

# LOYAL CALIFORNIANS OF ILLINOIS

## How Prominent Native Sons, Now Making a Stir in Chicago, Have Banded Together to Ease the Burden of Exile

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1. Ca-li for-nia land of story glad-ly we ac-claim thy glory. And the welkin will a-  
 2. Ca-li for-nia there's no meas-ure that can fath-er half thy treas-ure. Field and forest soil and  
 3. Ca-li for-nia there's a yearning for the day of our re turning. Voic-es calling from the

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FOR several years past a number of Californians residing in and around Chicago have been accustomed to meeting from time to time and holding a jollification to commemorate their absence from the glorious state of California. These gentlemen styled themselves as the "California club of Chicago."

Some years previous Edward Payson Critcher, a native of Alameda county, while residing in the city of New York organized the California society of New York, which is today one of the largest societies of its kind in the United States. Critcher's newspaper connections were the cause of his moving from New York to the city of Chicago, and shortly after his arrival the gentlemen above referred to requested him to see if he could not perfect an organization similar to the one in the city of New York.

On September 6, 1911, Critcher, as organizing secretary, issued a call for the purpose of organization to as many of the Californians as could be reached that were known to be living in and around Chicago. On April 13 a second meeting took place through the courtesy of the City club of Chicago, and a permanent organization was perfected of a society now known as the California society of Illinois, with the following officers: Stephen Tyng Mather, president; J. H. Wigmore, A. M. Lawrence, W. W. Durham, Al V. Booth, Charles Fernald and James N. Hatch, vice presidents; Clarence Henry Norwood, treasurer; Edward Payson Critcher, secretary; David Cumming, John Marshall Jr., Dr. P. J. H. Farrell, Harrison M. Parker, Robert H. Countiss, Herbert P. Thrall, Harry Dumont and W. B. Storey Jr., board of trustees. The first annual dinner of the California society of Illinois was held in the red room of the Hotel La Salle April 30, almost 100 covers being laid for the occasion. It was said by the hotel people to be one of the most successful banquets ever given in the Hotel La Salle. Donations of every description of California products were sent to the society by the live and wide awake Californians and everything was done by the members to boost the good state of California.

The membership of the society now numbers more than 100. It is an incorporated body under the state laws of Illinois, has a charter and has its regular constitution and bylaws and the membership is open to any native male Californian, or one who has lived more than three years in the state, or the husband of a native is eligible for active membership. Associate membership consists of business men residing in Chicago who are connected with California institutions.

The society has three honorary members, namely: Hon. J. M. Studebaker of South Bend, Ind.; Henry A. Eastman and George W. Hotchkiss. These gentlemen are the officers of the California Pioneers' society of this section, whose membership is rapidly passing to the great beyond.

**STEPHEN TYNG MATHER**, first president, was born in Washington street, in San Francisco, July 4, 1857. His father was Joseph W. Mather, well known as a commission merchant for many years in San Francisco. Mather attended the public schools of San Francisco, graduating from the Lincoln grammar school in 1880, and again graduated from the University of California in 1887. A few months later he went to New York and joined the staff of the New York Sun, where he remained for a number of years. He then became connected with F. M. Smith of the Pacific Coast Borax company, and soon established an office in Chicago, where he has resided ever since. About ten years ago, with his partner, Thomas Thor-kildsen, he established an independent borax business, which is known as the Sterling Borax company. Mr. Mather is actively connected with a number of organizations in Chicago, among them, the University club, Chicago Athletic association, Home-wood Country club and the City club. This organization honored him by making him vice president and director during the year 1911. He was also president in 1911 of the Chicago section of the American Chemical society.

**JOHN HENRY WIGMORE**, vice president, was born in San Francisco, and in his early years attended the Urban academy. Shortly after, his parents moved to the east, and he entered Harvard college and graduated from there. In 1883 he returned to San Francisco for one year and then returned to the Harvard law school, and from there he entered the bar in the city of Boston. Several years later he went to Chicago, and is now



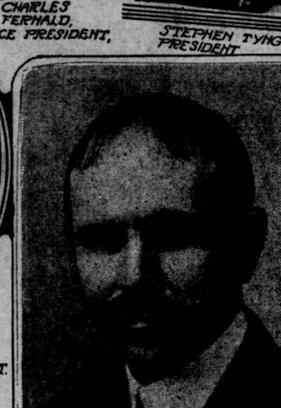
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the dean of the Northwestern University law school of Chicago.

**ANDREW M. LAWRENCE**, vice president, was born in San Francisco in 1864. Educated in the public schools and the Irving academy, he began his active career as a newspaper man as a reporter in 1884 on the San Francisco Examiner. In 1887 and 1888 he was managing editor of the same paper. Since then he has occupied the position of managing editor of the Chicago Examiner and the Chicago American, and is now publisher and editor in chief of the Chicago Examiner. Mr. Lawrence has twice represented the state of Illinois as delegate at large to the national democratic conventions. He is one of the oldest employees in the service of the Hearst newspapers.

**WILLIAM WHITMAN DURHAM**, vice president, spent his early school days in Santa Rosa and Colusa, Cal. He taught school a number of years, and then moved to Chicago, and is one of Chicago's successful liability and insurance men, and is now superintendent of the liability department of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company.

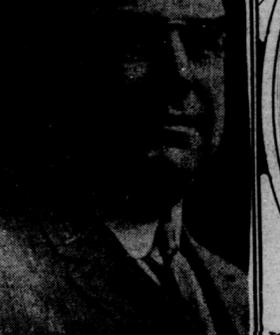
**CHARLES FERNALD**, vice president, was born in Santa Barbara and attended the public schools in his native city. He is a graduate of the class of '95 of Stanford university. He assisted in organizing the Arizona Trust and Banking association at Douglas, Ariz., and is now connected with and has been for the last six years assistant cashier of the Fort Dearborn National bank.

