medicine, after acquiring a liberal education, and when but 21 had the courage and wisdom to join the band of picked men who came out to California in the year 1849 and laid the foundations of the splendid State that is the heritage we now enjoy. Weak men, men of irresolution, men lacking in the quality that carves the way for civilization, did not come to California in those days. Dr. Simpson was a pioneer in spirit and action, and he has not had occasion to regret it that he was one of the early settlers of the Golden State. Like nearly all who were of the Argonautic band, he engaged in mining at first, on Wood's Creek, Tuolumne County. When he had satisfied his gold fever, he turned to the distinguished profession to which he had given his early study and began the practice of medicine. He opened the first drug store in the city of Stockton, in the winter of 1850. He subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits in San Joaquin County, and improved and settled three fine farms in that rich section of the State. Being a versatile man, and having capacity for many things, he responded to the demand that he should serve his fellow citizens as Justice of the Peace, and in time became one of the Justices of the Court of Sessions of San Joaquin County, we then having such a tribunal composed of the County Judge and two Justices of the Peace. In 1867 he removed to the city of Alameda, where he so won the confidence of the people and commanded their esteem that he served them for three terms in the Board of City Trustees. After a short retirement from public life, he was selected as President of the Alameda Free Library, and shortly afterward was elected to represent the county in the Assembly of 1884 by the largest vote ever given a candidate to that date in the district. In the recent election, Dr. Simpson was elected Senator by an overwhelming majority, it being no less than 1,292. He is an active, broad-minded, stirring, progressive man, and sympathetic with and desirous of aiding the laboring class to better conditions, as his efforts in the last Assembly will attest.

HENRY M. STREETER.

Senator From the Fortieth District, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties.

Senator Streeter represents the Fortieth District, from San Bernardino and San Diego, and his home is in Riverside, San Bernardino county. He is 61 years of age, a native of Massachusetts, and came to California in the year 1875. Horticulture, the great coming industry of this State, is his vocation. Soon after his arrival in the State, Mr. Streeter so impressed himself upon the people of his community as a man of affairs, of clear-headed and practical worth, of sterling integrity and indomitable will, that as early as 1879, when he had been but four years in California, they sent him to represent them in the Assembly. His service in that body of the Legislature of that year gave such satisfaction that he was returned to the Assembly of 1880. These were the trying years, for they embraced the revolutionary period, so to speak, in which we undid one and set up another constitution, and adapted the laws to the new order of things. In 1888 Mr. Streeter was chosen as a Republican Presidential Elector for the Sixth Congressional District. He thus thrice received the indorsement of an intelligent constituency within a period of nine years. But he has held many minor local offices and trusts, and in all of them has served with distinction. He is now Director of the Riverside Water Company, an important local corporation. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the city of Riverside. In 1882, it should be stated, he was nominated for the State Senate, but went under the Democratic tidal wave at the time. It was written of his course in the Legislature of '80: "He is watchful and alert for the interests of his constituents, and his vote is found going in the right place. He has studiously avoided wasting the money and time of the people in long speeches; he is ever found in his seat attending to business and voting wisely."

H. C. WILSON.

State Senator From the Eighth District, Tehama and Colusa.

Senator Wilson was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, August 9, 1827. His parents removed soon after to Illinois, and at the age of 11 the lad was an orphan, both his father and mother having died. He returned to his old home in Kentucky, and soon after joined a party setting out for Texas, arriving there in 1840. He labored at various things for a time and then joined Captain Tom I. Smith's Rangers, for the protection of frontier settlements. On the outbreak of the Mexican War he entered the Jack Hayes Regiment and fought with it in Captain Eli Chandler's Company under Taylor in Worth's famous division. At the close of the war, after active and arduous service in the field he was mustered out and returned home. In 1849 he joined a company for California, starting from San Antonio, Texas, and after much trouble with the Apache Indians and severe fighting and many trials, he reached California, and with slight pauses at other points arrived at Stockton August 17, 1849. Getting credit for provisions he soon set out for the mines in Tuolumne County. Mining not agreeing with his health, however, he engaged in the carriage of freight by packing, carrying to and from various points until 1852. He then sold out to his partner and went to Texas, came back to Arkansas and brought out the first drove of cattle ever driven into the State. He arrived with this consignment in October, 1852, after serious encounters with the Indians. He then settled on Thomes Creek, Tehama County, and entered upon stock-raising, and has ever since been engaged in it. He married, in 1855, Miss Hanna J. Freeman of Shasta County, and the couple has five children. In the period of the anti-fence law legislation, some fifteen years ago, Mr. Wilson removed his stock to Grant County, Oregon, where his stock-raising business has since been mainly prosecuted. He has been successful and has amassed a fortune. By the death of his brother he acquired valuable mining property in Arizona, which he still works. It was through his efforts mainly that the first Board of Horticulture was established in California—1886. He was a member of that board for a number of years. He was chosen a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1879 from Tehama. He was the unanimous choice of his party—the Democratic—for State Senator in 1890, and received the highest compliment of a two-third's vote, plus. He is an extensive land-owner. Mr. Wilson was a California delegate to the National Convention which nominated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency. Senator Wilson is a man of integrity and clean life, and of great earnestness and persistency. Convinced that he is right, he adheres to the policy that wisdom advises, and is immovable except by sound reason. He is a humane man, broad in his sympathies and public spirited in his views.

J. D. BARNETT.

Assemblyman From the Twenty-fourth District, Sonoma County.

