

(Coles and Stuart), the surgeons (Drs. Walker and Clawson), and the bottle-holders (Otis Greenwood and Judge L. Quint), a hoax had been arranged which was to include the whole town. Meeting on Cannon Hill, in view of the entire population, who had been drawn out by the report of the interesting event, the principals exchanged shots, but as the weapons had been loaded by Major Ball with cork bullets covered with tinsel, the damage to life and limb was not important. However, as arranged by preconcerted measures, Knight fell, and was carried from the field, while his adversary congratulated himself upon remaining uninjured and proclaimed himself "High-cockalorum of Tuolumne County !" The Sheriff appearing at this juncture, caused the victorious duelist to seek safety in flight. But it was not long before the truth of the matter becoming known to him, he returned to his old habitation.

What added more to the hilarity of the proceeding was a mishap to Greenwood. By previous collusion, doses of a nauseous and violent medicine had been prepared by the physicians to be administered allopathically to such of the surrounding crowd whose excited state of mind would allow them to mistake jalop for gin or croton for cornjuice. By a natural error (or was it the Doctor's intention?) Mr. Greenwood himself became the victim, and furnished a patient's fee to the man of sells and a jest to the community for many days.

Few who dwelt in Sonora in 1857 have forgotten the "Royal Order of G. S., Mighty and Terrible," who held meetings in their "Hall of Comparative O-rations," and who were supposed to have charge of the morals of the town; but whose chief and only object consisted in originating and carrying out practical jokes.

The prince of jokers, Lawyer Greenwood, held a prominent part in their deliberations, and the honored gentleman who officiated as the other second in the before mentioned duel, was also a star of magnitude. Many of the familiar names in Sonora's history were on the list of this unique organization; names, it is sad to think, of those who are now no more.

One of the characteristic tricks of this band of humorists was the never-to-be-forgotten Honorable Judge Garland. episode. Miss Annette Ince and her sister, with their company of actors, were performing at Valleau's Theater, then standing on the corner lot on Washington street next south of Mr. Cady's store. Among their numerous admirers was one Garland, an inhabitant of San Joaquin County, who had followed the Misses Ince on their travels to the mines, while under the influence of a tender feeling for one of the ladies, as well as being stage-struck to a remarkable degree. Aside from these peculiarities, the man was a good-natured specimen of the genus "crank." No sooner had these facts become known than the "G. S." took him in hand, their first care being to obtain his confidence and regard. This they effected easily; and then commenced a series of tricks and impositions the like of which were certainly never before played upon any man. Upon the opening night of the theater, the unsuspecting Garland was seen in the dress circle, seated upon a raised dais, a huge wooden sword pendant at his side, a paper cap upon his head, and an enormous blue medal, heart-shaped and a foot in diameter, upon his breast, and bearing the mystic letters, G. S. Surrounding him were the brethren of that order, each with a wooden sword, and bearing a similar badge. These constituted the "Committee of Honor and Safety." The effect of this upon the unsuspecting actresses was ridiculous beyond description.

After the play was over, G. was taken to the Placer Hotel, where he attempted to address an audience gathered in the street, but being given a glass of whisky in which was a powerful medicine, he soon had to cease; when, leaving the stand for the City Hotel, he was pursued by the crowd, and taking to his heels, he made quick time to the hotel, amid cries of " Hang him!" etc. The exertion and the medicine were too much for him, and he remained for several days under the kind charge of those good Samaritans, the "G. S., Mighty and Terrible." During this time a new joke was concocted; and the unhappy Garland was induced to display his histrionic talents (a weakness with him), and to this end a week was spent in drilling him in the part of Macbeth, and in preparation for his appearance before the public. On the stage, he came out at the "dagger scene," dressed in a single garment—a sort of smock frock—with his arms and legs painted as the exuberant fancy of the "G. S." had dictated. All the accessories were in keeping with the actor, and probably no such scene was ever witnessed on any other stage.

The poor fellow was sent away from Sonora armed with a gigantic parchment diploma, ornamented with a seal the size of a soup plate, and certifying his good standing in the order "G. S." at Sonora, and asking that the imaginary society below would take good care of him. This paper he was commanded to keep in his possession at all times, and to guard it as he would his life, and the dupe actually deprived himself of sleep for more than one night that he might be assured of the safety of the precious document.

Otis Greenwood came to Tuolumne from Massachusetts, and, entering upon the practice of the law, became prominent and well known throughout the county. Although possessed of admirable talents, and achieving quite a degree of success, his unfortunate addiction to drink

kept him from the full measure of success which, with steadier habits, he would have earned, and brought him to the grave, in 1863, at the early age of thirty-four years.

REV. MR. LONG

It was who broke open the barricade which a creditor—Mayor Patrick—had placed before the entrance to his church; and afterwards withdrew from his charge because the Superintendent of his Sabbath School, and the bell-ringer, the senior deacon, and other high dignitaries of his church, would play pedro, drink whisky, and attend bull fights on Sunday.

HON. EDWIN A. RODGERS.

