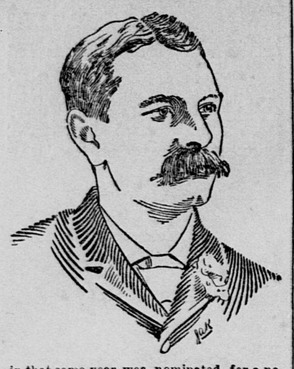
tended the St. Augustine College, Benicia. After his graduation he was instructor in a military school for seven years, and in his spare moments studied law. He was admitted to the bar of California in 1879, and



in that same year was nominated for a political office, but was defeated by a small majority. Since that time Judge Hebbard was a successful legal practitioner until 1888, when he was elected Justice of the Peace. His rulings in court have inspired the respect both of attorneys and litigants, and last month a large majority of the electors declared Judge Hebbard to be their choice for Judge of the Superior Court. His friends predict for him a brilliant judicial career.

JOHN T. GREY.

A Smart Young Attorney Who Will Sit in the Justices' Court.

John T. Grey was born in San Francisco in 1862, and received a general education in the city schools, after which he was enrolled as a student in the Hastings Law College, from which he graduated in due course. He was associated for eight years with the

firm of McClure & Dwinelle, and became a member of the bar in 1887. Mr. Grey is regarded as one of the ablest of the younger lawyers in San Francisco, and is thoroughly posted in the work of his profession. Although he has been in practice only three years he has conducted a number of suits in a manner which commanded general admiration. He has of late been chief clerk in the office of the District Attorney, where he acquired a knowledge of routine work, which will be of service to him in the position of Justice of the Peace, to which he has been just elected.

CLEMENT F. WOOD.

A Stanch Republican Who Has Been Elected to the Bench.

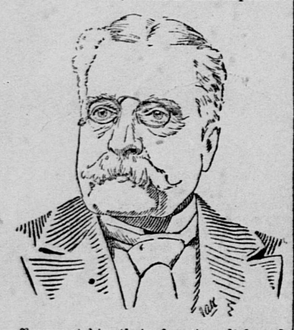
Clement F. Wood, one of the newly elected Justices of the Peace, but not new to the office, having once before filled it in this city, is a native of New York State, where in due time he took a collegiate

course and was graduated with honors far in advance of his years. He was called to the bar in 1856, but owing to ill health abandoned his profession and took to mining. He was connected with enterprises of that character as Superintendent from 1857 to 1870, and was one of the original developers of the famous Del Monte mine. He has always been a consistent Republican, and has several times held offices in the gift of his party.

G. W. F. COOK.

A Magistrate of Ripe Years and Scholarly Attainments.

G. W. F. Cook, who was recently elected a Justice of the Peace, is a native of the East Indies. He was born in 1827, and received a thorough classical and legal education in England, where he held important



offices, notably that of vestry clerk and solicitor to St. Pancras, the largest parish in London. Although possessing a lucrative practice he came to America in 1856 and traveled extensively over the Eastern States, in many of which he followed his profession and held offices in the gift of the people. He was a resident of Memphis, Tenn., for many years, and had an extensive practice there, but gave it up to spend the remainder of his days in the sunny climate of California. He is a gentleman of pronounced Republican principles, and thanks to his scholarly attainments, has a large circle of friends.

MYER JACOBS.

An Appointment That Has Given General Satisfaction.

The announcement that Myer Jacobs had been appointed First Assistant City and County Attorney has been well received by the members of the bar and by the general public. He is 34 years of age, a native of

this city and a popular member of California Parlor, Nos. 1, N. S. G. W. After passing through the public and high schools, he, at an early age, entered the University of California, graduating in 1876 with the degree of Ph. B. He spent the next three years at Columbia Law College, New York, received the degree of L.L.B. from that institution and his A.M. from the University of California. He was immediately admitted to the bar, first in New York and afterward in California, where he has ever since, in his legal practice, given special attention to commercial law and to land and probate matters. He has taken an active interest in politics and has rendered important services to his party. He was Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee during the recent campaign and received warm praise for his efficient work. He is an able and industrious lawyer, well read in his profession and specially fitted for the office to which he has been appointed.