**ALFRED VERNON BOOTH**, vice president, is not a native son, but lived a number of years in San Francisco and Sacramento and is now a prominent member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

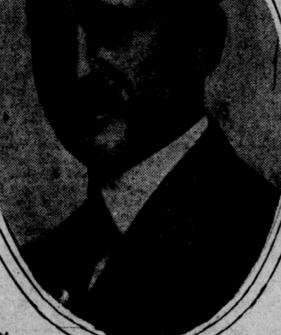
**JAMES N. HATCH**, vice president, was born at St. Helena, Napa county, Cal. Lived until 15 years old in Vacaville. Attended district schools until 1887, also the Vacaville college and the Red Bluff college. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan, 1892, with degree C. E. Was given advance degree of M. E. from same university in 1909. Is now a civil engineer in charge of building department and civil engineering work in the office of Sargent & Lundy. He is a member of American Society of Civil Engineers, Western Society of Engineers, Chicago Engineers' club, and he now resides at Evanston, Ill.

**CLARENCE HENRY NORWOOD**, treasurer, a native of San Francisco. Spent his early school days in the public schools of Oakland. Then the Oakland high school and graduated in '96 from the University of California. Learned his electrical trade at the Union Iron works in San Francisco and has been in business for himself in Chicago a great many years as contracting engineer. Is a member of the City club, Engineers' club, and others.

**EDWARD PAYSON CRITCHER**, secretary, was born in Fruitvale, Alameda county, in 1866 in the old octagon house situated on the highest point in Alameda county, on the old county road and High street. In 1868 part of this house was destroyed by an earthquake, and Critcher's father, Henry Critcher, one of the organizers of the San Francisco Stock exchange, and his mother moved to Oakland, where they lived for several years. They then moved to San Francisco, and Critcher's boyhood days were spent in the Hayes Valley grammar school and in the Clement grammar



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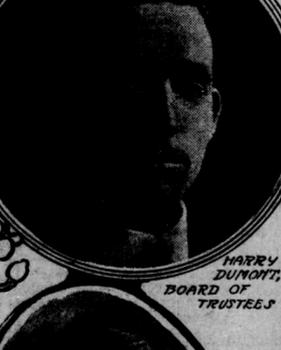
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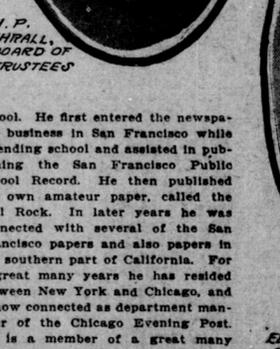
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school. He first entered the newspaper business in San Francisco while attending school and assisted in publishing the San Francisco Public School Record. He then published his own amateur paper, called the Seal Rock. In later years he was connected with several of the San Francisco papers and also papers in the southern part of California. For a great many years he has resided between New York and Chicago, and is now connected as department manager of the Chicago Evening Post. He is a member of a great many organizations, including the Masons, Elks, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, California Society of New York, and a life member of the League of American Wheelmen.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** consists of the following well known business men of Chicago:

**DAVID CUMMING**, born in San Francisco. Attended the City college and the Lincoln grammar school and the boys' high school and graduated from the University of California in 1876. Learned his trade at the Risdon Iron works and with his father's firm, George Cumming & Co. He is past president of Mission parlor, N. S. G. W. Cumming has been engaged in manufacturing portable forges in Chicago for a great many years. He is a brother of Joseph M. Cumming, who is assistant to President Moore

of the Panama-Pacific International exposition.

**HARRISON M. PARKER**, a native of San Bernardino, well known in the advertising world. Was formerly business manager of the Chicago Tribune and is now one of the firm of the Stack-Parker advertising agency of Chicago, New York and London. He is a son in law of J. D. Stubbs of the Southern Pacific company.

**JOHN MARSHALL JR.** resided for a great many years in San Francisco and is and has been for a great many years one of the managers of the western department of the Fireman's Fund Insurance company of San Francisco.

**HERBERT F. THRALL** was for a great many years in Oakland and Berkeley in the employ of the United States government postoffice department in the railway mail service branch, and is now the mail traffic manager of all the Harriman lines.

**ROBERT H. COUNTISS** was a resident of Alameda county and in the service of the railroad company for a number of years, and he is now located in Chicago as the chairman of the board of transcontinental freight bureau.

**DR. P. J. H. FARRELL** served a great many years in California in the service of the United States government in the regular army. He is

now located in Chicago and has an extensive practice as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He is a member of a large number of professional organizations. He is president of the Army and Navy club of Chicago and is councilor, secretary and editor of the Chicago Medical society.

**HARRY DUMONT**, a native of San Francisco, had his early schooling at the James Lick grammar school, and was for a great many years secretary and manager of the Pacific Coast Borax company. Several years ago he was transferred to Chicago, and is now the resident manager for this western country. He is a member of

the Traffic club, Press club, the Red Rooters, Chicago Association of Commerce and Chicago Transportation association. Dumont is quite a poet. He is the author of the book of poems, "A Golden Fancy."

**W. B. STOREY JR.**, a native of San Francisco and a graduate of the University of California, is well known to all of us as one of the builders of the San Joaquin railroad. He now occupies the position of vice president in charge of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad system, with headquarters in Chicago. He is a member of many clubs, among them the University club, Calumet club and others.