Mr. Rodgers has spent thirty years of an active and successful life in Tuolumne County, having come here in 1852. Born in the Green Mountain State in 1825, he entered Harvard College at a suitable age, and graduated duly, having acquired an excellent classical education that has served him. excellently well throughout all the ensuing years. Pursuing legal studies in the office of an able practitioner, Judge Underwood, he was admitted to the Bar, but did not engage at once in the practice of his profession, but came to California.

Spending first a year at Jamestown in mining pursuits, he next removed to Sonora, where he has since made his home. His law practice began on his admission to the Bar of Tuolumne County, which took place June 20, 1854, he then entering upon a prosperous and active career, which has continued up to the present time with unabated vigor.

Mr. Rodgers' first labors being in mining, he had little opportunity to attract the attention which his original

genius and undoubted mental powers have since commanded; but about 1853 he began to interest himself in political affairs, and in a series of articles upon political topics, published in the *Sonora Herald*, there are the first evidences which we have of the remarkable way in which he has impressed his individuality upon his surroundings.

His succeeding career has been that of a very successful attorney, who has at times entered upon politics, and who has done a great deal of work for the good of his fellow citizens. In 1860 the citizens of Tuolumne demonstrated their sense of his abilities by electing him to the Legislature. In 1869 he became District Attorney, holding that office to the general acceptance of the citizens.

Mr. Rodgers married Miss Henrietta Morrow, a native of Massachusetts.

HENRY SEVENING.

The subject of this sketch was born in Germany on June 8, 1833. He was educated in his native country, from which he removed in 1852, coming direct to San Francisco, at once settling at Jamestown, where he was engaged in mining, and later on followed the same occupation at Yorktown. We next find him keeping a store at Campo Seco, where he remained till coming to Columbia in 1860. Here he was engaged in mercantile pursuits until May 1, 1872, when he was appointed Wells, Fargo & Co.'s agent, and is now carrying on the express and banking business. In 1879, he was elected President of the Tuolumne County Water Company, which position he now fills with credit to his company and honor to himself. It can be truly said of Mr. Sevening that he is beloved by his family and friends and honored and respected by the community in which he lives. Married Louise Wedel on June 17, 1860. Johanna L., Frederick, Lulu and Alma are his children.

HENRY THOMPSON.

This pioneer settler was born in the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein on July 20, 1825. He went to sea when twelve years old, and followed a mariner's life till he arrived in this State in the Fall of 1849. He remained in San Francisco and was boating on the bay for a short time, then started for the mines, making a halt at Spanish Bar, on the American river. He returned to the city, where he engaged in business till he was burned out, and then went to Vallecito, but again returned to San Francisco to go to the mines at Mission Bar, where he remained during the Winter of 1852. During the Winter he went to Nevada City and purchased provisions, and had to pay ten cents a pound to get them hauled twelve miles, that being the distance to his camp. In May, 1853, he came to his present place of residence, near Tuttletown, where he has since lived, and has engaged in farming, mining and raising carp. He built the first carp pond in the county, and now has three ponds with a school of about three hundred fish. Mr. Thompson married Mary Mills, May 1, 1853. She is a native of England, and was born September 30, 1833. Henry A., Mary E., Belle C., Frederick M. and Katie are their children.

JOHN P. JONES.

Concerning Nevada's millionaire Senator and the friend of President Arthur, Tuolumne knows a great deal. Living here in the "fifties," he figured in the celebrated mock trial of Barnes *vs.* Stuart, concerning ownership of a ranch. Otis Greenwood was Judge. The verdict of the jury, filling a dozen sheets of foolscap, gave Stuart three feet of the surface, and to Barnes the "remainder, to the center of the earth."

REV. S. S. HARMON

Conducted the Methodist Church at Sonora for ten years; but now, in charge of the College at Washington Corners, has devoted himself to the cause of education, with good results. Lately, he is said to be contemplating a removal of the concern to Berkeley.

REV. O. P. FITZGERALD •

Smote the ungodly for *a* while in Tuolumne; at *a* later time to have charge of a so-called College at Vacaville, and later still at Santa Rosa. At one time his political leanings placed him in the position of Superintendent of Schools for the State of California.

S. S. BRADFORD.

Mr. Bradford is a native of the old Pine Tree State—a State that has given to California more vigorous, energetic workers and enterprising pioneers than any other section of proportionate population. His earlier years being passed in Maine, he removed westward, coming to California in the year 1850, and spent a few years in mining in various portions of this county, notably at Rattlesnake Creek, Big Oak Flat, etc. His travels led eastward again, and we find him somewhat later in Maine, where he resided for several years, coming back to California in 1858, and spending a portion of the ensuing years in Columbia, but coming to Sonora in 1867, where he has resided ever since, and has become an influential and most valued citizen.

Mr. Bradford has been identified with the lumber trade for many years, in which his business principles have met a suitable reward. He has been owner, in part, of the largest sawmill in the county, situated some fifteen miles east of

Sonora. He has met discouragements, such as losses by fire, with the most becoming courage, always rising superior to calamity. At the present time, his business is connected with a steam planing-mill in Sonora, where he manufactures all kinds of mouldings, etc., does mill-work in all its branches, makes sash, doors, blinds, boxes, and numerous other articles, and conducts a large trade in lumber, his business: extending over the entire county. Mr Bradford married Miss Nancy P. Davis, in 1849, their children being Alice (now Mrs. Street), Ada H. (wife of Frank Street, Esq.), and William Frederick, at present a student in the University of California.

