he went down the river to New Orleans and in that city and in other cities east he continued working in cement construction work until in 1906 when, following the call that went out for skilled workmen in the building trades to reconstruct the stricken city of San Francisco, he came to California and has since been a resident of this state. For eleven years Mr. Frei was engaged in building operations at San Francisco, during

that time having been employed in the operations of such firms as the Clinton Construction Company, the American Construction Company, the Healey & Tibbett Company and the Clark & Henry Company and thus becoming an expert in all forms of cement and concrete construction. He then became engaged in operations at San Bruno in San Mateo county and was thus engaged at that place until in 1918, when he came to Solano county and entered upon the successful career as a builder that has been referred to above. Upon his arrival here he bought a tract of two and one-half acres at Tolenas and there has a pleasant home and an admirably equipped plant for the construction of his cement tile specialties, products of his skill which have come into wide demand throughout this trade area.

While living at St. Louis, Otto Frei was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Manzer, who was born in the city of Syracuse, New York, and they have a son, Otto C. Frei, who was born in St. Louis, is a graduate of the Fairfield high school, and is now employed as chemist in the big cement plant near Fairfield.

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#### ARTHUR H. DRAUGHON.

Arthur H. Draughon, mayor of the city of Vallejo and for years one of the conspicuous figures in the civic life of this county, is a native of the neighboring state of Oregon, born at Haynes in Washington county in the northwestern corner of that state, June 8, 1886, and is a son of Harvey and Julia (Slough,) Draughon, the former of whom died shortly before that date and the latter when the future mayor of Vallejo was three years of age. For some years prior to his death Harvey Draughon had been engaged as a teacher in the schools of Oregon.

After the death of his mother Arthur H. Draughon and his elder brother, a lad of about five years, were sent to the home of an uncle who lived on a ranch in the vicinity of San Angelo in Texas and there he was reared until he was twelve years of age, when he was sent to the home of his grandmother in New Mexico. One day in a spirit of adventure he mounted a horse and started out "to see the world." Soon he met up with a party of drovers who were taking a herd of horses north and for three hundred miles he accompanied them, helping in the drive. He eventually made his way into Indian Territory and there began working on a ranch. While thus engaged he occupied such leisure as he could command in study and after awhile took a course in a business college. He also had further schooling in the state school in Oklahoma and by the time he had reached man's estate had pretty well made up the deficiency in schooling that had marked his childhood. He then became engaged in mechanics and ranching in Texas, giving his particular attention to cattle, and was thus engaged until in 1909 when he closed out his interests in the Lone Star state and returned to his native state of

Oregon, becoming engaged at Klamath Falls in that state in survey work. Upon the completion of that contract he came to California and after a brief period of employment in San Francisco became engaged in railway construction work, surveying and grading, a line which he followed for some time and then took on a big timber contract in Mendocino county, an undertaking which occupied his attention until in 1916, when he became employed as a machinist in the plant of the navy yards at Mare Island. He soon was promoted to a supervisory position in the yards and there continued thus engaged until his resignation in 1921 following his nomination for the office of mayor of Vallejo. In the succeeding election he was elected to that important administrative office and is now thus serving the public in that capacity, all his energies being bent on giving the people a strictly business administration. Mayor Draughon is a republican and has long been recognized as one of the leaders of that party not only in the city of Vallejo but throughout the county and district.

On June 25, 1905, at May, Texas, Arthur H. Draughon was united in marriage to Miss Laura Holder of that place, and they have three children, Roland, Alton and Thelma. The Draughons have a pleasant home at Vallejo and Mr. and Mrs. Draughon take a proper and interested part in the general social affairs of the city and community at large. Mayor Draughon is a York Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias, to the affairs of all of which popular fraternal bodies he has for years given his earnest and intelligent attention, an office bearer and active worker. He finds his diversions in outdoor recreations and is especially fond of the hunt, one of Solano county's best known sportsmen.

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#### HENRY F. ROSSEL.

Henry F. Rossel, local agent at Vallejo for the Willard storage battery service and proprietor of a well equipped and admirably appointed service station in that city, is a native son of California and all his life has been spent in this state. He was born at Modesto in Stanislaus county, August 17, 1891, and is a son of Charles and Jessie (Heckman) Rossel, the latter of whom also was born in this state, at Columbia in Tuolumne county, a member of one of the pioneer families in that section of the state. Charles Rossel is a native of Germany.

Reared at Modesto, Henry F. Rossel had his schooling in the schools of that place and when eighteen years of age became employed in the plant of J. Hammer in Modesto, where he became an experienced automobile mechanic. He then for some time was connected with the operations of the Ford garage at Modesto and then went to Sonora, where he was employed in automobile service work for eight months, at the end

of which time he returned to Modesto and there took up the electrical side of the automobile service industry, a line in which he was engaged at that place for two years or until in 1917, when he bought the Willard battery agency at Vallejo and has since been engaged along that line in this latter city, with a complete equipment for such service at Sonoma and York streets. Mr. Rossel also has the agency for the sale of the Gabriel snubbers in this territory and in addition to this and to his battery service carries in his establishment a full line of essential automobile accessories and supplies, amply equipped for all demands that may be made upon his popular service station.

In 1913, at Stockton, Henry F. Rossel was united in marriage to Miss Helen Neilson, who was born in the kingdom of Sweden, and they have a pleasant home at Vallejo. Mr. Rossel is a member of the locally popular Kiwanis Club of Vallejo.

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#### RUSSELL F. O'HARA.

Russell F. O'Hara, a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission, one of the best known of the junior members of the bar of Solano county courts, former police judge of the city of Vallejo and present member of the board of education of that city, a lawyer with a well established practice at Vallejo, was born in that city and his interests ever have centered there. He was born on November 22, 1890, and is a son of John H. and Emma (Frey) O'Hara, the latter of whom, a native of Volcano, California, is still living, making her home at Vallejo. The late John H. O'Hara, in his generation one of the well known citizens of this county, who died at his home in Vallejo in January, 1911, was a native of Ireland. It was in the '70s of the past century that he became a resident of Vallejo, becoming employed as an engineer in the Mare Island ship yards, a position he occupied there for many years.

Reared at Vallejo, Russell F. O'Hara supplemented the schooling he received in the local high school by attendance at the University of California, a member of the 1914 class of that institution, his studies there having been carried on with particular reference to the later study of law. Under private preceptorship he completed his essential law studies and was prepared for admission to the bar. In 1916 he successfully passed the bar examination and was admitted to the bar and became engaged in practice in his home town and was thus engaged there when in the next year the United States went to war, taking its part in the great conflict that for nearly three years had been going on in Europe. Going out with the first quota of soldiers assigned to the army from this county, Mr. O'Hara took his initial training for army service at Camp Lewis and presently entered the officers training corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant, from which rank in September, 1918, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and it was with this rank

that on January 8, 1919, he received his honorable discharge, the war then being over.