Assemblyman Barnett, one of the most representative citizens of Sonoma County, was born in Buffalo, N. Y., January 2, 1845. When he was 8 years old his family removed to St. Croix County, Wisconsin, and there young Barnett grew to manhood. He received an academic education, but while acquiring it he worked alternately at the trade of blacksmithing and on a farm, thus acquiring a practical knowledge of handicraft and of the toil of a farmer. At the age of 19 he volunteered in the Union Army, and served throughout the war in the Army of the Cumberland as a private in Company A, Forty-fourth Wisconsin Infantry. In 1866 he received a business education in Chicago. He then spent several years in teaching school as a bookkeeper. In 1871 he located in the city of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, becoming cashier of the leading banking institution of that city. He resigned the office, however, in 1880, to accept the position of manager in the office of the Mississippi River Logging Company, which trust he held until 1883, when he went into the lumbering business for himself. But a change of climate became necessary for the health of his family, and he therefore choose the mild air and sunny skies of California, and in 1884 settled at Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, engaging in the mercantile business. He early impressed himself upon the community as a progressive man, of clear and advanced views, and was called upon to occupy various public positions of importance to the community. Thus, he was made School Director, and he has served as Under Sheriff for the past three years, under Sheriff, now State Controller Colgan. He became popular with the people of Sonoma, for his sterling qualities, his public spirit and his broad humanity. As a result, when he became a candidate for the Assembly he was elected by the largest majority ever received in the district by a Republican. Mr. Barnett married the daughter of Judge C. B. Cox, formerly a prominent citizen of Wisconsin, and now a resident of Santa Rosa; the couple have four children and enjoy all the pleasures of a happy and comfortable home. Mr. Barnett is Chairman of the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries in the House, of which he is a member.

ELWOOD BRUNER.

Assemblyman From the Nineteenth District, Sacramento County.

Assemblyman Bruner represents Sacramento County in the lower house. He is 36 years of age and has lived thirty-four years in California. All his thoughts, interests and devotion are therefore Californian and in common with the prosperity and honor of this State. After a common school education Mr. Bruner was graduated from the University of the Pacific in 1874 as Bachelor of Arts. He read law in San Jose with Moore, Laine, Delmas & Leib, and came to the bar of the Supreme Court in April, 1877. Soon after he located in Sacramento, where he has ever since resided and followed his profession. He has always felt and manifested a deep interest in public affairs, and has had a natural inclination towards political study and activity, which has been recognized by the people, who have invested him with several places of high trust. In 1879 he was sent by them to the Assembly, and served faithfully and well in the first Legislature under the new Constitution. In that body he was Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and a member of the Committees on Claims, Swamp and Overflowed Lands, Public Printing and the Judiciary Committee. In 1884 he was made a member of the Board of Education of Sacramento City and inaugurated many reforms in the city school system. In 1886 the Republican Convention unanimously nominated and the people elected him by over 1,100 majority to be District Attorney of Sacramento County. He was again unanimously nominated for the office in 1888 and was re-elected by an increased majority. In 1890 he was nominated by acclamation for the Assembly and was elected by a handsome majority. In 1887 Mr. Bruner was elevated to the highly honorable position of Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in California. By his zeal and earnestness he received from that order the loftiest encomiums and profoundest testimonials of satisfaction. He is a graceful speaker, a ready and forcible debater and a powerful advocate before court or jury. He is a splendid campaign speaker, excellent in post prandial effort, and reasons with vigor and logical force. He takes great interest in all local affairs; he is a clear-headed lawyer, a model prosecuting officer and a public spirited and progressive citizen, and has proved to be an excellent legislator. His career is looked forward to with high hope by a wide circle of friends.

JUDSON BRUSIE.

Assemblyman From the Eighteenth District, Sacramento County.

Mr. Brusie represents the Eighteenth Assembly District, a portion of Sacramento County, in the Assembly. He was born in Laporte, Indiana, March 28, 1864. In his verey arly youth his family removed to California and settled in Amador County. Mr. Brusie was educated after leaving the common schools at the University of the Pacific at San Jose. On leaving the university he entered the office of Judge A. P. Catlin, now of the Superior bench of Sacramento, and began a thorough course of reading and was admitted to the bar. He went to Amador County and entered upon the practice of his profession, and at once took a prominent place at the bar, being a ready debater, a graceful and eloquent speaker, and possessing the enthusiasm of youth and ambition. He soon became widely known, and taking a part in politics, as a Republican, the people of Amador selected him in 1886 to represent them in the Assembly, where he served his constituency and the State with ability and vigor. At the conclusion of the session of 1887, Mr. Brusie settled in Sacramento City, and resumed the practice of his profession. He formed here a wide circle of friends, being of an exceedingly urbane disposition, cheerful, genial and strongly social, loving the society of his fellow men. In 1890 he was proposed by his party for the Assembly, to represent Sacramento County, and was elected from the Eighteenth District by an exceedingly large majority. Mr. Brusie has native eloquence, fine command of language, vivid imagination and graceful fancy. Upon the stump, or on the floor of the House, he commands admiring attention by his finished delivery and the wit and originality of his style. Mr. Brusie is a married man, still in the flush of youth, is ambitious and inspired by high hopes. It is, therefore, not unreasonable to look forward to a career for him in the future, of still greater usefulness in offices of still more importance and of greater responsibility. It is a fact worthy of record that Mr. Brusie, sitting to-day in the Assembly, occupies a position similar to that filled by his father, the late Dr. Brusie, who was at one time Assemblyman from Amador County.

REESE CLARK.

Assemblyman from the Twenty-first District, Yolo County.

