

A HISTORY  
OF  
CALIFORNIA

AND AN  
Extended History of Its Southern Coast Counties

ALSO  
Containing Biographies of Well-Known Citizens of the Past and Present.

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in his mining operations at the Banner gold mines, and was likewise interested in agricultural pursuits. Deciding to confine his attention entirely to the tilling of the soil, he located near Oceanside, buying land that was in its virginal condition. By dint of judicious labor and good management he has since converted this tract into a well-cultivated and highly productive farm, and is now proprietor of a valuable ranch of six hundred and four acres, which in its appointments and improvements compares favorably with any in the neighborhood. Public-spirited and energetic, he takes great interest in the welfare of his adopted county, assisting the many enterprises tending towards the advancement of its interests, and for the past sixteen years has held an official position in the community, serving as constable of Oceanside.

May 6, 1886, Mr. Hubbert married Mary Hicks, who was born in California, a daughter of H. B. and M. J. Hicks, early pioneers of this state. Her parents were both born and reared in Texas, living there until after their marriage. Starting subsequently for the Pacific coast, they had a hard trip across the plains, and after taking up their residence in California had a full share of troubles and hardships to endure. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbert two children have been born, namely: Murray, now eighteen years of age, and Ethel, attending school. Politically Mr. Hubbert is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and religiously Mrs. Hubbert is a member of the Baptist Church.

**GEORGE F. ALLEN.** Whatever of success has come into the life of George F. Allen, a citizen of Somis, Ventura county, has been the result entirely of his own efforts, as he was early thrown upon his own resources with nothing but courage and industry to presage the worth of his future. Born in Madison county, Ill., January 4, 1872, he was a son of George W. and Jane (Renfrow) Allen, the latter of whom died when her son was an infant. The father was a farmer by occupation, following agricultural pursuits in Missouri until his enlistment for service in the Civil war, participating in the engagements of three years. His death occurred at Mt. Moriah, Mo., April 1, 1898.

George F. Allen received his education in the public schools of Missouri, in which state his boyhood and young manhood were passed, at the age of nineteen years becoming dependent upon his own resources. The opportunities of the west attracted him to the Pacific coast and in the vicinity of Portland, Ore., he found employment on a ranch for a time. Following this, he was located in the Willamette valley, after which he

came to California and in Hueneme worked for Senator Bard for the period of seven years. He then engaged independently in ranching, at the present writing renting one hundred acres and cultivating thirty acres to beans, twenty acres to apricots, the remainder of the land being in general farm products. He has been successful in his work and has accumulated some property, owning a residence in Hueneme, while his yearly crops bring him substantial financial returns. In Hueneme, January 25, 1898, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Susanna Dewar, a native of Canada, and born of this union was one child, now deceased. Mr. Allen is a member of the Baptist Church and a man of sound principles, as a public spirited citizen seeking to advance the best interests of the community.

**GEORGE J. WEIGLE.** One of the popular and successful German-American merchants of Pomona is George J. Weigle, who was born in Wurtemberg, near Stuttgart, February 6, 1865, and is a son of Michael and Christina (Myers) Weigle, also natives of Wurtemberg. In 1872 the family immigrated to the United States and settled on a farm in Lenawee county, Mich., six miles from Adrian, which was the family home for many years, or until the father disposed of the property and removed to Pomona, Cal., where he and his wife are still living.

Among the eight children born to his parents seven are living and George J. Weigle is the oldest of the number. As he was only about seven years of age when he left his native land the greater part of his education was received in the school of Palmyra, Mich. When his school life was over he took up farming in the vicinity of his home, and in fact remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years old, when, in 1887, he came to California. As yet he had no experience outside of agriculture and on coming to the west he very naturally sought employment along that line. During the same year, 1887, he secured employment on the Chino ranch in San Bernardino county, working as a butcher on this large stock ranch for three years. Upon giving up this position in 1891 he came to Pomona and bought out the stock and good will of the proprietor of the West Second street market. Under his management the business grew to such proportions that larger quarters were necessary and in 1894 he came to his present location, No. 240 South Main street, purchasing the property and opening his new business under the name of the Central market. However, he still owns and manages the original market on Second street. In connection with his markets Mr. Weigle has erected a large cold storage plant and refrigerator, in which

his meats are carefully preserved until required to supply either his wholesale or retail trade. His markets are supplied from stock which he buys and feeds on his twenty-acre ranch two miles south of Pomona. Here also he is erecting a modern cold-storage plant to further facilitate his business. This will have a capacity of about a carload of dressed beef, also pork and mutton in proportion.