CHARLES S. LAUMEISTER.

A Sheriff Who Conducts His Office on Business Principles.

Charles S. Laumeister, the present Sheriff of the city and county of San Francisco, is a man of thorough business principles, and owes his present success in political life to that fact. After assuming the reins of office two years ago these principles were at once enforced, but in such a careful manner that

not even his political adversaries could find fault with the methods he introduced or the motives which prompted them, while press and people hailed the change as a deliverance from evils innumerable. His record since taking office met with such universal approval that his renomination by his party came as a matter of course, and his triumphant return for a second term followed.

Mr. Laumeister is of German descent, and has been a resident of California from his early boyhood. When old enough to learn a trade he was put at the milling business, which, except for a brief period in 1869 when the White Pine excitement ran away with men's senses, he has ever since continued to follow. For a time he was largely interested in Livermore, but in 1876 he came to San Francisco, established the Laumeister Mills, of which he is still the successful manager and proprietor.

J. H. DURST.

The Successful Candidate for a High and Important Office.

J. H. Durst, the recently elected City and County Attorney, is a native of Colusa, and has not yet completed his thirty-second year. As a boy he attended the public schools and received a sound education. His first employment was as a school-

teacher, and in this occupation he was engaged for four years. Subsequently he was editor of the Bear River News for about six months, but finding his inclinations were not toward journalism and that he possessed a strong predilection for the law, he abandoned newspaper work and entered the Hastings Law College. From here he graduated with high honors in 1883, and after his admittance to the bar at once commenced to practice.

In the seven years of his legal experience Mr. Durst has gradually become prominent, and is to-day recognized as one of the rising attorneys of San Francisco. His election to the City and County Attorneyship was a deserved tribute to his legal knowledge and professional ability. Mr. Durst is not unknown in the literary world. He is an occasional contributor to the Overland Monthly, and recently wrote an able and exhaustive article on the Chinese question for the North American Review.

DR. J. H. WIDBER.

A Forty-niner Who Has Been Honored With Positions of Great Trust.

Among the older residents of San Francisco it would be hard to find a man more deservedly popular than Dr. J. H. Widber, who, at the recent civic election, was elected to the Treasurership of the city and county. A native of Maine, he came to California in 1849, and after spending two

years and a half in the mines he moved to San Francisco, where he has since lived continuously. He has been engaged in business in this city for the past twenty-eight years, and during this long period has occupied a foremost position in commercial circles. Dr. Widber's official career began in 1859, when he was elected School Director, to which office he was re-elected in 1861 and again in 1863. As Chairman of two important committees he was largely instrumental in providing suitable buildings for the schools and in the elevation of the educational standard.

In 1872 the electors selected him for the office of Superintendent of Schools, which he filled with marked success. In 1881 he was elected Treasurer, and in November last was again chosen for the same office, to which, by reason of his financial ability, exactness and firmness of character, he is especially adapted.

E. B. READ.

The Fortunate Candidate for the Recorder's Office.

Mr. Read, the Recorder-elect for the City and County of San Francisco, is a native of the State of New York, where he was born in 1840. He received his education in the East and came to California when 20 years of age. During his thirty years' residence

in this city Mr. Read has pursued several avocations, and always with unvarying success. Until 1878 he was engaged in the hardware business, and since that date has devoted his attention to the oil trade. His present location is on First street, where he has established an important and valuable business connection.

This year marked his first appearance as a political candidate, when his popularity was never better shown than by the handsome majority he rolled up at the polls. He is a man of fine executive ability, and is sure to fill his new office to the satisfaction of his party and the public.

DAVID STERN.

A Successful Business Man Who Has Been Elected Assessor.