Mr. Clark represents the Twenty-first District in the Assembly, Yolo county. His has been an eventful life, full of romance and change. He is a self-made man, as the tale of his career will disclose. He was born in Missouri in 1847, while his parents were emigrating westward in search of a new home, in company with a large party; many of the number were killed by Indians, while others perished from exposure and hardship. Among the number who died on the plains were the father, mother and brother of Mr. Clark. A relief party rescued the few who survived the horrors of that terrible trip. The relief party brought the rescued into Oregon, and young Clark was placed in charge of a man named Besketh, who at a very tender age put the lad to the dangerous labor of riding the horses of the place, which as a rule, were broken and managed only with extreme difficulty. In 1857 young Clark's master took offense and flogged him severely, whereupon the spirited boy ran away, and going some twenty miles fell in with a man with a pack mule bound for Yreka. He joined the traveler and reached the California town in safety, where he worked at such odd jobs as he could secure, mainly serving trading parties, until late in the year 1860, the opportunity offering, he went to Jacksonville, Oregon, and enlisted as a bugler in the First Oregon Cavalry, Company A. Here his training in horsemanship served him well. He served in the command on the frontier for three years, and in 1863 was honorably discharged. He then bought a pony and struck out for the Idaho mines, was successful in his venture and sold out for a good sum and returned to Oregon. Up to this time Mr. Clark could neither read nor write. But he resolved to remedy these omissions, and attended Bethel College for two years, studying with untiring diligence and advancing with great rapidity. He then engaged in merchandising in Polk County, Oregon, and continued in it until 1875, when he met with reverses and lost all of his little fortune except about a thousand dollars. With this he set out for Winters, Yolo County, in this State, where he engaged in retail liquors and groceries. At all possible leisure he pursued his studies, and now took to reading law, and with such diligence and intelligence that he was admitted to the bar of the Superior Court in 1878, and to the bar of the Supreme Court in 1884, he in the meantime having removed to Woodland, the county seat, and entered upon the practice of his profession. By reason of his diligence, native ability and his strong purpose, Mr. Clark has won a close place in the esteem of the people and a large and lucrative practice. Such a man, with such varied experiences, must have a good estimate of men, and be able to make his experience of the highest usefulness to his constituents whom he serves in the Legislature, where Mr. Clark commands respect and exercises marked influence. Affairs of State in the hands of such self-made men are in safe custody.

CHARLES G. CARGILL.

Assemblyman From the Sixty-eighth District, San Benito County.

Assemblyman Charles G. Cargill is a resident of San Juan, where he has the enjoyment of a large and lucrative medical practice. He was born at Newberg, Vermont, in May, 1846, and is consequently not yet 44 years of age. He received the advantages of a good common school and of an academic education in his native State. He was favored, also, with a part of a course at the Norwich Military University, but at the age of 16, the war breaking out, he enlisted in the Sixteenth Vermont Volunteers and entered the national service to maintain the Union. He was made a corporal, and he was one of the members of Stannard's celebrated brigade, that turned the tide of battle on that fated third day at Gettysburg. At the close of the war Mr. Cargill gave his attention once more to study, and in July, 1865, took up the study of medicine, and for three years gave his whole time to it. He was graduated with high honors from the medical department of Dartmouth College in October, 1868. He at once entered upon practice, and has at no time abandoned it. He came to California, as affording a young man a better field, and he chose wisely. He arrived here in 1872, in November, and located himself at San Juan for the first few months. He then removed to San Jose, but soon after, in 1873, he returned to his first choice, and has ever since remained in San Juan. Dr. Cargill, by his upright life, his devotion to the interests of his community, his straightforward and manly methods, has become a popular and a trusted man, and as a result he was elected to the Assembly in November last from a strong Democratic county, though he is an ardent and life-long Republican. He is a prominent member of the Masonic order, and has been for many years. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and holds the position at this time of Commander of Jesse L. Reno Post, located at Hollister. In the Assembly, say the intimate friends of Dr. Cargill, he will be found voting fearlessly, squarely, and with the right; that he is not only a man of opinions, but of convictions, and that he has no element of timidity in the discharge of duty. They look to his course with perfect content, that it will reflect honor upon their choice and credit upon the State.

GEORGE E. CARTER.

Assemblyman From the Fifty-seventh District, Contra Costa County.

Mr. George E. Carter represents the Fifty-seventh District (Contra Costa) in the Assembly. He comes of sterling stock of the American pioneer class, his great-grandparents on both sides having immigrated to America in the year 1760. They came from England and settled in the city of Philadelphia, where the families still live. Mr. Carter was born in the same metropolis on October 15, 1851. He was raised in that city and received his education in her schools and at the old Germantown Academy, which is one of the oldest and best-known educational institutions in the Quaker City. In 1873 Mr. Carter resolved to come te California—a wise resolution, which many a young man has acted upon—to enter in youth a new country. He arrived in San Francisco January 2, 1874, and engaged in the stock business, which he pursued for nine years. For six years of that period he was a member and Secretary of the California Board of Brokers. In June, 1883, he was offered and accepted a position with the great grain firm of Starr & Co., and removed to Crockett, Contra Costa County, to assume his new post, where he became the local business manager of the firm. The same year Mr. Carter was married to Miss Annie L. Davis, of San Francisco. When Mr. Carter went to Contra Costa that part of the county was very thinly populated, and the settlements were in marked contrast to the many flourishing towns that now dot the shores of Carquinez Straits. In the development of local interests in all that section Mr. Carter has been closely and actively engaged. The people have recognized his capacity and public spirit, and for five years have demanded and received his services upon the Board of Education. He has filled other positions of trust also, and has represented his district at every Republican Convention, State and county, since 1883. He is an ardent Republican, and in his county is looked upon as a standard-bearer. He has hosts of friends and supporters, as his vote at the late election shows, when he ran far ahead of his ticket. He is a thorough business man, enjoys the confidence of his community, is clear-headed, vigorous and of cool judgment. In the Legislature he will be an important factor.