Upon the completion of his military service Mr. O'Hara returned to Vallejo and resumed his law practice and has since been thus engaged, with offices in the Fisch & Higgins building, and has done very well. He is a republican, long regarded as one of the leaders in the junior ranks of that party in this county, and during the year 1924 rendered public service at Vallejo as city police judge. In 1923 he was elected a member of the city board of education and is now serving in that important and highly responsible public capacity.

In 1922 Mr. O'Hara was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Percy, who was reared in the neighboring city of Santa Rosa, and they have two children, a son, Russell Frey O'Hara, Jr., and a daughter, Dorothy May O'Hara. The O'Haras have a pleasant home at Vallejo and Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara take an interested part in the city's general social activities. Mr. O'Hara is a member of the Solano County Bar Association, the California State Bar Association and American Bar Association, and has a wide acquaintance in his profession throughout this section of the state. He is an active and interested member of the local post of the American Legion and is also affiliated with the locally influential Rotary Club at Vallejo. He is a Mason, a past patron of the Silver Star chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sciots and the Improved Order of Red Men.

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#### MRS. C. V. HOLTOG.

Mrs. C. V. Holtog, founder and proprietor of the Vallejo Cleaning and Dyeing Works at Vallejo, and one of the leaders in her line in this section of California, has had an experience and practice in this line of useful endeavor dating back to the days of her girlhood, for she was but sixteen years of age when in San Francisco she began to learn the fine details of a business which ever since has engaged her intelligent attention. For twenty years she has been engaged in business in Vallejo and during that time has built up an establishment there second to none in its class in this section. "Square Dealing" ever has been her motto in her relations with her customers and the painstaking attention given to the fabrics which pass through her establishment long ago created for that establishment a definite clientele which has insured the success which it long has enjoyed.

Mrs. Holtog was born in the state of Washington but was reared in San Francisco, in which city, as pointed out above, she became an expert technician in the fine art of dyeing and cleaning, having excellent training in the plants of the Golden West Company and the Olympia Cleaning Works, two of the old standard establishments of the kind on

the coast. In October, 1905, in association with her sister, Miss Nora O'Neal, she became engaged in business on her own account at Vallejo and has since been thus engaged, with a well equipped and admirably appointed establishment at 616 Marin street, where she is prepared to take care of any class of fine work that may be brought to her attention in the way of scientific cleaning and dyeing, strictly modern methods being employed in the place. Though Miss O'Neal still makes her home in Vallejo she no longer is connected with her sister's establishment, Mrs. Holtog carrying on the business alone, under the name of the Vallejo Cleaning and Dyeing Works.

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WILLIAM J. TORMEY.

There are few men in Solano county who have a wider acquaintance here or a better and more intelligent understanding of local conditions than has William J. Tormey, vice president and general manager of the Central Commercial and Savings Bank of Vallejo. Former county auditor, first mayor of the city under its present charter, a former clerk of the city and for the past ten years engaged in the banking business at Vallejo, Mr. Tormey has come intimately in touch with all phases of the development of this region during that period which rightly may be referred to as the "modern" period of development here and in both his social and civic relations to that development has been one of the foremost personal factors in the same, so that he naturally has come to be recognized as one of the outstanding figures in the general life of the community in which his interests ever have centered. A native son of California, of pioneer stock, Mr. Tormey is thoroughly well grounded in the history and traditions of this wonderful bay country in which his useful life has been spent and there is none who takes a more ardent interest in the promotion of the varied interests of this region and of the community to which he is bound by the ties of tenderest sentiment. It therefore very properly may be declared that no history of this county could be considered complete lacking some special reference to his life and to his services in the general community behalf.

William J. Tormey was born at Vallejo on June 15, 1875, and is a son of William and Fannie E. (Bromley) Tormey, the latter of whom also was born in this county, at Benicia, a daughter of that stout pioneer, Thomas B. Bromley, who had settled at Benicia as early as 1852. William Tormey, a native of Ireland, although not so early a settler, also may be regarded as one of the pioneers, for he was here as early as 1869 and made himself one of the prominent figures in the civic life of the community in which he established his home after his marriage here, an active factor in the political life of Vallejo and of the county at large.

Reared at Vallejo, William J. Tormey received his initial schooling in the public schools of that city, supplemented this by a course in the Sac-

ramento Institute and in 1894, when nineteen years of age, was graduated from Heald's Business College at San Francisco. Upon his return to Vallejo he became employed in local clerical service and was thus engaged until in 1902 when he was elected auditor and assessor of the city, a public service which he rendered for a year or until his resignation to accept the appointment to the position of clerk of the city. For five years Mr. Tormey served as city clerk and then, in 1906, he was elected county auditor and in that important capacity rendered further public service for eighteen months, at the end of which time he resigned that office in order again to take up the duties of the office of city clerk at Vallejo, and was serving in that capacity when three years later, in 1911, the city entered upon its present form of government and he was elected mayor. Upon the expiration of his four years term of service in the office of the city's chief executive Mr. Tormey exerted his energies in the promotion of the organization -of the Central Commercial and Savings Bank of Vallejo and was elected vice president and general manager of the same, in which position he since has been rendering effective service. This bank opened its doors for business on May 15, 1916, and its phenomenal development and expansion is revealed in the fact- that it now (1926) has branch banks in Benicia, Santa Rosa, Sonoma and Pengrove, the home office being at Vallejo, where the institution is housed in one of the finest bank buildings in the state of California. The Central Commercial and Savings Bank has a paid up capital of three hundred seventy-one thousand, six hundred dollars resources of better than five million dollars and deposits aggregating near four million, seven hundred thousand dollars.

In his political views Mr. Tormey has ever adhered to the principles of the democratic party and has for years been regarded as one of the real leaders of that party in this county and throughout this district. He is a member of the board of directors of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce, is also a member of the locally influential Rotary Club, an active member of the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and the local council, Knights of Columbus, as well as of the U. P. E. C., and is affiliated with the local " lodges of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Tormey married Miss Agnes M. Higgins of San Francisco, also a member of one of California's pioneer families.

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#### GEORGE A. JOHNSON.

Though by birth an Englishman, George A. Johnson, veteran lumberman and former mayor of the city of Benicia, has been a resident of the United States for more than forty years, thirty years of which time have been spent in California, and thus accounts himself a thoroughgoing American with the added distinction of being also a thoroughgoing Cali-

fornian, and it is but fitting and proper that in this definite history of the favored region in which he so long has had his habitation and abiding place there should be set out some brief review of his life and of his services to the community to which he has for years been devoted.