The home of Mr. Weigle at the corner of Seventh and Main streets was erected according to his own plans, and is considered one of the most home-like residences in the city. His wife was before her marriage Emma Hensler, who was born in Niles, Mich., but was married in Pomona. Three children have brightened their home life, Hazel, Leola and Anita. Fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, Foresters, the Fraternal Aid and the Elks.

**ROBERT LEE BRAND.** The owner and proprietor of the Seaside market, R. L. Brand is one of the ablest men in his line not only in San Pedro, but in this part of the county, having acquired a success since his connection with this business in 1895 which has placed him among the prominent business men of this section. A native of West Virginia, he was born August 2, 1863, and is a son of Joseph L. and Delia (Furby) Brand, the former being a physician by profession. Giving up a lucrative practice in West Virginia in 1869 he located the same year in Balltown, Vernon county, Mo., and from that time until a few years ago followed his profession in that town and vicinity. Upon relinquishing his practice he removed to the adjoining county on the north, Bates county, where he owned a farm, and there followed an agricultural life until called to his reward, August 14, 1905, at which time he was in his eighty-sixth year. For twenty-five years he was deprived of the love and companionship of his wife, her death having occurred in 1880.

Up to the time he was six years old Robert L. Brand made his home in the locality of his birthplace, and vividly recalls the scenes and incidents connected with the removal of the family from West Virginia to Balltown, Mo., in 1869. His youth and early manhood were spent in the latter state, first attending the common schools in Balltown and later becoming interested in agricultural pursuits in that vicinity. Farming, however, was not the occupation which destiny had planned for his life work, for upon his removal to Visalia, Tulare county, Cal., in 1886, he turned his attention to learning the butcher's trade, a business which he has followed for nearly twenty years. During this time, however, he

spent two years in Montana, where he was engaged in the lumber business, but upon giving this up he returned to Visalia and resumed work at his trade. Another interruption occurred in 1894, at which time he returned to the old family home in Bates county, Mo., and after managing its affairs for one year again came to the Golden state, locating this time in San Pedro. Once more resuming work at the butcher's trade he clerked in the shop of George Hinds for a short time and subsequently worked in the same capacity for J. L. Griffin for one year, at the end of which time he bought out his employer, thus establishing himself in the business life of San Pedro. Under his ownership and supervision the sales of the Seaside market have increased to such an extent that three clerks and a cashier are in constant service. Although Mr. Brand commands a large local trade, he makes a specialty of furnishing supplies in his line for out-going ships, his location being especially convenient to the docks.

After coming to San Pedro, in May, 1900, Mr. Brand was united in marriage with Clara L. Hansen, and one child, Clarence L., has blessed their union. While Mr. Brand is deeply interested in the prosecution of his private affairs he is not so absorbed as to neglect his duties as a citizen, but on the other hand is alive to the well-being of his adopted home town and casts his ballot for Democratic candidates. His fraternal connections include membership in the Masonic order, Eagles, Modern Woodmen of America and Eastern Star, all of San Pedro, and in all of which organizations he is known as a helpful, agreeable member. Personally Mr. Brand is a man of excellent character and genial manners and one of the most prominent and successful merchants of San Pedro.

**CHARLES H. RUTLEDGE.** The scenic wonders, the luscious fruits and brilliant flowers, and the genial climate of Southern California have made this section of the state the mecca for thousands of tourists and health-seekers every year, the number of visitors increasing each season. The lodging and entertaining of these strangers has become an art and a science in which many men of enterprise and progression have become proficient, prominent among the number being Charles H. Rutledge, widely and favorably known as proprietor of the Casa Del-Mar, at Ocean Park, Los Angeles county. A son of Lewis Rutledge, he was born at Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, where his ancestors on both sides of the house settled in pioneer days.

Born and reared to agricultural pursuits, Lewis Rutledge continued as a tiller of the soil during his entire life of fifty-six years, dying

and Pattee & Lett for eight years, and at the end of that period he came south to Pomona. After these years of experience in the fruit business, Mr. Walcott next formed a partnership with C. A. Ludlow to handle oranges, the partnership continuing for two seasons. The following year was spent in partnership with C. E. Greaser in the real-estate business, but he soon returned to his life work, the fruit business, and took a clerical position with the San Antonio Fruit Exchange for three years, and while so connected was appointed manager and secretary of the Pomona Fruit Growers Exchange, in 1905, and has held that position since that date.