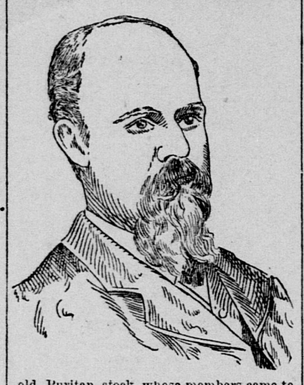
The recently successful candidate for Assessor was born in Baden, Germany, in 1827, and came to America when 19 years old. Nine years later he arrived in California, entered upon a mercantile career, went from that into the lumber trade, and for years was a well-known hotel proprietor, being prominently identified with the St. Nicholas, Nucleus and Brunswick hotels. Four years ago he engaged in the real estate business, and, as in everything else that he

undertook, quickly got to the front rank, and has ever since been considered one of the shrewdest operators in the business. Though never before elected to office, he was previously a candidate for the office he has just succeeded in reaching, and suffered defeat with his party.

CHARLES S. TILTON.

He Returns to an Office He Is Well Qualified to Fill.

The newly elected Surveyor for this city and county is a gentleman of sterling worth and sound integrity. Charles S. Tilton first saw the light of day nearly fifty years ago in Lowell, Mass. He is descended from the



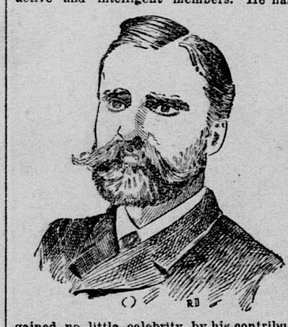
old Puritan stock, whose members came to this country with the Mayflower. When yet quite young he came to California with his parents by way of the isthmus, arriving here in 1852. He has lived here continuously ever since, and his career is closely identified with the best interests of San Francisco, in whose public schools he received a good education. Application and perseverance were his marked characteristics while at school, and he was enabled to move at a steady and sure pace with his studies until in 1863 he was graduated from the High School with credit. His first step then was the choice of a calling, resulting in the selection of that of surveyor and civil engineer, to which he applied himself so assiduously and faithfully that in a very brief period he was enabled to accept a position in the office of George C. Potter, then City and County Surveyor. He remained in the office for more than two decades, and filled positions of trust and responsibility. In 1885-86 he was City and County Surveyor, to which office he was elected by the people, and at the expiration of his term he opened an office at 420 Montgomery street, where he continued in the practice of his profession. At the recent municipal election Mr. Tilton defeated his opponent for the office of City and County Surveyor, and he will take his seat next month.

Mr. Tilton occupies a high position in the estimation of all. In politics he espouses the Republican cause, and has always been an ardent supporter and an earnest worker in the party ranks. He is extremely fond of his profession, and for that reason he has never departed from it. Conscientious and painstaking labor has earned for him an enviable reputation. Mr. Tilton is a Sir Knight of California Commandery, Knights Templar, and is a member of California Lodge, San Francisco Chapter, F. and A. M., and of the K. of H. and I. O. O. F., and is withal a man in the true sense.

DR. T. J. LE TOURNEUX.

A Physician of High Standing and Cultivated Tastes.

As his name indicates, Dr. Le Tourneux is of French descent. For several generations his ancestors have lived in Canada. He himself was born in Montreal, but received his education in Illinois, where his father, an eminent physician, was engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1874 Dr. Le Tourneux came to California in search of a more salubrious climate than that of Illinois. Here he completely regained his health, which had been impaired by the rigors of the Eastern climate, and has practiced medicine in this city ever since. He occupies a high position in medical circles, is a member of the leading societies and is President of the State Board of Medical Examiners. Governor Waterman appointed him a member of the Board of Health in 1887, and he is considered one of its most active and intelligent members. He has



gained no little celebrity by his contributions to newspapers and magazines. His articles, which have been chiefly upon medical topics, bear evidence of research and cultivation.

In political matters Dr. Le Tourneux has always been a consistent Republican. He is a prominent member of the Union League Club, and was frequently mentioned as a desirable candidate for membership on the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Le Tourneux is a public-spirited citizen and has always taken great interest in the advancement of the interests of this city and State.