Mr. Johnson was born at Braintree, an important manufacturing town in Essex county, England, August 9, 1856, and was there reared and schooled amid an excellent social environment. As a lad he was apprenticed to George Williams of the great dry goods firm of Hitchcock & Williams, St. Paul's churchyard, London, and under that capable direction spent four years acquiring a thorough knowledge of the "art and mystery" of merchandising as applied to the greatest city in the world. As a matter of interesting information it is but proper to explain that this George Williams, Mr. Johnson's mentor, was the founder of the Young Men's Christian Association and Mr. Johnson has the tenderest and kindest recollections of the benefits he received in his youth from this good man. It was in the summer of 1844 that Mr. Williams influenced twelve young men to meet with him for the purpose of creating a society "for improving the spiritual condition of young men engaged in the drapery and other trades." Out of the organization effected at that meeting on June 6 of that year under the inspiring influence of this kindly merchant has been developed the great Young Men's Christian Association, with branches in every Christian country on the globe.

Upon completing his apprenticeship as a draper Mr. Johnson determined that a somewhat more active vocation would be better suited to his energetic temperament and instead of following the lines of the dry goods trade he took up engineering and was connected with the engineering firm of Wimshurst & Hollick in London until in 1883, when he determined on a trip to the United States with a view to effecting a location in this country should conditions be found favorable to such a course. After looking about a bit in the east he went down into Texas, which in the '80s seemed to promise much for ambitious and determined young men, and at Weatherford in Parker county became connected with the lumber trade. He presently moved from there over to Fort Worth in the neighboring county of Tarrant and there became thoroughly familiar with the lumber industry, learning the business "from the bottom up" and becoming familiar with all branches of the trade. He then established himself in Chicago, where he remained eight years, this period including that time of feverish activity in the building trades in that city during the time of preparation for the great World's Columbian Exposition there in 1893, and then, in 1896, he came to California, which state ever since has been his home.

In 1906 Mr. Johnson moved from Stockton to Benicia as the local agent for the Port Costa Lumber Company and was thus associated here with the lumber trades until that company went out of business in 1914, since which time he has been engaged in the lumber business on his own account, with a well established and well stocked lumber yard on First street, where he is in a position to meet all demands for material in his

line. He also for some time has been engaged in the general fire insurance business, local underwriter for several well established insurance companies, and has created a valuable connection in that line. Ever since he took up his residence in Benicia, Mr. Johnson has done his part as a good citizen in the promotion of the general civic affairs of the city and for four years (1920-24) rendered efficient public service as mayor of the city, many important municipal improvements having been brought about during this incumbency.

In 1891, in Chicago, George A. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Jeannette Roe, who was born in the state of New York, and they have a son, Alfred Roe Johnson, born during the time of their residence in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Episcopal church and take an interested part in the general activities of that parish. Mrs. Johnson is also one of the leaders in the work of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and in general welfare service in and about Benicia. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of the Maccabees, having joined the former order at Merced and the latter at Stockton.

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#### JOSEPH GEREVAS.

Joseph Gerevas, prominent among the younger business men of Fairfield, was born on the 20th day of May, 1888, and is the son of Joseph and Louise Gerevas, who were natives of the Azores islands and had come to California in 1876. The senior Joseph Gerevas long followed the sheep business, but is now retired from active business pursuits, and he and his wife are enjoying their latter years on their farm home. The Junior Joseph Gerevas received his education in the public schools and then took a course in a business college. From the age of fifteen years until 1912 he was employed as a clerk in stores in Fairfield and Suisun, but in the year mentioned he became engaged in the grocery business in partnership with his brother, L. E. Gerevas, under the firm name of Gerevas Bros., at Fairfield. In 1925 he also took over the O. K. sweet shop. They conduct a fine, up-to-date store, carrying also a general line of merchandise, carefully selected with due regard to the wants and tastes of their customers, and they are enjoying a large and steadily increasing trade from a wide radius of surrounding country.

Mr. Gerevas married Miss Sophia Yatsie, of Santa Rosa, S<sup>o</sup>нома county, and they have three children, Jack, Eleanore and Marvelle. Politically, Mr. Gerevas has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and has taken an active interest in local public affairs. He is a member of the board of city trustees and is now chairman of that board. He is deeply interested in the welfare of the city and is an efficient and trustworthy public official. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of Pythias, the Druids, the I. D. E. S. and the U. P. E. C.

He also belongs to the Firemen's Club, having been chief of the fire department for ten years and thus being eligible to membership in this organization. He is an active and appreciative member of the Fairfield Lions Club.

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DAN FOLEY.

Dan Foley, president of the Maid of California Milk Company of Vallejo, a member of the board of directors of the California Dairy Council and one of the foremost figures in the great dairy industry in this state, for years one of the leaders in that line in Solano county, was born at Vallejo and his interests ever have centered in this community. He was born on September 22, 1885, and is a son of John and Joanna (Denehey) Foley, both of whom were natives of Ireland. John Foley, who in his generation was one of the substantial ranchmen and landowners in Solano county and widely known throughout this region, came to California in 1870 and presently became a resident of this county. He was married at Vallejo and established his home on a farm in the immediate vicinity, where he developed a good piece of property and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1908. His widow survived him for twelve or thirteen years, her death occurring in 1921.

Reared on the home farm in the neighborhood of Vallejo, Dan Foley had his local schooling in the public schools and supplemented this by a course in a business college. He remained on the farm until he had attained his majority, when he went to San Francisco and was there employed for three years or until the death of his father in 1908 when he returned home and as the eldest son of the family took charge of the operations of the home place, he and his brothers presently giving their chief attention to a development of the already considerable dairy operations that long had been carried on there. In 1911, under the name of Foley Bros., they extended these operations to include a general local distribution of milk and other dairy products and as the years passed built up a fine business along that line. In 1911 they merged their interests with those of two other local dairy concerns, the new enterprise carrying on operations as the Golden State Dairy Company, which gave particular attention to the manufacture of a special grade of butter which was marketed under the name of "Maid of California."

The success of this company, based upon the superior quality of its product, was assured from the start and in time the popularity of the "Maid of California" butter became so widely recognized throughout the fine trade area covered by the operations of this company that the firm name was changed to that of the Maid of California Milk Company and the company has since been operating under that name. In this reorganization in 1923 Mr. Foley was reelected president of the company and is thus continuing to serve in that important executive capacity. The great dairy plant of this company at Vallejo is conceded to be one of the

best and most up to date establishments for the manufacture of butter in the state of California, all modern machinery having been installed and all processes carried on with a scrupulous regard for sanitary regulations, spotless cleanliness being the rule about the plant. Thirty-five or forty persons are employed in the operations of the company and no fewer than nine trucks are required in the distribution of the products of the plant, which also specializes in the distribution of its celebrated "Maid of California" cottage cream, a product that is in high demand in discriminating circles.