FRANK L. COOMBS.

Assemblyman, Twenty-Second District, and Speaker of the House.

Speaker Coombs was born near Napa City, in the year 1853. He attended the public schools at his home, and later was sent to McClure's Academy, Oakland. In 1871 he went to Boston and took the regular course at the Columbia Law School, and was graduated in 1875. Returning to Napa City, he entered upon the practice of his profession, and with surprising rapidity rose to a front rank at that bar, and commanded a lucrative and reputable practice. In 1879 he was elected District Attorney of Napa County on the Republican ticket, and served in that important station two terms with entire satisfaction to his people, and greatly to his credit. He was, at the close of his service, generally spoken of as a most desirable man to send to Congress, but he did not push his ambition in that direction, but was elected in 1886 to the Legislature, and again in 1889. In both sessions he proved a very prominent figure, and one of the specially strong and fearless debaters and diligent workers in behalf of leading measures for State interests. In 1890 his people for the third time nominated him for the Assembly, and he was elected by a very large majority. As soon as it was known that Napa County claimed the Speakership for their representative, his fitness and strength were conceded, and no opposition was thought of or made to the claim. Accordingly Mr. Coombs was made Speaker on the assembling of the House without a solitary vote in his party being presented to contest the honor with him. He had, it should be stated, received the complimentary vote of his party in the House for Speaker at the preceeding session, but his party was then in the minority in that body. Mr. Coombs has been one of the most active and effective campaigners in the State, and has stumped the State for his party with great success. He has frequently been a member of the party conventions of the State, and has had the honor of being canvassed by his political colleagues as the proper man in line for the Governorship. While the law is his vocation, he has given much attention to agriculture, fruit-growing and the breeding of fine horses. Mr. Coombs is quick of comprehension, well read, of scholarly tastes, has a brilliant imagination, reasons logically and concisely, and is a fluent and graceful orator. Among the young men of California there is not a more promising figure in political life than Mr. Speaker Coombs, nor one who stands higher in the esteem of his people.

W. S. CUNNINGHAM.

Assemblyman from the Seventy-first District, Tulare County.

Mr. Cunningham, Assemblyman from Tulare, is essentially a self-made man, as this sketch will prove. He was born in Orange County, New Jersey, in 1837. He had small opportunity to attend schools. He parents removed when he was an infant to Cleveland, Ohio, and the boy found it necessary, at a tender age, to work hard. At 11 he had to look out for himself, and worked at whatever he could find to do best, with diligence and energy, being prudent, saving, self-respecting, and self-educating all the time. At 19 he had saved enough to take him South, and he went, accordingly, to Greenwood, Mississippi, where he remained until after the first battle of Bull Run, when he returned to Cleveland. The occasion of his exit from the South is not unromantic. He was the only Northern man in the place. The feeling against Northerners ran high, and a meeting of citizens passed a resolution declaring that no Northern man should receive or mail letters without inspection by a committee. This Mr. Cunningham took to be aimed against him. He defied the meeting to carry out their threat. He warned them that they had made a mistake in branding Northerners as cowards, and they would find in him one, at least, who was not afraid of them. He added that there were hundreds of thousands like him at the North. His defiance staggered the people, and soon after some of them disclaimed intending the resolution for him, but he found it would be best to leave the section, and not contend with overwhelming odds. He stole away by night, crept by stealth through unfrequented parts, and after much hardship reached the northern lines. In 1862 he married the sister of Judge Hoffman, a widely known Ohioan. He went to work about that time in west Pennsylvania, in coal works, beginning at the bottom of the ladder, and in two years reaching the place of the first in the trade. He invested in the coal works and still has an interest in the manufactory there. He came to California in 1879, located in Tulare County on desirable land, and has there a comfortable home. He was nominated for the Assembly by acclamation, and defeated Oregon Sanders, the Republican candidate, one of the strongest and most popular men in the valley, by 408 votes. He did not seek the nomination or intrigue for election. He made no trades and spent no money save for legitimate campaign expenses. His refusal to manifest ambition for the place or engage in vulgar methods to gain it; his upright course in the community and his frank and straightforward manner won him hosts of friends. He has the reputation of being a man of incorruptible integrity, of sterling worth and courage. He is positive in his views, but not insensible to reason; is of careful judgment and is at all times ready to hear both sides. He is humane—indeed gentle—and scarcely appears the resolute man his neighbors pronounce him to be and which his life's career proves he is.

GILLIS DOTY.

Assemblyman From the Twentieth District, Part of Sacramento County.

Mr. Doty was born in the State of Pennsylvania, in the year 1835. His parents removed to Rock Island, Ill., when he was yet an infant. This was in 1837. Mr. Doty's father was a carpenter, and instilled into his son, by his teaching, the value and necessity for labor and the honorable character of it. Mr. Doty attended school, and at the same time labored to the full ability of sturdy youth, until 1852, when his parents removed to a farm, and young Doty, accompanying them, began life anew as a farmer, and learned, by dint of hard experience, the duties and demands of that vocation. In 1857 Mr. Doty married. He continued to work as a tiller of the soil until 1862, when he came to California, locating in Sacramento County as a farmer, and here he has since continuously resided and adhered to agricultural pursuits. He is a man of vigor of thought and great force in presenting and maintaining his views. This quality brought him into prominence, and he became widely known as a campaigner and as the advocate of reform and progressive ideas. In 1883 he was the Democratic nominee for the Assembly, and was elected in a Republican district. He served his constituency faithfully, and in 1890 was again put forward by the farmers, being nominated on the Democratic ticket, and was again chosen to the representative branch of the Legislature. His original home in this county was on the Cosumnes River, but it is now at Elk Grove, where he has a pleasant homestead. Mr. Doty is a forcible speaker, and he enjoys the reputation of keeping every pledge made to the people and of leading an upright and manly life, that commands him the esteem of the people wherever he is known.