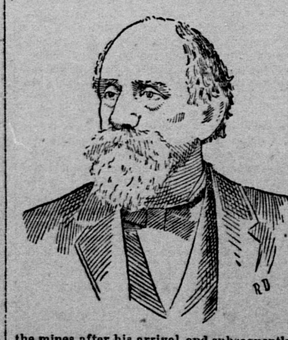
DR. J. R. DAVIDSON.

Dr. J. R. Davidson was born in Salem, Oregon, in 1854. He received his earlier education in San Francisco and graduated from the University of California. He then became a student in the University of Philadelphia, where he completed his medical course. Returning to California he commenced the practice of medicine in 1875. As a physician Dr. Davidson is careful and reliable, assiduous in his attentions to his patients, and very successful in his practice. He was appointed to the Board of Health by Governor Waterman. He has taken a prominent part in the deliberations of the board and is one of its most active members.

DR. HENRY M. FISKE.

A Pioneer Physician and Member of the Board of Health.

One of Governor Waterman's most popular appointments was the nomination of Dr. Henry M. Fiske as a member of the Board of Health. Dr. Fiske may almost be styled a pioneer of the State, having resided here since 1851. He spent a number of years in



the mines after his arrival, and subsequently practiced medicine in Amador County, where he lived for eleven years. He has been in San Francisco since 1872 and is one of the leading physicians of the city. He became a member of the Board of Education in 1878, and was re-elected to the same position in 1882. He was noted on the board for his progressiveness and for his persistent advocacy of a broad and liberal educational policy. Dr. Fiske is one of the most active members of the present Board of Health. Alive to all our hygienic requirements, a physician of learning and good judgment, he is admirably adapted to supervise our sanitary conditions and surroundings.

DR. JOSEPH PESCIA.

A Leading Physician and Member of the Board of Supervisors.

The name of Dr. Joseph Pescia is familiar to every resident of this city. He has been a practicing physician here since 1880, and during the last five years has attained great prominence in our municipal affairs.

Joseph Pescia was born in Genoa, Italy, and was brought to this country by his par-

ents at the early age of 3. For a time the family lived in Baltimore and afterward in Washington, but after the untimely demise of his father, Joseph and his mother joined some relatives in this city. He was sent to St. Ignatius College and studied under the able tuition of Fathers Varsi and Neri, graduating in 1875.

Having determined to become a physician, he entered the medical department of the University of California, and after the usual course received his degree. In order to acquire a practical knowledge of his profession Dr. Pescia spent several months subsequent to his graduation in the wards of the City and County Hospital. Not content even with this practical and theoretical training he went to Europe resolved to acquire the most thorough professional knowledge and experience which could be obtained on the Continent. He visited successively the hospitals of England, Germany and France, and proceeding to Italy, entered the Superior Institute of Florence. The matriculation at this college requires the possession of an Italian University degree, and so strict are the regulations in regard to admission that Dr. Pescia was not permitted to become a member until he had furnished undoubted proofs of his competence. The course at the Superior Institute extended over a period of two years, and at its termination Dr. Pescia received his diploma, graduating first in a class of seventy, a feat which proves the extent and sterling character of his acquirements. His career as a physician has been marked by the same success which distinguished his college course.

Dr. Pescia's political history began in 1885, when his name appeared on the Democratic ticket for School Director. His popularity was evinced by the vote he received, which was larger than that of any of his associates. The ticket, however, was unsuccessful. His candidature at the next election was more fortunate and he was elected to the Board of Supervisors, again receiving the largest vote. In 1888 he was triumphantly re-elected, and he is honest and one of the most active and capable members of the outgoing board.

Dr. Pescia was married in 1885 to Miss Sweeney, daughter of the late Myles D. Sweeney of the Hibernia Bank. He is urbane and courteous to all with whom he comes in contact, whether socially, professionally, or in the discharge of municipal business. He is very popular, and is one of the most prominent of the younger generation of public men.

BENCH AND BAR.

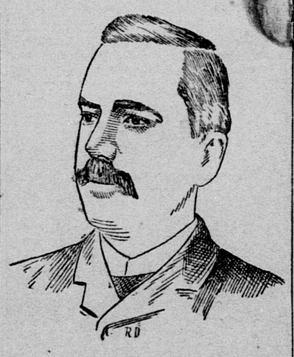
Some of the Prominent Men in the Profession.