In 1921, at Stockton, California, Dan Foley was united in marriage to Miss Florence Rude, who was born in the state of Washington, and they have one child, a son, Dan Foley, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Foley are republicans and take a proper part in the general civic affairs of the community. Mr. Foley has always been an active participant in the upbuilding process of the county in which he was born, a "booster" in every sense of the term, and is one of the alert members of the locally influential Vallejo Rotary Club. He also is an active member of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. As noted above, he is one of the outstanding figures in the dairy industry in this state and as a director of the California Dairy Council has done much to promote that industry and to bring it up to its present gratifying status as one of the basic industries of the state.

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#### AUGUSTO TOSELLI.

Although born under another flag, in a country of widely different customs and amid an environment altogether different from that to which he is now accustomed, Augusto Toselli, a Suisun merchant, has become a loyal citizen of this country, true to the duties of citizenship and faithful to our national ideals, being well worthy of the high regard in which he is held in the community where he lives. Mr. Toselli is a native of Italy, where he was born on the 30th of August, 1884, son of Peter and Eliza (Toni) Toselli, both of whom still live in Italy, where the former follows the occupation of farming.

Augusto Toselli attended the public schools of his native land and his boyhood days were spent on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-six years he emigrated to America, locating first in Canada, March 3, 1911, to November 7, 1915, he was employed at various occupations. He then made his way to California and obtained employment in a vulcanizing shop in San Francisco, in which work he had been engaged to some extent in Canada. Subsequently he embarked in business on his own account in San Francisco but nine months later, in 1916, he came to Suisun and went to work in the Kohler harness shop, where he was employed until February 7, 1917, when he bought out his employer and has since carried on the business independently. He carries

a full line of bicycles, tires, automobile accessories, oil, grease and gasoline, and he has met with splendid success in the conduct of this enterprise, which has grown steadily since he took hold of it. He is without a peer as a tire repairer and has built up a large patronage in that line. He is energetic and industrious and has won a fine reputation in business circles because of his enterprise and sound business principles.

Mr. Toselli married Miss Annie Boituno, a native of the Suisun valley, whose parents (now deceased) were early pioneers of Solano county, and they have three children : Eliza, Rosie and Anselmo. Mr. Toselli is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, affiliated with the lodges at Suisun.

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#### JAMES V. O'HARA.

James V. O'Hara, one of the best established realtors in this section of California, a real veteran at the business ; president of the Vallejo Real Estate Board and of the Vallejo Insurance Board, former treasurer of the city of Vallejo and for years accounted one of the real "live wires" of that progressive and flourishing trade center, widely known for the success of several important subdivision projects that he promoted, one of the most alert individual factors in the development of this favored region, is a native son of Vallejo and his life has been spent here, helpful in the promotion of the varied interests of his home town. Mr. O'Hara was born on April 5, 1876, and is a son of John and Margaret (Clark) O'Hara, who were among the helpful pioneers of Vallejo.

Reared at Vallejo, James V. O'Hara received his schooling in the public schools of that city and supplemented this by a course in accountancy and general business forms in a well established correspondence school. When fifteen years of age he became employed as a clerk in a local clothing store, going to work at a wage of ten dollars a month and being required to be "on the job" from seven in the morning till nine or ten o'clock at night. For a year he was thus engaged, meanwhile studying bookkeeping and business forms until he had acquired an adequate technical knowledge of those lines and then he transferred his services to the Aden Lumber Company, of which he presently was made secretary and office manager, a position he occupied for years and during which time he became widely known throughout this region and also became thoroughly acquainted with all details of the rapidly expanding local real estate field. In 1909 Mr. O'Hara bought the real estate business which had been established at Vallejo by Samuel Hurst, one of the veteran realtors in that city, and has ever since been actively engaged along that line as well as in the general insurance business, now one of the oldest realtors in continuous business in this section of the state.

In 1910, the year after he took over this realty business, Mr. O'Hara opened up the now solidly built O'Hara subdivisions to the city of Vallejo

and made a great success of that venture. A later and also successful project of his in the local realty field was his promotion of the Starr subdivision of sixty-five acres on the Benicia road at Cypress Knoll, and his equally successful promotion of the Vallejo Farm subdivision of fifty acres, all of which "went over fine," his activities along these lines establishing him firmly as one of the real progressive and farsighted realtors of this section. Mr. O'Hara's standing in the realty field is revealed by his present position as president of the Vallejo Real Estate Board and his equally high standing in local insurance circles is revealed in the same fashion by his position as president of the Vallejo Insurance Board. He also is widely known in local political circles, was for eight years secretary of the county democratic central committee and has for years been recognized as one of the real leaders of that party in Solano county.

In 1910 Mr. O'Hara was elected city treasurer and tax collector and by reelection was serving his second term in that office when the city entered upon its present commission form of government. He was appointed to succeed himself as treasurer but because of the continued pressure of his growing realty business he presently found it necessary to resign that office and he never since has sought public office. When the locally influential Vallejo Rotary Club was organized Mr. O'Hara was elected first secretary of the same and in that administrative position was a valued factor in the pleasant labors of getting Rotary started out in the right direction. He is a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He finds his chief diversion in hunting and has long been recognized as one of the most ardent sportsmen in this *section* of the state, president of the Vallejo Gun Club and secretary of the True Sportsmen's Club, in the affairs of both of which organizations he has long taken a deep and helpful interest. He is recognized as one of the best "shots" in California, and has numerous trophies of his skill with his trusty gun.

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#### CHARLES H. MILLER.

Though a native of the old Buckeye state, Charles H. Miller, an experienced lumberman and manager of the operations of the Perry Lumber Company of Vallejo, has been a resident of California (with the exception of five years spent in the city of Chicago) ever since he was a child and is quite content to regard this state as his permanent abiding place. He was born in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, November 2, 1881, and was eight years of *age* when in 1889 his father, Henry Miller, came to California with his family and settled in Alameda county, later taking up his residence on a ranch in Lake county.

It was thus that Charles H. Miller was reared in California, having his schooling in Alameda county. For five years he worked on his father's

ranch in Lake county and then in 1900, when nineteen years of age, he came to Vallejo and became employed in the plant of the Aden Lumber Company, which by merger years ago became the Perry Lumber Company, and there became thoroughly familiar with the details of the lumber business as related to the territory served out of Vallejo. With the exception of three years spent in operations in the city of Chicago, Mr. Miller has thus been connected with the lumber interests of Vallejo since 1900, a period of a quarter of a century, and is therefore thoroughly familiar with all the details of that business. In 1923 he was promoted to the position of manager of the company whose interests he so long has served and he since has been serving in that capacity, having done much in that time to extend the company's interests and operations here. Mr. Miller has ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general social and civic activities of his home town and is a past exalted ruler of the Vallejo lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

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THE REV. *J. G. ROURKE.*

The Rev. *J. G. Rourke*, rector of the Roman Catholic parish of St. Vincent Ferrer at Vallejo and one of the most widely known clergymen in this section of the state, is a native son of California and with the exception of a brief period during the earlier years of his priesthood spent at Portland, Oregon, all his active and useful life has been spent in this state. Father Rourke was born in the city of San Francisco on June 20, 1870, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (McDonald) Rourke, who had come to California from Boston in 1868 and had established their home in San Francisco. The late Patrick Rourke was a skilled structural iron worker and he had a hand in the erection of San Francisco's first city hall and was for years one of the active figures in building operations in that city. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five years, his death occurring in August, 1922. His wife had predeceased him by more than fifteen years, her death having occurred in 1906.