COLONEL FRANK CUEATHAM,

A pronounced Southerner, full of courage and manliness, was a prominent actor in the hanging of Jim Hill by the mob at Sonora, in the time of Sheriff Work. At one time he was a merchant in Stockton, and later, turning up as a Confederate General in the war of Secession. He now lives in Tennessee, a planter.

PAUL K. HUBBS

Was a useful citizen in every respect. After serving the people of Tuolumne in several important offices, he became State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1854. Was married to Miss Maggie Gilcrest in 1857.

ROBERT McGA_RVEY,

A '49er, was Chairman of the first Board of Supervisors. He married Miss Charlotte L. Davis in 1854. With his cultivated and refined family he resides at Ukiah, Mendocino County, where he holds the office of Superior Judge.

CALVIN B. McDONALD,

Of Scotch descent, a newspaper writer of considerable ability, and. of great, though misdirected, energy, had once in him the promise of a leading man. He has been connected as editorial writer with many of the secondary newspapers of California and Oregon, and also lectures some, indifferently well; was in Sonora during war times, doing work for the *American Flag*, whose radical principles just suited him.

A. COLBY,

Who is classed as one of the most successful and able of the pocket miners of Tuolumne, is a native of Bucksport, Maine, having been born there in 1840. A seafaring life was his choice, which he pursued from the age of eleven until his coming to California, which took place in 1864.

Spending three subsequent years in various cities in California and Oregon, Mr. Colby finally began mining at Table Mountain, so continuing until he removed, in 1871, to Sonora. Here he commenced pocket mining in leased claims, his first labors having been done upon his present rich location, where he worked for two years, afterwards continuing the search upon adjoining claims, but finally returning to the original claim, which he has purchased, and has continued working up to the present time. This mine, which is known as the "Big Nugget," is situated near the head of Washington street, and is upon the same lead as the Bonanza Mine of J. G. Divoll, and is considered to be one of the richest claims that was ever opened.

Personally Mr. Colby is an extremely popular man, and his good fortune is being hailed by all as the the proper reward for years of arduous labor.

JAMES W. COFFROTH,

The life and soul of Columbia for years, the originator of the Columbia and Stanislaus Ditch, and the promoter of nearly every enterprise of the day, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Before he was twenty-one he had learned the printer's trade and was already foreman of a printing office. He came to California in 1849, and to Sonora in '51, where he was employed by Dr. Gunn as writer on the *Sonora Herald*. His taste was to poetry, and he published in the *Herald* and the *Columbia Gazette* a considerable quantity of that kind of literature, rather medium in quality. Practicing law, later on he entered politics, and, aided by his popularity, overrode all competitors excepting J. M. Mandeville, with whom he had to divide the honors; they holding the State Senatorship alternately for several years. Later still, Mr. Coffroth left the county, after achieving many signal successes and rising to the highest wave of prosperity. His later history is identified with that of the State which he served.

MAJOR P. L. SOLOMON,

"King Solomon," Sheriff, came from Tennessee. He was a hatter at first, then Mexican war soldier, rising to the rank of Major. Democrat in politics. Did excellently well as Sheriff. Quiet, far-seeing, energetic. He afterwards became U. S. Marshal in San Francisco, dying in 1863.

E. L. CHRISTMAN,

A steady, moral type-setter, partner with Dr. Gunn in the *Sonora Herald*, attended to the mechanical department, made his fortune, and selling out, went East to reside.

W. G. RUDORFF.

Among the pioneers of '49, is the one whose name appears at the head of this sketch. Mr. Rudorff is a native of Prussia, and was born May 3, 1825. Mr. Rudorff rounded the Horn on the old ship "Talisman," landing in San Francisco on September 12, 1849. Here he remained until February, then went to the mines at Dutch Bar, near Coloma. After mining here during the Summer season, and then working and prospecting in various mining districts thereabouts, he bought a ranch at Mokelumne Hill, in 1851, on which he settled. This farm he sold in 1852, and in the Summer of that year settled at Springfield; in this county, where he kept the old Union Hotel, then settling at Sonora in 1860. On September 12th of this year Mr. Rudorff will have been a resident of the State thirty-three years, and of Sonora twenty-two years. He married, while residing at Springfield, Henrietta Schleicher, a native of Saxe-Weimar, Germany, on July 23, 1851. They have four boys and four girls.

J. If. JONES,

A celebrated lawyer of New Orleans, came here early, and was a delegate to the Monterey Convention with Ben Moore and others, in 1849. Died in San Jose in 1851, while Judge of the United States District Court.

HENRY P. BARBER,

English, but came young to this country and studied law with John Morrill, the celebrated jurist. Settling in Tuolumne at a time when law was at a discount, he became clerk in a store. Later he opened an office in Sonora, and became at once prominent among her famous lawyers, and

was elected District Attorney. He was a high-toned and cultivated gentleman, who possessed talents of the highest order, second to none in the State, says Mr. Dorsey. Leaving Tuolumne for a wider field, he settled in San Francisco, practicing his profession, and died. there.