One of the most interesting chapters in the history of the State is that devoted to her early lawyers, who, notwithstanding the vicissitudes and trials of pioneer days, yet left behind them a name for ability and learning that has never been surpassed. The very presence of the men shed a halo of glory over the decade of turmoil and money-getting which followed upon the heels of American occupation. Who can forget the famous Randolph, the eminent Lockwood, the brilliant Baker and their equally able associates, the McAllisters, Murray, Felton, Bennett, Shafter, Park, Billings, Halleck, Hawes and the host of others whose names are almost household words among us? One by one they have gone to their reward, leaving the memory of their triumphs as a rich legacy to the younger generation who are following in their footsteps. Of these it can be truly said that they in no wise dim the luster of their predecessors, and that with equal opportunities they will go into history with names equally honored and revered. Short biographies of the best-known lawyers of the present day are to be found in the following columns:

GEORGE A. KNIGHT.

An Eminent Jury Lawyer Who Carved His Own Way to Success.

George A. Knight, whose oratorical abilities have won him recognition in every corner of the Golden State, is a native of Worcester, Mass. He came to California, with his parents, at a very tender age, and with them settled down in Humboldt County. His education was commenced in the little



town of Eureka, and in the course of time was brought to a close in one of the old-time California colleges. He then undertook the study of law and with such success that in 1872 he was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of the United States. He practiced in the county of his adoption for close upon a decade, during which he filled the office of District Attorney for three terms. He settled in San Francisco in 1881, and ever since has been one of the well-known legal firm of Clunie & Knight. He is a gentleman of commanding presence, suave manners and pleasing address, that, coupled with his wonderful flow of language and clarion voice, make him a deadly antagonist before a jury. He was a delegate to the National Convention in 1884, and in 1888 was chosen an elector on the Republican ticket by the highest vote cast for that office.

JOHN T. DARE.

Sailor, Merchant, Statesman and Now Successful Lawyer.

John Thomas Dare, the father of the Bank Commission and Training Ship bills in the Legislature, was born in Suffolk County, New York, in 1843. He attended the public schools of the day till his fourteenth year, when he started out in life for himself, and for several years followed the sea. On reaching San Francisco, after one of his voyages, he gave up a sailor's life and obtained work in a wholesale house, reading law in his leisure moments. In 1863 he settled in Prescott, Ariz., and while there inaugurated the first pony express between that city and the Colorado River. In 1867 he was sent to the Legislature and served his constituents until the end of his term, when he returned to California and settled in Vallejo. He resided in his new home until 1880, serving the city meanwhile as Trustee, Fire Warden and Assemblyman. It was in this last office, during the session of 1877-78 that he introduced the bills referred to at the head of this sketch. 1880 Mr. Dare came to San Francisco and made his home here, and entered actively into the practice of the law. In 1885 he became First Assistant District Attorney, which office he resigned a year later to accept the position of Attorney-Gen-

eral to the Kingdom of Hawaii. After a year in that high office he resigned, returned again to San Francisco and is now enjoying the fruits of a large and lucrative practice.

JOHN B. MHOON.

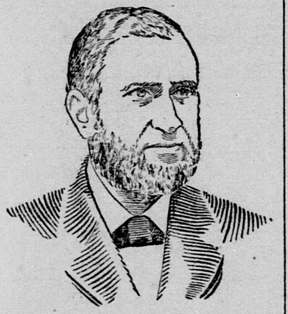
A Veteran Who Has Gained Distinction at the Bar.

John B. Mhoon is a native of Alabama, and is in his fiftieth year. He was educated at Princeton, graduating from that institution in 1859. His father was a distinguished lawyer, and having left a large library the son commenced to read legal works. Becoming interested he determined to qualify for the bar, but his studies were interrupted by the breaking out of the war. Entering the army in 1861 he served as Captain of the Corps of Engineers until the termination of hostilities. Mr. Mhoon came to San Francisco in 1870, and three years later was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court. In 1879 he formed a law partnership with the late George Flournoy, under the firm name of Flourney & Mhoon. Mr. Flournoy's death effected a dissolution of the partnership, and Mr. Mhoon has since practiced alone. He is in the front rank of his profession, has a large practice in all the courts, State and Federal, and is especially prominent in probate and land cases. His reputation is more than local, and in certain departments of jurisprudence he stands preeminent.