Reared in San Francisco, *J. G. Rourke* received his initial schooling in the schools of that city and early devoted himself to the service of the church, his studies thereafter being directed with a view eventually to entering holy orders. Following a preparatory course in St. Ignatius College at San Francisco he entered the old Dominican College as Benicia for further instruction in theology and the humanities and following his graduation there was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Riorden at San Francisco in April, 1894, he then being twenty-three years of age. In October of that year Father Rourke was sent to Vallejo as assistant to the rector of the parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and it was thus that more than thirty years ago he formed his first acquaintance with the people of this favored community. After eighteen months of service

at Vallejo he was sent to Portland, Oregon, but not long afterward was recalled and given a charge at San Francisco, where he remained until in 1908, when he was stationed at Benicia, here again coming into touch with the people of Solano county. After a period of service at Benicia he was sent to Crockett in Contra Costa county and from there back to San Francisco, where he remained until in August, 1923, when he was sent back to his first post and was installed as rector of the parish of St. Vincent Ferrer at Vallejo, where he since has been in service and where the evidences of the effectiveness of this service are manifest in many ways in a new spirit of progress that has marked all departments of the work of that flourishing parish during the period of his ministration.

Father Rourke has two assistants attached to his charge and his parish covers a large field, including also a church in South Vallejo. The parish has an excellent equipment in a material way, church, parish house and school being maintained in admirable fashion. The school has an ample and competent staff, the Sisters being assisted by two lay teachers, and the curriculum carries on through the high school course, in addition to which special attention is given to the teaching of music and painting. Since entering upon his ministry here Father Rourke has given close and thoughtful attention to the general civic affairs of the community and is an able exponent of all measures designed to advance the common welfare.

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#### KENNETH I. JONES.

Kenneth I. Jones, one of Solano county's well known lawyers, engaged in practice at Fairfield, the county seat, and an active personal factor in the general social and civic life of that center of local government, is a native son of California and all his life has been spent in this state. He was born in the city of San Francisco on April 8, 1886, and is a son of the Rev. Seneca and Elizabeth N. (Sewell) Jones, the latter of whom is still living, now a resident of Suisun. She was born in California, daughter of Newton A. Sewell. The late Rev. Seneca Jones, who died at Auburn in Placer county in 1911, was born in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was but a babe when he was brought to California by his parents, the family coming around by way of the Horn. He thus grew up in this state, carried on his studies with a view to entering the gospel ministry, finished his schooling in the University of the Pacific at San Jose and was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. Afterward he transferred his connection to the Congregational church and was for years active in the ministry, with stations variously at Lodi, Woodland, San Jose, Crockett and Auburn, in which latter city his last days were spent.

By reason of his father's itineracy as a clergyman, Kenneth I. Jones

had his local schooling in the various places above mentioned. He was graduated from the high school at Crockett and then entered Stanford University, where he was in attendance for three years (1905-8). For one year he taught school. Meanwhile he had been giving his attention seriously to the study of law and in the spring of 1912 was admitted to the bar. During the term of service of Grant Holliday as clerk of Solano county Mr. Jones rendered public service as deputy county clerk until in 1913, when he became associated in practice with W. U. Goodwin at Fairfield, an arrangement that was maintained until in April, 1917, since which time Mr. Jones has been carrying on his practice independently, with offices at Fairfield, and is doing well.

In 1919 Kenneth I. Jones was united in marriage to Mrs. Rosemond (Roberts) Griffiths, who was born in the Suisun valley, and to this union two sons have been born, Kenneth I. Jones, Jr., and Robert Seneca Jones. By her former marriage Mrs. Jones has a son, John P. Griffiths. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are republicans and take an interested part in the community's civic affairs as well as in its general social activities. Mr. Jones is a past worshipful master of Suisun Lodge No. 55, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Sciots.

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#### JOSEPH L. GLIKBARG.

Joseph L. Glikbarg, a veteran of the World war with an officer's commission and actively identified with the automobile trade at Vallejo, one of the best known dealers and supply men in this section of the state, has been a resident of California since the days of his childhood. He was born in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, June 30, 1891, and is a son of Abraham and Bertha (Logsa) Glikborg, who in 1894 came to California with their family and settled on a ranch in the neighborhood of Hayward, in Alameda county. Abraham Glikbarg had been trained as a merchant and he soon discovered that the life of a ranchman was not the one best suited to his training and his talents and he gave up that enterprise and in 1896 established himself in the clothing business at Vallejo. Two years later he closed out his store at Vallejo and moved to Petaluma, where he opened a clothing store and where he was thus successfully engaged in business for ten years, or until his retirement in 1909.

As will be observed by a comparison of above dates, Joseph L. Glikbarg was but three years of age when he came to California with his parents in 1894, and was five years old when the family settled at Petaluma. He had his local schooling in the schools of Petaluma and early turned his attention to the study of law. With a view to completing these studies from a professional viewpoint, he entered the law department of the University of California, but before completing the course there changed his mind in favor of a mercantile career and became engaged in

the clothing business in the town of Suisun. That was in 1912, the year **in** which he attained his majority, and he was thus engaged in business at Suisun when in the spring of 1917 this country took a hand in the World war and called on its young men to get ready to go to war. Mr. Glikbarg entered the service of the army and presently was sent to Camp Forrest, in Georgia, where he was attached to the Quartermasters Corps and given a commission as a second lieutenant. Mr. Glikbarg continued in service until some time after the close of the war, this period of service having covered nineteen months, and upon the completion of the same returned to Solano county and became engaged in the garage business at Fairfield, the county seat. There he remained until in September, 1920, when he returned to Vallejo and in association with William Vogel took over the Acme garage and salesrooms and has since been engaged in business in that city, in addition to carrying a full line of general automobile supplies and accessories, acting as agent for the local distribution of the Lincoln and Ford automobiles. The Acme garage and salesrooms are housed in an up-to-date fireproof building and the proprietors of the same are equipped for anything in their line. In addition to his interests at Vallejo, Mr. Glikbarg also has an interest in the Ford agencies at Suisun and at Benicia.