PATRICK KELLY

Was born in Ireland, on the 25th day of August, 1849. He came to this State from his native country in 1867, and settled at Columbia, in this county. Here he formed a partnership with his brother, in the livery business. He settled at Sonora in 1871, and in 1874 purchased an interest in the Pioneer Livery Stables, and has been one of its proprietors to the present time.

Mr. Kelly married Miss Mary Riordan.

THOMAS J. WITT,

The present District Attorney of Tuolumne County, is a Tennessean by birth. Residing first in Rea County, Tennessee, and later in Aikansas, he crossed the Plains in 1857, and settled near Sacramento. He studied law with Judge Cross, of Visalia, during his six years' residence in Tulare County, and on coming to Sonora in 1878 he completed his legal studies in the office of Hon. Caleb Dorsey. Being admitted to the Bar in 1878, he was the next year elected to the responsible position which he now holds.

JAMES MILLS,

Banker at Columbia, member of the firm of James Mills & Co., was a very estimable gentleman. Died at Sing-Sing, New York, March 18, 1854, aged thirty-seven years.

SAMUEL H. DWINELLE

Was another attorney who settled here in early days. Entering first into partnership with J. M. Huntington, the firm enjoyed *a* large practice. Removing to San Francisco Mr. Dwindle rose steadily in his profession, taking a high stand as a reputable counsellor, and finally became Judge of the Fifteenth District Court in that city. He is still living, an ornament to the Bar and the community.

GEORGE S. EVANS,

Pennsylvanian, but went to Texas in early life, and was *a* soldier in the Mexican War. Coming to Tuolumne, he ran for the office of County Clerk and achieved it, being on the Democratic ticket. He was an excellent business man and born politician. Again County Clerk in 1858, he rose to the State Legislators in 1864. Removing to Stockton, he has held the latter office for San Joaquin County and achieved prominence; has been many times mentioned as a possible candidate for Governor. That he will achieve that, or a higher office, is not improbable, as he is still in the vigor of life, and withal exceedingly popular.

CHARLES L. HARPER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Philadelphia; December 16, 1822, and resided there until 1853, when he came to California, by way of the Isthmus, and arrived in San Francisco October 20, 1853. From San Francisco he went to the redwoods of San Mateo County, and remained there until May 9, 1854, and then removed to Big Oak Flat, where he has resided since that time. He mined

about eight years at Big Oak Flat and vicinity, and has followed his trade of carpenter since. He married Ellen McLaughlin, in 1872, and has two children, named Edwin F. and Charles F.

C. BURDEN.

Born in England, in 1823, Mr. Burden was early apprenticed to the cabinet-maker's trade. His father dying when the son was but fifteen years of age, he was compelled, notwithstanding his youth, to take upon himself the support of the family. Marrying Miss Caroline Hellier, in 1840, the young couple set out for America, coming in 1853 to San Francisco. Mining for two years at Brown's Flat, Mr. Burden next came to Sonora, and opened the furniture establishment which he still conducts.

The names of his children are: Elizabeth N., Charles Henry, William Frederick G. Another, Carrie Elizabeth, died, much lamented, January 11, 1882.

J. A. GOOD-WIN.

Mr. Goodwin says: "I was born near to Boston, Lincolnshire, England. Emigrated to the United States in 1844. Was then eighteen years of age. Made my way to the town of Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y. There went to work on a farm for Thomas Elwood Smith, who taught me to milk cows, rake and bind grain, and all work to be done on a farm. I had made no bargain for wages, and in the Fall he paid me \$9.00 per month. He then advised me to go to school in the Winter, telling me I seemed to be in need of schooling, and I could stay with him and do chores for my board. I took his advice, went

to school and was put in a class with small shavers, felt a good deal ashamed, but stayed with it until Spring. The schoolmarm then told me I had learned pretty well, and had better not stop there. In that school were some large boys and girls who were in the back part of the arithmetic, while I was in the first part. I thought if I could ever catch up with them I would be all right, but I did not much expect to. The next Summer I went to work for the same man, and to school again in the Winter. The same thing was repeated the next Summer and Winter. I had now caught up with the large boys and girls, and had saved what little money I had earned, so I went to the Canandaigua Academy the next Summer, and in the Winter commenced teaching school. The following Summer I went to the Academy again, and taught school in the Winter; and the same thing was repeated the third Summer and Winter. I will remark that the first school I attended, where the large boys and girls were so far ahead of me, I taught afterwards, and some of the same boys and girls came to my school. In the Fall of 1850 I went to Wisconsin and taught there for three seasons, and in the Spring of 1853 came across the plains to California, where I arrived in the Fall, and went to work at the Mountain Pine Mill, staying there about a year, and then located on this place on the second day of November, 1854, where I have been up to the present time, which makes twenty-seven years. The first seven years I was a bachelor, and the last twenty have been married. On the place are some fig trees planted by my own hand (mere twigs) which are now nine feet in circumference.