The marriage of Mr. Walcott, in 1893, united him with Miss Julia E. Williamson, and two children have been born to them, Herbert W. and Russell M., both now attending school in Pomona.

In fraternal circles Mr. Walcott is a member of the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Brotherhood. Fond of outdoor life, he takes his recreation in that healthful manner, and is also individually interested in fruit culture, owning citrus orchards in the Valley. Formerly a member of the local board of trade, he is now a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and active in all plans put forward for the advancement of this section. A man of keen public spirit, which brings him to the fore in such projects, Mr. Walcott can be counted on to do his share in promoting the welfare of his home community, and is highly respected for his devotion to duty.

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### GEORGE J. WEIGLE

In the life of this successful citizen of Pomona are illustrated the results of perseverance and energy, coupled with judicious management and strict integrity. He was a citizen of whom any community might well be proud, and his passing left a void in the business life of this section, as well as in the hearts of his many friends, who esteemed him for his fine qualities of heart and mind. Born in Wurtemberg, near Stuttgart, Germany, February 6, 1865, George J. Weigle was a son of Michael and Christina (Myers) Weigle, also natives of Wurtemberg. In 1872 the family emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm in Lenawee County, Mich., six miles from Adrian.

George J. was the oldest in a family of eight children, and was educated in the schools of Palmyra, Mich. He followed farming with his parents, and came to California in the spring of 1887, his family following later. Here he secured employment on the Chino Ranch in San Bernardino County, working as a butcher for Richard Gird on a large stock ranch for two years. In 1891 he came to Pomona and started in the butcher business here with his brother, Charles, as a partner, in the old Central Market. In 1894 they moved to 240 South Main Street as the business grew, and in 1895 Charles withdrew and



went into business for himself, and George J. continued alone until his death, June 24, 1916. He conducted three markets in Pomona, and a branch in Chino, all supplied from stock which he purchased and fattened on his twenty-acre ranch two miles south of Pomona; there he erected a cold-storage plant and slaughter house, and built a large cold-storage and refrigerator plant at his market in town as well.

The marriage of Mr. Weigle, in Pomona, united him with Emma Hansler, a native of Niles, Mich., and three daughters were born to them: Hazel, Leola and Anita. The father erected a fine home on the corner of Seventh and Main Streets, and the family still reside there. A man of sterling qualities, always ready to help in any movement for the advancement of Pomona, Mr. Weigle was prominent in the civic and social life of the community as well as in business circles. Fraternally, he was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters, the Fraternal Aid, and of Pomona Lodge No. 789, B. P. O. Elks. It is his standard of citizenry which has brought this section to its present era of prosperity.

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### JULIAN F. CUMBERLAND

It is natural that earnest devotion to the interests of California should characterize Julian F. Cumberland for the long span of forty-two years has elapsed since he first came to the Golden State, and though his stay was then but for a year he was, like thousands of others, drawn back to its borders, and now for a period of thirty-four years he has been continuously identified with the growth of Pomona Valley and one of the most important factors in the development of the La Verne section. Here he has led a useful, contented and prosperous existence, exhibiting in the management of his extensive interests a capability and energy equalled by few. Mr. Cumberland was born on September 18, 1835, near Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, a town that has become historically famous through its association with the earliest days of the temperance movement known as the "Woman's Crusade." Here a little band of courageous Christian women led by the widow of Judge Thompson, emboldened by their consecrated ideals, began this crusade, praying in and before the saloons amid the jeers and scoffs of the passers-by, but from this little band there developed the world-wide organization known as the Women's Christian Temperance Union, a movement that has gained momentum until now their cherished ideal of a saloonless America is to be realized.

Mr. Cumberland's father, William Cumberland, was born in Pennsylvania at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers in 1821, and when ten years of age he removed with his parents to Ohio and settled on a new farm eighteen miles south of Hillsboro. It was timber land and they cleared and improved it, William sharing



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Every generation enjoys the use of a vast hoard bequeathed to it by people of former times, and they transmit that hoard, augmented by new acquisitions, to future generations. In these pursuits, therefore, the one in the beginning stage is under great disadvantage, and even when he fails, is entitled to praise.

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erected a modern cold storage and meatpacking plant. This plant had the capacity of a carload of dressed beef, pork, or mutton in proportion.