On April 14, 1920, Joseph L. Glikbarg was united in marriage to Miss Beth Rothchild, who was born in San Francisco, and they have a daughter, Dorothy. Mr. Glikbarg is a member of the board of directors of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and is a past (1925) president of the Vallejo Rotary Club. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his wife are republicans and take a proper interest in the city's general civic affairs.

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#### GEORGE F. BARENCHI.

George F. Barenchi, one of the best known and most successful building contractors of this section of the state, actively engaged in the building trades since the days of his youth and for the past fifteen years a contractor along this line at Vallejo, is a native son of California and all his life has been spent in this state. He was born at Duncans Mills, in Sonoma county, August 25, 1886, and is a son of Frank and Annie Barene;--both of whom came to California in the days of their youth and were here married. They were members of the Roman Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith. George F. Barenchi received his schooling in the convent school and as a boy began to learn the trade of carpenter, being apprenticed to a building contractor in San Francisco.

Upon completing his trade Mr. Barenchi worked as a journeyman carpenter at San Francisco for some time and then came to Vallejo, where he was employed as a carpenter until in 1911, when he became engaged

in business as a builder on his own account and has since been thus engaged in that city, during this period having erected more houses and important buildings there and in that neighborhood than any other contractor in his line. Among the important buildings thus erected by him may be mentioned the Knights of Pythias building, the Fisch & Higgins building, the Bernheim building, the General Hospital building, the Magistrini building, the plant of the Maid of California Milk Company, the Dannenbaum building, the public school building in South Vallejo, the new building of the lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Gus Rosenberg building.

George F. Barenchi married Miss Etta Lynch, and they have two daughters, Catherine and Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Barenchi are republicans, and Mr. Barenchi is a member of the local parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West and of the lodges of the Elks and the Red Men. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and is also affiliated with the True Sportsmen's Club and the allied gun club of that organization.

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#### PATRICK P. GERRISH.

Among the old settlers of Solano county, and particularly of the Benicia settlement, the name of Patrick P. Gerrish ever will be held in respectful memory, for he was one of the real community builders of Benicia. Mr. Gerrish, a native of the old Pine Tree state, came to California in settlement days, captain of a schooner coasting around the Horn. He became engaged as a building contractor in the then developing village of Benicia on the bay, and there became quite successful in his line.

Patrick P. Gerrish was born in the village of Warren, in Knox county, which county borders the rock bound coast of Maine lying between Penobscot bay and Muscongus bay. There he was reared and, in common with so many of the Maine coast folk, early took to the sea, eventually becoming a captain of a schooner in the coastwise service, and it was in this capacity, as noted above, that he came to California, arriving here in the early '50s. He later established his home in Benicia, where the remainder of his life was spent, a substantial building contractor. Among the buildings still standing that were erected by this pioneer builder are the old Southern Pacific railway station, which he erected on the wharf and which later was moved to its present location ; the grammar school, the high school building, which now is to give way to a fine new modern high school building, and several of the old time dwelling houses that still are doing duty. Among these latter is the old Gerrish home, which he built and in which he so long dwelt, one of the first substantial dwellings put up in the town, and which is still standing there in East I street, in a fair state of preservation.

Shortly after coming to California, Patrick P. Gerrish was united in marriage at San Francisco to Miss Zoe Julia LaDeit, who was born in France and who when nine years of age had come to California with her parents, the family coming around by way of the Horn. Of the children born to this pioneer couple, three are still living, two sons, Oliver Gerrish of Benicia and Charles Gerrish of Los Angeles, and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Durner.

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#### FRED BARNEWITZ.

Fred Barnewitz of the old established mercantile house of Theodore Barnewitz, interior and exterior decorating and painting, at Vallejo, an establishment that has been doing business there for more than twenty-five years, is a native son of California and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Vallejo since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Barnewitz was born in the city of Oakland on January 3, 1890, and is a son of Theodore and Catherine (Gray) Barnewitz, who had come to California from Pennsylvania in 1883 and whose last days were spent at Vallejo, the latter dying there in 1922. The late Theodore Barnewitz, who died in February, 1924, was a painter and decorator and upon coming to California became engaged in business along that line at Oakland, where he remained until 1899, when he moved with his family to Vallejo and established himself in business along the same line in that city, building up the establishment now carried on by his son Fred.

By a comparison of above dates it will be observed that Fred Barnewitz was but nine years of age when he became a resident of Vallejo. He finished his schooling here and from the days of his boyhood was attentive to his father's business, early acquiring a thorough knowledge of the painter's and decorator's art. He worked alongside his father in the carrying on of this business and since his father's retirement in 1921 has been in proprietary charge, the establishment then having been turned over to him, three years before the elder Barnewitz's death. Mr. Barnewitz is a trained expert in his line and is one of the leaders along the lines of the decorative arts in this section of California, his services being in demand not only throughout Solano county but in adjacent counties. As a matter of proper information in this connection it may be said that he was the contracting decorator in the finishing of the Paul Ray apartments, the Vallejo Theater, the Seville apartments, the Odd Fellow hall, the Baptist church, the Presbyterian church, the Star garage and any number of the chief business buildings in the city of Vallejo. At his store room he carries a full line of wall paper and paints and is prepared to take care of any call made upon his services in that connection.

Fred Barnewitz married Miss Marie Chalmers of Napa and they have three children, a son, Alfred Barnewitz, and two daughters, Daisy and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Barnewitz are republicans and Mr. Barnewitz is

a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also is affiliated with the local Kiwanis Club and with the Sciots and Redmen. He takes a proper part in general local affairs and is deeply interested in all measures and movements having to do with the development of this favored community.