JOHN B. DOUGLASS.

Mr. Douglass, familiarly and widely known as " Jack," was born in New York City, in August, 1830. He came to California in July, 1849, arriving in Tuolumne in 1852. Establishing himself in the saloon business in Columbia, he soon afterwards became Agent for M. J. Dooley, the Manager of the stage lines. His place of business was on the corner of Fulton and Main streets, and was known as the " Douglass " saloon. Mr. Douglass had the ill fortune to be burned out three times in the course of his residence in Columbia, namely, in 1854, 1857, and 1862. In 1869 he removed to Stockton, where he is engaged in keeping the popular saloon of the Yosemite House. During Mr. Douglass' residence in Columbia he enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens to a remarkable extent, having held successively the offices of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, President of the Board of Trustees, and finally School Trustee, the two latter offices having been filled by him during two terms each. It may be mentioned in this connection that he was a warm friend of the lamented Coffroth, his intimacy extending over a long period, during which they were close companions in every respect.

Mr. Douglass, in 1853, married Miss Ellen Dart, and has two children, boys, one aged 22 and one 19 years.

OTIS PERRIN.

Mr. Perrin was born in Mansfield, Massachusetts, in 1826. Starting for California, he arrived in Tuolumne County in September, 1849, and mined for a time at Hawkins' Bar, ultimately removing to Jacksonville in the Winter of the above year; then entering into partnership with J. L. Cogswell, also a noted pioneer, they built the Wash-

ington Hotel, at Big Oak Flat, remaining proprietors of that inn for a number of years. When, in 1859, the Golden Rock Water Ditch was commenced by Messrs. Murphy, Watts & Co , Mr. Perrin took a contract for building the first thirteen miles of that raceway for the sum of \$152,000, completing the section in one year.

In 1862 the gentleman was elected to the State Legislature. Afterwards he became Superintendent of the Golden Rock Ditch, so remaining until the high flume fell, which put *a* stop to the company's business. Subsequently Mr. Perrin began to work the Rutherford Quartz Mine, occupying himself in that manner until his appointment, in 1869, as Receiver of the United States Land Office at Stockton, his appointment having been continued by Presidents Grant, Hayes and Garfield.

DOCTOR BROWN.

The above named gentleman, who was once an influential resident of Sonora in early times, and who now holds the important position of Resident Physician at the State Insane Asylum at Stockton, came to this country in 1850. He was born in Virginia, in 1818. The Doctor commenced practicing in Sonora in 1852, in partnership with Doctor Thomas Kendall. Their practice proved extremely successful, and within a year or two they made a contract to care for the indigent sick of the county. At that time the County Hospital stood where Mr. J. Hall's house now stands, says the Doctor, who mentions other gentlemen as having been in medical practice in Sonora at about that time: Dr. Cyprian Cross, born in North Carolina; Dr. Murphy, now of San Francisco; Dr. J. J. Franklin, who died in 1875; Dr. Kendall, who afterwards became Visiting

Physician to the Insane Asylum; Dr. William H. Bruner, now of San Francisco; and Dr. Marshall, who went to Russia and entered the service of that government, and died, after participating in the Crimean war.

JUDGE JOSEPH III. CAVIS

Came to Tuolumne County in February, 1854, beginning his career by mining for a time. In September, 1855, he commenced the practice of law in Columbia, and attained a high reputation as an honorable member of the Bar. In 1859 Mr Cavis was chosen Justice of the Peace, and, still advancing in honors, became State Senator in 1862, and finally assumed a position on the Judicial bench. He was elected Judge in October, 1863; continued in that position until 1870, at which date he removed to Stockton. There he practiced law until his appointment as Postmaster, in 1876, which last position he still retains.

CAPTAIN ALONZO GREEN.

Captain Green arrived in Sonora on the first day of August, 1849. His companion on this trip to the place was James Lane. He tells the story of his travels somewhat as follows: He left San Francisco on the schooner Favorite, proceeding in her to Stockton, paying twenty-five dollars for the passage, and providing his own bedding and food. Getting into a so-called stage, he next proceeded to Sonora, by way of Taylor's Ferry. This stage, the Captain says, was merely a common wagon having hay in the bottom on which the passengers' feet might rest, and being otherwise totally devoid of comforts or conveniences. At

a certain point upon their route breakfast was procured. The hotel which provided it was a large tent, whose utmost resources in the way of food extended only to whisky, hard-bread and pork and beans. Proceeding onward, the stage soon after passed the diggings at Woods' Crossing, then the great resort of the miners, and where not fewer than two thousand men, says the Captain, stood in the water, engaged with pan and rocker. Contrary to the general feeling of enthusiasm, the new arrival promptly decided that he would never be a miner. On arrival in Sonora, the Captain made inquiries of Major Elkins as to where newcomers were expected to lodge, and was referred to the ground as *a* proper place of deposit for the human frame. The following morning Mr. Green took a survey of the place, which resulted in his finding Joshua Holden, who had just established himself in business, occupying for that purpose a tent. Directly after this, the two men (acquaintances at a former date) formed a partnership, and built the first house which was ever constructed in Sonora. The new structure was of logs, eighty by twenty feet, and was covered with canvas. Entering into trade, the two cleared within twelve months no less than two hundred thousand dollars. Other years more or less successful were passed in Sonora, and. in 1858 the Captain came to San Francisco. During his stay in Sonora the firm of Green & Holden was the most important one then doing business in the Southern Mines, it including the conduct of a bakery, as well as the store containing a miscellaneous assortment of dry goods, groceries, clothing, miners' implements, etc., which were suited to the demands of a communit^y like Sonora. This extensive business house was burned out in the great fire of '52, the partners losing more than forty thousand dollars.