THOMAS H. ESTEY.

Assemblyman From the Twenty-eighth District, Marin County.

Mr. Estey represents Marin County in the Assembly, being a member from the Twenty-eighth District. Could Mr. Estey's life details be written out they would form the basis for a very interesting if not dramatic tale. For certainly his has been a varied career, and it has been full of pioneer activity, of youthful hardship and toil, and not a little of adventure, settling, however, into the placidity and content that distinguishes the life of the successful agriculturist. Mr. Estey was born in Sharon, Massachusetts, August 12, 1826. Until he was thirteen years old he lived in that place, where he received schooling in the public schools. He was left an orphan when very young, and at an early age was compelled to go to hard labor upon a farm near an adjoining town, where he worked for three years. At the age of sixteen he resolved to change the condition of his life, and shipped accordingly for deep sea sailing. He followed the life of a sailor for nearly eight years, becoming inured to toil and hardship and meeting with all the vicissitudes that beset the sailor's career. When he was not yet 24, he heard of the gold excitement in California, and resolved to go to the mines. He left Boston in the bark "Lanark," for San Francisco, February 10, 1849, and reached his destination September 12th. He remained but a short time in port, and then set out for El Dorado County, where he engaged in the rude mining of the period, which he followed for three years with success. In 1853 he came to Sacramento County and engaged in cultivation of the soil, near what is now Richland, where he remained for four years. He then removed to Marin County and settled permanently as a farmer, and engaged in dairying. In these vocations he is still engaged, near Nicasio, where he has a large ranch, which he manages to the interest of successful accumulation of means. Mr. Estey enjoys the esteem of a large circle, and the confidence of the people of his county. So much so, that they selected him to represent them in the Constitutional Convention of 1879. He has also for many years been a Deputy Sheriff of his county. Mr. Estey is recognized as a careful, thoughtful man of broad views, clear perceptions, and sound judgment.

EDWARD A. FREEMAN.

Assemblyman From the Sixtieth District, Amador County.

Assemblyman Edward A. Freeman was born in Jackson, Amador County, February 20, 1862. His parents are of American nativity, his father, Edward G, Freeman, being a native of New York City, and his mother, Georgiana E. Fritz, a native of Baltimore. In the public schools of Jackson Mr. Freeman laid the foundation of his education. At the age of 11 he entered the Oakland High School. He was of a very independent spirit, and after a year's application to his studies, he resolved to strike out and support himself; so at the early age of 12 he began to work in an Alden Fruit Dryer. After two seasons of hard work he secured a position as salesman in a dry goods establishment. At 16 he resolved to learn a trade and entered upon an apprenticeship of three years at harness and saddle making. His health was not good and when he was freehanded again, instead of pursuing his trade, he spent a year in the out-door active business of canvassing, and then opened a general variety business. In 1884, Mr. Freeman, unsatisfied with his outlook, and thirsting for more knowledge, entered the Hastings Law College at San Francisco, but his health gave way before he completed his studies, and prior to the close of the first year he returned to Jackson, where he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. He still continued his reading and in August, 1885, he was admitted to the bar of the Superior Court of Amador. In the same year he was nominated by the Republican party for the office of District Attorney of the county, but suffered defeat. He then returned to the trade he had learned and as his health improved studied law with diligence in every leisure hour from his labor. On the 9th of May, 1890, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court with honor. Last Fourth of July his people selected him to deliver the oration on the celebration of the national holiday at Jackson. He received the Republican nomination for the Assembly, and the people of Amador elected him. Mr. Freeman is essentially a self-made man. He has always been a hard student; so much so that he has injured his eyesight and is compelled to wear glasses. His reputation has always been that of the pure, clean man of honesty of purpose, and one who is proof against the assault of the temptation from any quarter. He is a vigorous speaker, and his delivery is in a firm clear voice. On the 9th of May, 1888, Mr. Freeman was married to Miss Eloise Lillian Trowbridge, a native daughter of Jackson. They have been blessed with one child, a daughter. Mr. Freeman is of quiet and temperate habit and disposition, and hence has strong domestic tastes, and his life is passed in his home, when business does not call him away. He is a man of promise and his people look forward to his career with highest expectation.

W. H. GALBRAITH,

Assemblyman From the Fiftieth District, Santa Cruz County.

Mr. Galbraith represents the Fiftieth District, Santa Cruz County, in the Assembly. He was born in the town of Barnet, Vermont, in the year 1849. He attended the public schools of his birthplace, and prepared himself for college at St. Johnsbury, Vt. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1872, and returned to St. Johnsbury and engaged in teaching in the High School of that place, a vocation which he followed for two years. He then took up the study of the law with a view of making its practice his permanent profession. In the meantime he resolved to go out into a new country, and accordingly came to California in the fall of 1876, locating in Santa Cruz. He taught school there for a time, and then removed to Oakland and filled a position in the High School of that city for a term of six years. He then resigned the position, though he could have permanently retained it unquestionably, and returned to Santa Cruz County and engaged in horticulture, viticulture and other cultivation of the soil. He has a home in the foothills, about five miles from Santa Cruz, which he has rendered extremely attractive. Mr. Galbraith is one of the principal stockholders in the Santa Cruz Mountain Wine Company. He has served as a member of the Board of Education of Alameda and of Santa Cruz Counties. In the Assembly he occupies the important position of Chairman of the Committee on Education. Mr. Galbraith is a man who has the respect of all who know him, and who is esteemed by his constituency as one of irreproachable character, strong conviction and unfaltering honesty of purpose. In the Assembly we have had opportunity to take note of Mr Galbraith's position among his fellow-members, and have observed, from the outset, that his voice invariably commands a hearing by the House; that his advice is received with respectful consideration, and that he impresses the members and on-lookers as a man who reflects, who is not hasty in judgment, and is subject only to the force of sound reason. He is spoken of by the people of Santa Cruz as a man of warm sympathies and generous impulses and as one of public spirit and progressive ideas. As a speaker in the House or on the rostrum he is logical, precise, clear in all his statements, lucid in argument and direct in his approaches, thus bearing witness, unconsciously perhaps, to the training he has given himself as a teacher.