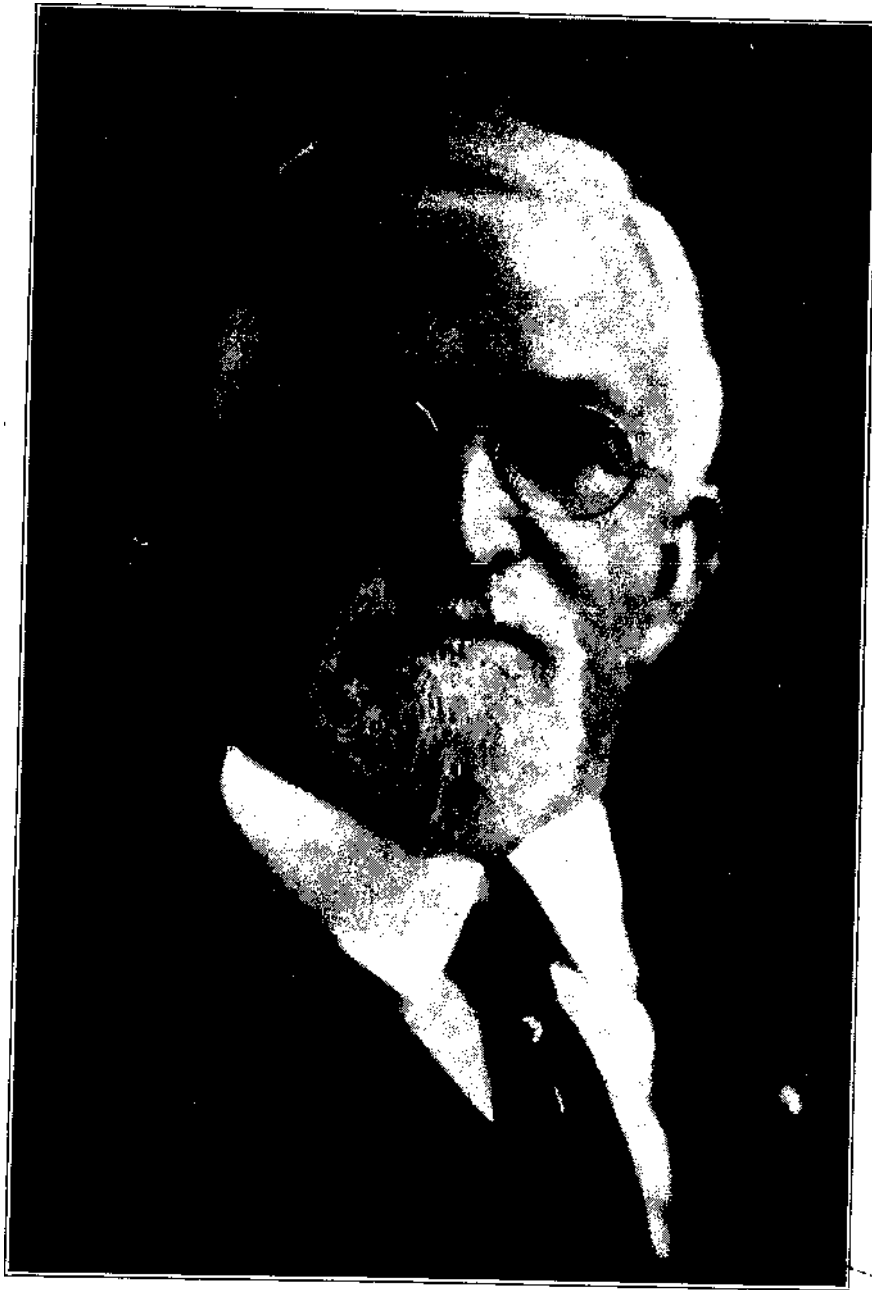
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THOMAS SMITH.

For nearly sixty years Thomas Smith, head of the Smith Music Company of Vallejo and one of the real veteran merchants of this section of California, has been engaged in business at Vallejo and he thus has been a witness to and a participant in the development of the mercantile interests of that city since the days that properly may be regarded as belonging to the pioneer period of development here. He opened the first piano store in this county and he ever since has been engaged in business, Smith's Music House having been a household word among three generations of buyers in this section.

The veteran merchant, Thomas Smith, is a native of Ireland but has been a resident of this country since he was five years of age. He was born on May 24, 1842, and in 1847 was brought to this country by his parents, the family coming over by a sailing vessel that put in at the port of New Orleans. There Thomas Smith's father died. His widow made her way to Galena, in the northwestern part of Illinois, where kinsfolk had preceded her, and presently moved from there up over the state line into Lafayette county, Wisconsin, in the lead mine country. It was here that young Thomas Smith had what schooling was available there at that time and he early became engaged in labors about the lead mines, driving a team hauling ore to Benton and pig lead to Galena, and in due time became a miner himself. He remained there until in 1863, the year in which he attained his majority, when he went to St. Louis and in that city opened a feed store, a line he carried on for something like five years or until February, 1868, when he came to California, making the trip around by way of the Isthmus.

Upon his arrival in this state, Mr. Smith became engaged for awhile in mining operations in Strawberry valley, but he was not greatly impressed with the results of these operations and in the following June (1868) he settled at Vallejo, where three years later he opened a shoe factory. Due to labor troubles and some other local factors that then entered into the industrial situation here, he presently found himself obliged to close his factory and to take up another line. It was thus that in 1878 he took up the sewing machine business. He did well with this line of goods and five years later, in 1883, he extended his stock to include pianos. That was more than forty years ago and the Smith Music House has ever since been doing business, carrying a general line of musical instruments and supplies, as well as sewing machines, and is amply



THOMAS SMITH

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equipped for supplying the needs of the community along these lines in this fine trade area. Mr. Smith has done well in business, is the owner of his own store building at 340 Georgia street and has for many years been regarded as one of the dependable merchants of the city, a good citizen and ever alert to the possibilities of further commercial and industrial expansion here. He is a member of the board of directors of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and is a charter member of the locally influential Rotary Club. He also is a charter member of Vallejo Council No. 874, Knights of Columbus, and is a member of the board of trustees of Vallejo Lodge No. 559, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Formerly and for years Mr. Smith was a leader in the breeding and racing of horses here and was twice the winner of the famous Occidental stake at the California state fair at Sacramento. Among the horses bred and trained in his stables that gained fame in their day were "Professor Heald" (2 :09<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), "Vallejo Girl" (2:10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) and "Vallejo Boy" (2:15). He was one of the organizers of the old Solano County Agricultural Association that owned the trotting park here and was for thirty years a recognized leader in the racing game in this section of California.

In 1868, the year in which he came to California, Thomas Smith was married in Sacramento to Miss Mary Cunningham, who was born in Ireland and who died in Vallejo in August, 1911. Of the ten children born to that union, five are still living, Mr. Smith having two sons, Joseph L. and Thomas F. Smith, and three daughters, Miss Rose Smith, Mrs. Theresa Byrne and Mrs. Clara Clark.

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#### FRANK H. HOLLOWAY.

Frank H. Holloway, proprietor of the Vallejo Express and one of the well known and progressive young business men of Vallejo, long recognized as a "hustler" in his line, is a native of one of the prairie states but has been a resident of California since the days of his childhood and thus considers himself as much a Californian as any. He was born at Thayer, Nebraska, January 5, 1893, and is a son of John and Mayme (Powell) Holloway, who came to California with their family in 1897 and located at Pasadena, where John Holloway became engaged in the business of manufacturing automobile tops.

Reared at Pasadena, Frank H. Holloway had his schooling in the schools of that city and early became interested in mercantile activities, taking up the hardware line, and was thus engaged until in 1917, when, in connection with this country's activities in the World war, he became employed in the shipyards at San Pedro. Six months later he was transferred to San Francisco and was there engaged in further war work for two years, at the end of which time he established a tea route in that city and was thus engaged until on May 1, 1923, when he bought the equipment and establishment of the Vallejo and San Francisco Express, with

headquarters at Vallejo, changed the name of this old line to the Vallejo Express and has since been engaged in business along that line. Mr. Holloway has a fleet of four trucks and handles both short and long hauls, with a special express service between Vallejo and San Francisco, making four runs a day.