HENRY E. HIGHTON.

A Distinguished Pleader and Brilliant Forensic Orator.

Mr. Highton came to California in 1849, at the age of 13. He spent seven years in the gold mines, enduring all manner of hardships and meeting with indifferent luck. His spare moments were devoted to the study of the law, to which he applied himself with the resolute determination which always insures success. In 1856 he removed to San Francisco, and after serving for a brief period as a journalist he resumed his legal studies and was admitted to the bar in 1860. His career as a lawyer has been marked by a long series of successes. Devoted to his profession, he has steadily declined political preferment, and has been rewarded for his constancy by many legal triumphs. He confines himself to no special branch of jurisprudence, but is equally successful in civil as in criminal practice, although in the latter class of business he usually appears for the defendant.



Mr. Highton has been engaged in many cases which are now historical. His argument in defense of N. B. Spreckels for shooting M. H. de Young, is universally conceded to be one of the ablest oratorical efforts ever delivered in a court of justice. Mr. Highton is justly considered one of the ablest attorneys in the State.

MILTON A. WHEATON.

A Patent Lawyer of Almost National Reputation.

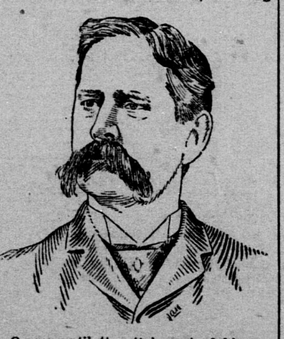
Milton A. Wheaton was born toward the close of 1830 in Oneida County, N. Y. His studies were conducted at Whitestown Seminary and Hamilton College, and continued up to the time of his starting for California. He reached San Francisco via the Isthmus in the fall of 1853, and immediately started out for the interior. After two years with Philip, Cain & Co., the lumbermen, he went to Sacramento, studied law in Carter Hartley's office, and was admitted in 1856. The eight subsequent years he passed in Sulsun,

where he became noted as a land lawyer, and acquired a large practice. In 1865 he settled in San Francisco, and a few years later his connection with the great suit of A. W. Spaulding & Co. vs. Tucker & Putnam, agents for the American Saw Company, gave him a large insight into the intricacies of patent law, and eventually led him to adopt it as his special branch of the profession. His thorough knowledge of mechanics, and his intimate acquaintance with the laws governing patents, coupled with his vast experience in that domain, have brought him recognition from every part of the Union. He has tried patent cases in many Eastern courts, and has frequently appeared before the United States Supreme Court at Washington.

COLONEL JOHN H. DICKINSON.

A Capable Lawyer and Popular Military Commander.

The well-known and popular gentleman whose name appears at the head of this article was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on April 8, 1849. He comes of a long line of distinguished ancestors, and some of the best blood of New York and Virginia flows in his veins. When about a year old he had the misfortune to lose his mother, and shortly afterward his father removed to Oregon, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1854 young Dickinson joined his father in his Western home, remaining



in Oregon until the attainment of his seventeenth year, when he entered the Ohio Military Academy, at Cincinnati. He spent a year at this institution, and then returned to his father's farm. In 1868 he became military instructor, with the rank of major, in St. Augustine's College, at Benicia. He attended to his duties with zeal, and occupied his leisure moments in studying law. He was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court in April, 1873, and, having opened an office in this city, began his professional career a few months later.

During the seventeen years in which he has been engaged in legal work Colonel Dickinson has built up a practice with a revenue as large as that enjoyed by any lawyer in the city. While well read in the different branches of jurisprudence, he has given special attention to mercantile, military and insurance law, and in these departments he has no superior in the State. He holds retainers from such firms as H. S. Crocker & Co., the Ball Safe and Lock Company, Moore, Hunt & Co., Sanborn, Vail & Co., and many other prominent houses and corporations. Many cases of great importance have been intrusted to his care, and these he has always conducted with great delicacy and consummate skill.