FELIX GRUNDY HAIL.

Assemblyman From the Sixth District, Sierra and Plumas Counties.

Mr. Hail represents the Sixth District in the Assembly, Sierra and Plumas Counties. He was born in Camden County, Missouri, October 9, 1851. When seven years of age the family removed to Kansas. His parents were Kentuckians, and his father was a veteran of the Mexican war, who died in Butte County in 1883. Mr. Hail resided in Kansas until 1863, much of his boyhood being passed in the midst of the stirring scenes and events that preceded the civil war, and marked its progress. The family came to California, crossing the plains in wagons from Linn County, Kansas, and arriving in Chico in 1863. They settled near that city and began the farmer life. The winter of 1863-64 was a dry one and the small production of the farm demanded not only rigid economy, but hard and assiduous labor. When young Hail, therefore, was not at work upon the home place, he was found laboring for wages and enjoying only a few months of schooling in each year. This hard discipline was of immense value to him, however. When his younger brothers were old enough to give the labor necessary to the farm, young Hail, then 19, struck out for himself, determined to broaden his education all he could, and to fit himself for manhood and independence. During the succeeding year, by hard work, close economy and rigid self-denial, he saved $240, and spent the next year, 1871-72, at school under the tutorship of H. T. Batchelder, then a leading educator of Butte County. He won a teacher's certificate, and entered upon the vocation of teaching. He went to Plumas county in 1875 and followed the same honorable profession until 1884. In 1877 his abilities and popularity led to his election to the office of Superintendent of Schools for that county, a position to which he was deservedly re-elected in 1879. In the meantime he won a life diploma. On the 26th of May, 1878, he was married in Sacramento to Miss Mary Alvie Leonard, who had just returned from the State Normal School. Mrs. Hail is the eldest daughter of Mrs. R. M. Austin, the well-known botanist. Four children—two boys and two girls—have been born to the couple. In 1884 Mr. Hail's attention was directed towards journalism, and in that year he purchased the Greenville (Plumas) *Bulletin*, and is now the editor and proprietor of that influential journal, which he conducts with ability and dignity and with sincere and ardent devotion to the best interests of the county and of the State. Mr. Hail was a member of the Republican State Convention of 1886. In September last he was nominated by his party as joint Assemblyman for Plumas and Sierra, and defeated F. R. Wehe, the most popular young Democrat of that section, and who had the support of many wealthy partisans of Sierra, and of the Native Sons. During the campaign Mr. Hail took the stump with ex-Senator Kellogg, and did effective and honorable service in securing a Republican victory in the Sixth District. In the Assembly Mr. Hail will be found bold, judicial and impressive. He is Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Mines and Mining Interests, and a member of the Committees on Ways and Means and Education. During his attendance at the Legislature his paper is ably edited by his wife.

MARCUS HARLOE.

Assemblyman From the Seventy-third District, San Luis Obispo County.

Assemblyman Harloe, better and popularly known as Captain Harloe, is one of the best known men in the State. Very few people indeed, are there in California who have not at one time or another heard of Captain Harloe as commander of ships, or in important public trusts related to commerce. He was raised in the State of New York, and at the age of 14 went to sea, following natural inclination in so doing. Prior to that, however, he attended school a few years and improved all advantages that were open to him. In 1850 he arrived in San Francisco harbor, and has ever since been a prominent citizen of the State. He received command of vessels sailing on the bay and navigating the Sacramento River, and quickly became known as one of the safe and capable captains. But he did not remain long in that business, at that time, as he went to the Klamath mines, where he resided six months, after which he again took to the deep sea, and he has remained true to it for most of the time since, until about three years ago, when he retired to the deserved comforts of a home on shore, taking up his residence on his ranch in the County of San Luis Obispo, which county he represents in the Assembly. Since 1884 he has been master of ships and steamers on this coast, off and on, so that he has a remarkably wide acquaintance with the commercial and traveling public. His fitness called him to the position at one time of Harbormaster at San Francisco, and to that of Chief-Wharfinger of that port, both of which trusts he filled with satisfaction to the people. He was long in command of coast vessels of Holliday, Brenham & Co., and also of ships of the Goodall, Perkins & Co. line. The latter firm, in acknowledgment of his faithfulness and ability, presented him with a costly gold watch when he retired from service. Mr. Harloe is married, his wife being one of the Pioneer Native Daughters. The couple are blessed with seven children, and have their permanent home in San Luis Obispo County, where the people chose Captain Harloe as one of their Supervisors, a position he filled with high credit for two years. He enjoys the confidence of the public, the esteem of all who know him, and in public life is recognized as a practical, clear-headed and far-seeing man of strong and honest purpose.

A. J. JACKSON.

Assemblyman From the Fifth District, Modoc and Lassen Counties.