Frank H. Holloway married Miss Regina Martin of Denver, Colorado, and they have a son, Jack Holloway. Mr. Holloway is an active member of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and of the local Kiwanis Club and is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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#### HARLOW V. GREENWOOD.

Harlow V. Greenwood of the law firm of Harrier & Greenwood at Vallejo and one of the best known members of the bar of the Solano county courts, engaged in practice at Vallejo for the past fifteen years, is a native son of Vallejo and his interests ever have centered here. He was born on June 28, 1883, and is a son of George H. and Elizabeth C. (Lee) Greenwood, the latter of whom died when he was ten years old. The late George H. Greenwood, who died at Vallejo in 1903, was one of the real pioneers of Solano county. He came to California in 1852, coming around by way of the Horn in a sailing vessel and for some time after his arrival here was engaged as a boatman around the bay. He married here and in 1885 settled on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Vallejo and here he lived to a ripe old age, his death occurring in 1903.

Reared here, Harlow V. Greenwood finished his preparatory schooling in San Francisco and then entered Stanford University, from which institution he was graduated (A. B.) in 1908. In the next year he earned his Master degree there and then entered the law school of Chicago University for further study of the principles and practices of law, to which profession he early had determined to devote himself. On January 23, 1911, Mr. Greenwood was admitted to the bar and became engaged in practice at Vallejo, where he ever since has been located and where he has done very well. In 1918 he entered into a partnership in practice with Lewis G. Harrier (q. v.) and this mutually agreeable arrangement has been maintained, the firm's practice being carried on under the name of Harrier & Greenwood.

On June 28, 1913, Harlow V. Greenwood was united in marriage to Miss Jane B. Santos, who was born in the neighboring city of Napa, and they have one child, a daughter, Jane V., born in 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood are republicans and take a proper part in the community's civic affairs as well as in the general social and cultural activities of their home town. Mr. Greenwood is a Knight Templar Mason and a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Woodmen of the World and is a member of Acacia Fraternity of Stanford

University. He is an active member of the local bar association and of the California State Bar Association and is widely known in his profession throughout this section of the state.

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THOMAS J. HORAN.

Thomas J. Horan, a veteran of the World war and a well known young lawyer of Vallejo, junior member of the law firm of Lindauer & Horan, was born at Vallejo and his interests ever have centered there. He was born on May 29, 1893, and is a son of Michael and Mary (Lawlor) Horan, both now deceased. The late Michael Horan, founder of the coal and grain business at Vallejo which still bears his name, was a native of Ireland, born in County Kerry in the province of Munster in 1845, and was twenty-four years of age when in 1869 he came to California, coming around by way of the Isthmus. He was a trained gardener and had had valuable experience in landscaping in his home land. Not long after his arrival in California he secured an engagement as head gardener at White Sulphur Springs and under his direction that resort was greatly beautified by the artistic landscaping of the grounds. He later became employed as superintendent of the Pine Farm ranch and was thus engaged until in 1890, when he became established in business at Vallejo, head of the Horan Coal and Grain Company, a line he followed until his death and which since then has been maintained, now being operated as the Horan Fuel and Feed Company, with his eldest son, William F. Horan, at the head of the concern. Of the children born to Michael Horan and wife there are six still living, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, the Misses Nan Lawlor and Catherine Horan and Mrs. **R. K.** Just, and two brothers, William F. and Daniel L. Horan. Michael Horan and his wife were devout members of the Roman Catholic church and their children were reared in that faith.

Reared at Vallejo, Thomas J. Horan received his initial schooling in St. Vincent's parochial school and then entered St. Mary's College at Oakland, from which he was graduated (A. B.) in 1913. **His** studies there had been carried on with particular reference to the further study of law and upon receiving his diploma from St. Mary's he entered the Hastings College of Law, a department of the University of California, and in 1917 was graduated from that institution. That was the year in which this country took a hand in the great World war that had been going on in Europe since the summer of 1914 and not long after receiving his diploma from the law school Mr. Horan enlisted his services in behalf of the cause thus represented by this country's arms and was assigned to yeoman duty in the navy. In that capacity he rendered service first at the San Pedro station on the west coast, then at the Great Lakes station out of Chicago; then on the east coast, and in 1919 received his honorable discharge in New York city. Upon the completion of his naval service

Mr. Horan became engaged in the practice of law at San Francisco and rendered public service there as assistant to the United States district attorney. In 1920 he returned to Vallejo and formed his present partnership in practice with Arthur Lindauer, under the firm name of Lindauer & Horan, a mutually agreeable arrangement that since has been maintained, this firm having well equipped offices on Marin street.

In 1921 Thomas J. Horan was united in marriage to Miss Lena Larke, who was born at Davis, over the line in the neighboring county of Yolo. Mr. and Mrs. Horan are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Horan is a past grand knight of Vallejo Council No. 874, Knights of Columbus. He also is an active member of Vallejo Post No. 104, American Legion, and is a member of the executive committee of this latter patriotic organization.

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#### RAY E. BROOKS.

Ray E. Brooks, owner of the Suisun creamery, was born in Boone, Iowa, on the 21st day of July, 1886, and is the son of Max L. and Rosetta (DeFore) Brooks. The family first came to California in 1905 and in 1912 the father located at Modesto, where he engaged in the real estate business for a number of years. He is now living at Bellflower, California, where he is employed in the water works department. His wife died in 1918. Ray E. Brooks received his elementary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school, and he then entered the Iowa State Agricultural College, at Ames, where he was graduated in 1899. During the ensuing years he was employed in various creameries in his native state, managing several of them, and in 1905 he came to California as manager of the creamery at Point Reyes.

In 1923 Mr. Brooks came to Suisun and bought the business of which he is now the owner and under his able and careful management the business has prospered and grown until now it is one of the most successful and best conducted creameries in this section of the state. Mr. Brooks employs nine people in the handling of the milk, which he buys from local dairymen, shipping much of their product to San Francisco and also supplying a large local demand. He makes the "Solano" brand of butter, which has gained a large and well-deserved popularity. The business has grown to such an extent that Mr. Brooks is now planning for the erection of a new creamery building, which is to be absolutely sanitary in every respect and equipped with a large and up to date refrigerating plant. Mr. Brooks has worked hard and persistently in his chosen calling and the years of labor have been but a preparation for the fine work which he is now doing.

Mr. Brooks married Miss Agnes Marie Nowe, of Tacoma, Washington, and they have a son, Max Rolland Brooks, who is now a student in the Suisun high school. Mr. Brooks gives his support to the republican