Captain Green is now a resident of San Francisco, where he performs the duties of Superintendent of Washington-

street Wharf, an office under the charge of the State Government.

His living children are five in number: John Henry and Adeline Savilla, who, with Austin, now deceased, were born in Sonora; and Charles D., Frank M., and Verdenal N., who were born in San. Francisco.

JUDGE C. H. CHAMBERLAIN.

The above gentleman, now Receiver in the United States Land Office at San Francisco, lived. in Columbia in early years, when that town was one of the liveliest camps of which the mines of California could boast.

The Judge was born in the State of Maine, coming thence in the Summer of 1849. He mined. for a time on the Mokelumne River, going in October of that year to Montezuma, Tuolumne County. In the Spring of 1850 he worked in Soldiers' Gulch, near Tuttletown, and. still later at Dusty Bar and. Grand Bar, on the Stanislaus River, and at Little Garrote. In the year 1851 he was at Tuttletown, mining as before, and went in the Fall of that year to Columbia. His residence in the latter place was a fact of importance to the community at large, his public and private acts identifying him with the highest interests of the town. Concluding his residence in Columbia, he went in 1857 to San Joaquin County, where, in that year, he became Whig candidate for the State Senatorship, against J. M. Mandeville. His public service in Columbia embraced three years as Justice of the Peace, which office he held with honor and credit. In 1861 the Judge became State Senator, and. in 1865 Assemblyman. In the Fall of 1866 he was appointed. to his present position in the Land Office, by President Johnson, and. has been reappointed. to that

situation by Presidents Grant and Hayes, having served sixteen years in all.

Judge Chamberlain now resides in his pleasant home in Oakland, with his -wife, *nee* Miss Susan G. Wilson, also a native of Maine, and who has been previously mentioned as having taught the first school ever established in Columbia. The pair have one son, Colonel William H. Chamberlain, of the National G-uards of the State of California, and one daughter, Carrie:

It may be mentioned that the Judge is a member of the Tuolumne Re-Union, the State of Maine Association, and of the California Pioneers.

CAPTAIN A. B. BEAUVAIS.

This gentleman, a well known and respected citizen of the section where he resides, is a native of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, having been born in July, 1828. Having prepared himself for a seafaring life by the study of surveying and navigation, he went to sea in 1842, and continued so employed until 1851. Arriving then in San Francisco, he there engaged in mercantile affairs for awhile, until when, in the Fall of 1851, he removed to Carson Hill, Calaveras County, one year later going to Columbia, where he has since remained. Mining and the construction of ditches occupied the Captain's time until 1870, when he was elected County Surveyor, and also receive• the appointment of United States Deputy Mineral Surveyor of the District, which latter position he still retains.

He married Miss Vinnie Andrews, a native of Bangor, Maine, by this union there being two children living, Addie and Katie.

H. B. McNEILL,

Previously referred to, furnishes these additional facts in regard to his interesting career: He was born in Oxford, New York, April 4, 1820. In 1849 he went to California, *via* Cape Horn, on the brig Mary Tucker, arriving in San Francisco on July 6. Stopping but a short time at San Francisco, he proceeded to Tuolumne County, and mined for awhile on Sullivan's Creek. In 1850 he went to the Sandwich Islands for a period of four months. Returning to California, Mr. McNeill made two trips to Panama, and in 1852 again went to Tuolumne County, there receiving the position of Deputy, under County Clerk W. H. Ford.

Having been admitted to the Bar before coming West, he commenced practicing law at Sonora in the Winter of 1852, which he continued until 1872. In 1871 Mr. McNeill was elected County Judge, taking his seat in 1872, remaining on the bench four years and resuming practice in 1876. He resided in Tuolumne County two years longer, from there going to San Francisco to enter the Revenue Service, in which capacity he still continues.

ATIEXANDER STAIR,

Who was born in York, York County, Pennsylvania, on February 9, 1828, came to California in November, 1849. Locating first at Sonora, and stopping there for a brief period, he went from there to Mariposa County. Remaining in the latter place for a short time, he returned to Tuolumne County, this time taking up his residence at Chinese Camp, in 1854, his occupation being Stage Agent, which place he filled for nine years. Leaving Chinese

Camp in 1863, he came to San Francisco and engaged in mercantile pursuits, at which place he yet remains, at present being connected with the firm of J. Wagner & Co., Nos. 105 and 107 Mission street,

JOHN A. SAMPSON,

Born in Kingston, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, October 3, 1831, came to California in 1852. Proceeding almost immediately to Tuolumne County, he engaged in mining in the Corral Ranch Claims, situated on Curtis' Creek. Mr. Sampson was one of the proprietors of a tunnel which was run into Table Mountain, called. Scooperville Tunnel, and which was completed to a length of 3,500 feet. His sojourn in the county extended over a period of twelve years, during which time he was one of the originators of the Republican party, in connection with Dr. Gann. In 1864 Mr. Sampson came to San Francisco, and for the past fifteen years has been employed in the Custom House, at the present time holding the responsible position of Assistant Cashier.