Mr. Jackson represents in the Assembly of the present Legislature the counties of Modoc and Lassen, composing the Fifth Assembly District. Mr. Jackson is a young man, with the world as yet before him, for he was born at Weaverville, the county seat of Trinity County, as recently as the year 1866, and consequently is scarcely 25 years of age. In his boyhood he had the advantages of a good school education in the schools of Sacramento and of San Francisco until 1880, when he removed to Modoc County, and while yet a lad engaged in the stock raising business, which he has ever since followed and in which he is now interested on a very large scale, and in which also he is achieving eminent success. It is very rare that a mere lad has undertaken to launch in so difficult an enterprise as is the raising of stock, but Mr. Jackson's business abilities are of a character fitting him for such a vocation, which is one demanding unusual skill, and a venturesome spirit. For in the important industry there is great risk taken, though large profits are gained. Mr. Jackson has not before held public office—in fact, he is the youngest member of the Assembly. He has the entire confidence of the people of his district, enjoys an enviable reputation for fair dealing, clear thinking and sterling integrity. His people testified to his worth by selecting him, inexperienced as he was in legislative matters, to represent them. He is an unmarried man, is not of great ambition to fill a sphere in political life, nor is he averse to it. He has the stamina essential to the representative of a constituency of a large district, has the courage of his convictions, and to do a duty irrespective of threats or selfish interests. People from his section speak to us of him as a young man full of promise, and forecast for him the imposition of other important trusts by his people.

E. D. KELLOGG.

Assemblyman Representing the Third District, Humboldt County.

Mr. Kellogg, who represents the people of the Third Assembly District in the present Legislature, was born in Rensselaer County, New York, in 1826. He lived in that vicinity until he was 19 years of age, in which time he was taught the need to labor and the value of education by close employment upon a farm and occasional attendance upon the common schools of his section. At the age mentioned he left the Empire State for the West, settling in Boone County, Illinois, where he resumed labor as a farmer, and diligently pursued it until the year 1859, when he crossed the plains for California and choose a location in Trinity County, where he again took up his vocation as a practical farmer. This he followed until the year 1871, when he removed to Humboldt County and engaged in the lumber business. In 1878 Mr. Kellogg went to Washington Territory, and while there conducting a farm he was also employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as its Timber Inspector. After a residence of four years in the Territory, he returned to Humboldt County, where he has since resided, and has served Wells, Fargo & Co. as their agent. He is also employed in a responsible position by the Eel River and Eureka Railroad Company. Mr. Kellogg enjoys the distinction of being in the least of the minorities in the Legislature—that is to say he was elected to the Assembly upon the American ticket, and is the first, we learn, ever elected by that party to a legislative position in this State. Mr. Kellogg has his home in Fortuna. He is married and the father of four children. Since he was ten years of age he has been self-dependent. He is essentially a self-made man, even his education being gained by his own unaided exertion. He has had many laborious experiences as a toiler, but they have resulted in a man of clear-headed and practical views; a conscientious and upright citizen, clean and self-respecting, and commanding the esteem and trust of a people of sturdy character and critical spirit. Mr. Kellogg is straight-forward in his methods, has the courage of his convictions, and represents his people watchfully and with an eye single to the best good of his constituency and of the whole State.

JOHN CONANT LYNCH,

Member of the Assembly From Seventy-ninth District, San Bernardino.

The people desire knowledge of the lives of their legislators, and it is indeed their right.

Assemblyman Lynch, of San Bernardino county, can take pride in his record of energy and faithfulness. He is a native of Ashland, O.; is 39 years of age, and received his general education in the public schools of that State and in Oberlin College, one of the best known educational institutions of the West. After leaving college, he went at once in practical affairs and had three years' active service as a civil engineer on the Mississippi river levees, under Chief Engineer General M. Jeff. Thompson, and on the Texas Pacific Railroad under General Dodge. When in his twenty-first year he built two division of that road with marked success. The death of an only brother caused him to quit railroad building, and to go to New Orleans, where his parents then resided. He immediately commenced the study of law in the University of Louisiana, and subsequently at the Northwestern University near Chicago, the most distinguished institution of Illinois, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He entered upon the practice of law in Chicago, but in 1876 was chosen to an important position under General Francis A. Walker, Chief of the Bureau of Awards of the Centennial Exposition of the nation at Philadelphia. Here he aided in the laborious task of making the catalogue of the Exhibition, and subsequently served as clerk of one of the most important groups of Judges of Awards, whose reports of the great Exposition constitute the industrial history of the preceding century. In both these positions he acquitted himself with signal ability. He traveled extensively in Europe in 1878, and visited the International Exposition of that year at Paris, studying it with the skill of a practical observer, his experience and the acquaintance made among foreign judges at Philadelphia, giving him every needed facility not only to observe what was on exhibition, but the methods of the management of that great enterprise. From 1879 to 1883 he engaged in large business enterprises in Illinois, and in the latter year came to California and in association with his father at Benicia resumed the practice of the law. The next year, 1884, he was chosen to represent the interests of the Cucamonga Land Company in San Bernardino county. Very much to his efforts the organization of the Cucamonga Fruitland Company is due. Mr. Lynch was appointed Vice-President—the Hon. I. W. Hellman, President of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, being the President of the company—and Manager of the new company, positions he still holds and in which he has achieved marked success. He has devoted his experience and his native ability to the thorough improvement of the company property. In the development of the company's water property by means of tunnels and artesian wells, he has achieved a success rarely equaled. Mr. Lynch's legislative experience has been confined to service during two sessions as clerk of the Committee on Railroads in the Senate of Louisiana.