R. A. ROBINSON,

Born at Patterson, Putnam County, New York, March 29, 1813. Came to California, arriving November 7, 1852, via Panama. Remained in San Francisco until about March 1, 1853. Went to Sacramento, taking a position in the banking house of D. O. Mills & Co., remaining however only two months, going from there to Tuolumne County, engaging in mining in the vicinity of Columbia. In the Summer of 1853 he became Secretary of the Tuolumne

Water Company. In the Fall of 1855 he was elected County Clerk, his opponent being General Evans, and held the office for two years. In 1859 Mr. R. left Tuolumne County to take charge of Lloyd Tevis & Co.'s ditch, and lived in Knight's Ferry and vicinity for two years. Since his departure from Stanislaus County, Mr. R. has been placed in numerous positions of trust; especially may be mentioned his connection with various copper interests in Calaveras and some of the southern counties, where his sound judgment saved his patrons thousands of dollars which might otherwise have been uselessly involved. For the past nine years he has been in the office of the Superintendent of Streets and Public Highways, occupying the position of Chief Deputy. Though taking the post under Republican administration, such were his capability and efficiency that with each change of party the incumbent of the office—the Superintendent of Public Streets—has deemed it desirable to retain Mr. R. in the capacity of Chief Deputy.

THE MACOMBER BROTHERS.

These old settlers, and well known residents of this county, are natives of Utica, New York. The elder, George Macomber, was instructed in mercantile pursuits at several of the prominent business houses in New York City, and since that time has been engaged in business in St. Louis and New Orleans.

The three brothers came to California in 1850, crossing the plains, a part of the journey having been made in company with Holliday's, Dr Knox's and Crow's trains. They settled at Stockton, where they were in business for *a time*, then removing to the mines, where they commenced mining for gold at Angle's Camp, Jamestown and Shaw's Flat.

George and Frederick Macomber were also among the first engaged in using the hydraulic on their mines in Amador County, where they worked off and on for twelve -years, finally permanently settling at Sonora, where they have since lived. These gentlemen were in company with Mr. Brown in the ownership of the well known Big Table Mountain Lead, which at one time paid as high as \$16 to the single pan of earth, and 100 ounces of gold per day. They also owned in the Mexican Claim, purchased of May, Solomon and Antonio, in Tennessee Gulch. The ground was yellow gravel, but, notwithstanding this fact, paid at times from \$5 to \$50 to the pan, and some pieces valued at \$800.

George and Frederick Macomber are now located in the north part of Sonora, where their pickle, cider and vinegar works are established, producing the finest quality of champagne cider, pickles and cider vinegar on the Pacific Coast, and shipping largely throughout, the Pacific States and Territories.

J. P. TIBBITS, M. D.

This old settler of Tuolumne County is a native of Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, and was born May 2, 1806. In 1828 he commenced the study of medicine at Buffalo, New York. He located at Steubenville, Ohio, in 1830, and in 1834 removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he practiced his profession four years, then graduated at the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, in 1836. He resided in Pittsburg until 1845, at which time a fire destroyed all his property, and he then located at Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1849 he came to this State, arriving in San Francisco on the 5th of July of that year. He at once went to Big Bar, on the middle fork of the American River

where he mined and practiced his profession. In the Fall of that year he returned East, and in the following Spring, with his family, again came to California, settling in Sonora, .on the 23d of August, 1850. In the Fall of 1851 he built his Barnum House, near the head of Washington street, which hotel he kept until it was burned, in 1853. He remained in Sonora, living with his son-in-law, Captain Green, of the City Hotel, until the Spring of 1854, then moving to San Francisco. After a residence of two years in that place, he went to Iowa Hill, Placer County, where he lived until 1862, then going to Idaho, thence to Montana and Washington Territories, but afterwards returned to San Francisco, where he lived three years. He came to Columbia in 1872, where he devoted his time to mining and the practice of his profession. He married Rachel o-hanna Bartlett, a native of Jefferson County, Ohio. This estimable lady, will Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Brodigan, were the only American female residents of Sonora in the early part of 1849. Mrs. Tibbits was a lady of refinement, holding advanced ideas, and much respected by all who knew her, not only for the many excellent personal qualities, but as one of the pioneer mothers of California.

A. B. PRESTON.

Judge Preston was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on October 3, 1829, receiving there his primary education. He reached the age of fifteen years, when, going to New York City, he there engaged as a clerk, which occupation he followed until his departure for California. He arrived in San Francisco on March 9, 1849, staying in that city until 1850, when he came to Tuolumne, settling at Colum-

bia. Mining for a time at Columbia and at Jacksonville, he then moved to Campo Seco in January, 1851, where he became Constable and Interpreter for Judge Halsey's Court. He moved to Jamestown in 1852, where he has since lived. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1856, and was his own successor up to 1878. We do not remember of ever having recorded another instance where a person has held the same office continuously for twenty-two consecutive years. In 1856 Mr. Preston was appointed by Governor Neely Johnson as Notary Public, and has held that office also up to the present time. He was elected one of the Supervisors of this county in 1878, and is the present incumbent. He married Maggie C. Donovan, on May 21, 1870. They have three children living: Howard, Gracie and Pearl, and have buried three others.

H. M. ROSEKRANS

Was born in Saratoga, New York, January 24, 1829. In 1852 he came to California, locating in Tuolumne County, and for one year kept a store at Kincoole's Flat. Next he engaged in mining, but concluded to give that up to follow his trade of painting. As an example of the prices obtained for provisions in those days, for a load of flour, which in 1852 Mr. Rosekrans brought from Knight's Ferry, he received \$200 a barrel. After over three years' residence in Sonora, he removed to San Francisco, still following his trade, all his undertakings in the latter place having been attended with success.

J. W. McCARTHI.

The subject of this sketch was born in Columbia, on May 5, 1853. He resided here till 1870, when he moved to Stanislaus. He was elected Minute Clerk of the Assembly in 1875 and 1877, and was elected County Clerk in 1877, and was his own successor for three terms. He is still County Clerk, and a nominee of the Democratic Convention for Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State. His brother, C. F. McCarthy, is now the nominee to succeed him as County Clerk. He is not married.

JUDGE CHARLES H. RANDALL.

Judge Randall, now the editor of the *Union Democrat*, and a resident of Sonora during some thirty years, and, withal, one of the most widely known and honored of all those who have owned Tuolumne as their home, has kindly put the publisher of this book in possession of a few plain facts relating to his life, of which the following are subjoined:

The Judge was born in Providence, Rhode: Island, June 7, 1824. Went from there to New York City in 1844, from New York City to Tennessee in 1846, coming to California around Cape Horn, landing in San Francisco September 9, 1849. In that year he mined at Weber Creek, a tributary of the American River. In 1850 he went to Central America, spent the Winter in Nicaragua, returned to California in 1851, and came to Chili Camp, Tuolumne County. in that Spring. Followed mining in the county until the Fall of 1853. In October, 1853, he;entered the Sheriff's Office, under Major P. L. Solomon, continuing

with him during the term, or until the Spring of 1856. Solomon was appointed United States Marshal in 1857, and Mr. Randall was Deputy in his office until the Fall of 1858, when he returned to Sonora, and entered the mercantile business with the late James Lane, doing business under the firm name of Lane & Randall until 1861. In 1861 he was elected Supervisor, and served six years. In 1867 he was elected County Judge, serving from June 1, 1868, to January 1, 1872. In 1869 he bought the *Union-Democrat*, conducting it until August, 1875, when he sold it and moved to San Francisco. In two years he came back, and bought into the *Democrat* again, where he now is. In politics he was originally a Whig. After the Presidential election of 1852 he was identified with no political party until 1856, since which time he has supported the Democratic party. Most of the time since 1856 he has been an active partizan, and has taken much interest in the welfare of the county. The Judge was one of the mass in early times, and saw many of the exciting scenes of those days. He sa^ys: " I hope to always live in the county, for it is my home, and. all other places are strange to me compared with it." It may not be out of place to say that he has been an active Odd Fellow since 1846; was Grand Master of the State of California in 1878-79, and has represented the Grand Encampment of California in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., for five sessions.

JOHN H. GRADY

Was born in San Francisco, July. 23, 1852, and in 1855 removed to Yankee Hill, Tuolumne County. His early education was acquired at Shaw's Flat and Springfield, at

which places he lived alternately until 1864, returning then to his native city. At the age of fifteen Mr. Grady learned the upholstering trade, and. remained in the furniture business until elected to the office of Tax Collector, in. 1881, and of which office he is the present incumbent.

Mr. Grady was one of the only three Democrats elected on his ticket, and. is the youngest executive officer in the City and. County of San Francisco.

DR. W. P. GIBBONS

Was born in Wilmington, Delaware, April 19, 1812. At the age of twelve he entered a printing office to learn type setting, where he remained for three years. Subsequently he was connected with the Franklin Type Foundry, one of the largest establishments of the kind in the United States.

Leaving the foundry, he went into business for himself, but failing health obliged him to give it up. After living on a farm for two years, he sufficiently recovered his health to take charge of a young ladies' seminary in Poughkeepsie, New York. His health again failing, the Doctor came to California, practicing medicine in San Francisco, having graduated in that branch in 1847, at the University of New York.

San Francisco's cool climate not agreeing with him, he removed to Tuolumne County in 1857, with headquarters at Columbia. Dr. Gibbons practiced here successfully for thirteen years, changing his residence, at the end of that period, to Alameda, where he has since remained, being one of the prominent medical men of that place.