It is proper to mention that Mr. Lynch was nominated for candidacy for the Assembly by acclamation by one of the largest and most intelligent Conventions ever held in the populous county of San Bernardino. This itself is a tribute to the esteem in which he is held in his community. His election by an unusually large majority was confirmation of the wisdom of his nomination and a gratifying recognition of his fitness for the place. The nomination and election, as related, are the more significant as tributes to his character and capacity from the fact that his constituents are so numerous and so highly intelligent. It is conceded that voters in no part of our State outrank the citizens of Riverside, Redlands, Ontario, and of the whole district, for intelligence, capacity to read men, for business tact and practical judgment of true worth. The friends of Mr. Lynch, those who know him best, confidently expect that he will make a useful member of the Assembly, discharging all his duties in a manner which will reflect honor upon himself and most effectually promote the highest interests of his constituents of the whole State.

JOHN R. MATHEWS.

Assemblyman From the Seventy-Seventh District, Los Angeles.

General Mathews was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1848. He took his educational course at Washington University, studied and graduated at the St. Louis Dental College. He then practiced his profession for three years, when, his health failing him, in 1871, he went to Texas, where he remained one year. He then returned to St. Louis and engaged in the livery business, which he followed for four years, when the condition of his health was such that he determined to go further south, and accordingly removed to Mississippi, where he lived a year and then departed for Leadville, Colorado. There he engaged his energies in mining and in the real estate business for three and a half years. He came to California in 1883, and entered into business with a brother in Los Angeles, under the firm name of Mathews Brothers. This was in the commission business, which the firm has successfully prosecuted in that city. He was one of the incorporators of the Los Angeles Board of Trade, and was a Director of that institution for two years. He also served for three years as President of the Produce Exchange, and is now Second Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce. His popularity in Los Angeles may be realized when it is stated that to secure election to the Assembly he had to overcome a normal Republican majority of 1,400, and that in spite of that handicap he was elected by 1,088 majority. Governor Stoneman commissioned him Brigadier-General, and he was the first general commander of the N. G. C. in the southern part of the State whose staff appeared fully equipped. Through his exertions the First Brigade was built up from a command of two companies to that of a regiment. The Los Angeles people speak of General Mathews as a progressive, public-spirited and broad-minded man, of great energy and perseverance, and fired by enthusiastic interest in the community in which his lot is cast. He is among the foremost in all public movements approved by good business judgment and laudable ambition. In the community he is regarded as an upright, straight-forward and energetic man, and he inspires the people with esteem for his character and pride in his course.

G. W. MORDECAI.

Assemblyman From the Seventieth District, Fresno County.

Assemblyman Mordecai, of the Seventieth District, Fresno, is one of the earliest settlers of that section of the State. Mr. Mordecai's long residence in California, his upright life and the respect in which he is held by the people, led to his unanimous nomination this year for the Legislature by the Democracy of his district. He had, in fact, no opposition for the nomination. Mr. Mordecai was born at Bosewood, Henrico County, Virginia, April 18, 1844. Shortly after the outbreak of the civil war he cast his fortunes with his people, and entered the Confederate army. He participated in many chief battles in Virginia, was wounded at Spottsylvania Court-house, and was in the forces surrendered by General Lee. In 1865 Mr. Mordecai went to North Carolina, where he had charge of an important plantation, and the whole responsibility of its management devolved upon him. In 1868 he came out to California and settled in Fresno County, and entered upon agricultural pursuits near the town of Madera, in which vocation he has had eminent success and has won a reputation that is enviable. Mr. Mordecai has always been a firm Democrat and a strong and influential worker in his party. In 1888 he was elected one of the Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, and in the present year was re-elected and is now the President of the board, a most important and responsible office. Mr. Mordecai, early in his citizenship in Fresno, took an active interest in irrigation matters, and assisted in the survey and location of the first irrigation ditches of any considerable importance in the northern end of his county. He was one of the originators of the Bank of Madera, and is a member of the Board of Directors of that financial institution. In 1876 Mr. Mordecai was married to the only daughter of the late Judge R. L. Dixon, of Fresno County. Mr. Mordecai is a thinking man of natural large capacity, of scholarly tastes and clear judgment. He is firm in purpose, humane in sympathies, and is what the world would call a man of broad general information and practical ideas. He is highly esteemed in his county, has a wide circle of friends, is recognized as a progressive citizen, and is looked forward to as a vigorous and working legislator.

FRANK T. MURNAN.

Member of the Sixty-second Assembly District.

Mr. Murnan is a member of the lower House of the Legislature, representing Tuolumne County, the Sixty-second District. He was born in old Tuolumne in the year 1856. He received his education in the schools of his native county, and also in the schools of San Francisco. He choose the difficult and exacting vocation of a teacher, and has followed that superior profession since the year 1877. He has had charge of important schools in Marin, in Stanislaus and in Tuolumne Counties. He was principal of the Jamestown school for the period of seven years, and only resigned the place to enter the more active field of political life, for which he has always had strong inclination and in which he has labored for some years. When he presented himself as a candidate for the Assembly the Democracy of Tuolumne did not hesitate a moment, but unanimously selected him as its standard-bearer. In itself, this was indorsement and commendation by his fellow-citizens, of which Mr. Murnan may justly feel proud, and the honor was confirmed at the polls by the vote of the electors. Mr. Murnan has not filled any other office than that he now occupies, though he has been and is a strong party man, and has been and is now one of the chief staffs of the Democracy in his section as a canvasser. For it can be said of him that he has labored unselfishly for his party, and spoken in its campaigns from every platform in the county at different times, and in various campaigns. He is an effective stump speaker, a quick and strong debater, and as he is a man who thinks and reads and takes pains to cultivate a studious habit, he is remarkably ready, and is seldom found "unprepared" in a political contest. He has the respect and