In the first election under the new Constitution, Colonel (then Captain) Dickinson was elected to the Senate after a sharp and bitter contest to represent the Tenth Senatorial District. In the Legislature he was foremost in debate, and was placed upon some of the most important committees. He was the author of many important measures and served his term with distinction.

In military circles Colonel Dickinson is recognized as one of the ablest and most popular officers of the National Guard. He entered the service as a member of Company B, City Guard, First Infantry Regiment, and in 1877 was elected to the Captaincy. He was re-elected two years later, and in 1880, although the junior Captain, was elected Colonel of the regiment, of which he has ever since been commander. An able tactician and thoroughly versed in the military code, Colonel Dickinson is a model officer. Although a strict disciplinarian, he is idolized by his men, and the regiment is constantly maintained in the highest state of proficiency.

In private life Colonel Dickinson is genial and affable. His friends are legion, and from their society he derives much enjoyment. Possessing a fine physique and a commanding presence, John H. Dickinson is truly a king among men.

JAMES G. MAGUIRE.

A Lawyer of Great Worth and Personal Magnetism.

It not infrequently happens that an attorney having a large and valuable connection is elected to a seat on the bench, serves his term with distinction and reappears at the bar to find that his former business has vanished and that his clients have found other advisers, to whom they carry their difficulties and disputes. This, however, has not been the experience of Judge Maguire, who was Judge of the Superior Court for six years, and who, resuming practice two years ago, at once re-established his former connections. James G. Maguire was born at Boston in 1853, and the following year his parents brought him to California. He began his legal studies in the office of Cowdery & Preston and became a member of the bar in 1878. He was elected to the Legislature and, after serving one term, went to Seattle with the intention of opening an office there, but in a short

time returned to this city. In 1882, although but 29 years of age, he was elected Judge of the Superior Court, and during his entire term drew the attention of the bar by the wisdom of his decisions. Since his retirement from the bench Judge Maguire has been connected with many noted actions. His argument for the plaintiff on appeal to the Supreme Court in the case of Sharon vs. Sharon was a masterly effort. He has the esteem of a large circle of friends, and in political affairs, in which he takes an active part, he possesses a considerable share of public confidence.

A. M. ARMSTRONG.

How Industry and Perseverance Brought Him to the Front.

A. M. Armstrong is a native of Lake City, Minn., and was born June 9, 1861. He came with his parents to San Francisco when but 10 years of age, and received his early education in the public schools of this city, graduating from the College of Letters of the State University with student honors at the age of 20. Mr. Armstrong paid his own

educational expenses from the time he was 12 years of age from his earnings during vacations, when his schoolmates were at play.

Although prepared to commence the practice of law immediately after graduating from college, failing in eyesight caused him to abandon temporarily his chosen profession to enter upon a brief but brilliant career as an educator. He served with distinction at different times during the next six years as principal of the St. Helena public schools, the St. Helena Seminary, the Colusa Normal School, and as a teachers' institute conductor and lecturer.

He is the author of many educational articles and of two published school-books, "The California Teachers' Examiner" and a "Key to the California State Series of Arithmetics."

During the last few years, his eyesight being fully restored, he has devoted himself exclusively to the practice of law and has rapidly risen to a prominent position at the bar, and by studious habits and strict attention to business he has built up a very lucrative practice. He is regularly retained as attorney for a number of leading firms and corporations and makes a specialty of all legal work arising from real estate transactions, contracts, partnership business, etc.

Mr. Armstrong has so far held aloof from politics, but has taken a prominent part in fraternal organizations, being at present Chief Officer of Wildey Encompment, No. 23, I. O. O. F., Vice-Grand-elect of Fidelity Lodge, No. 222, I. O. O. F., besides a working member of Pacific Lodge, No. 123, F. and A. M., Golden Gate Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., and of Templar Rebekah Degree Lodge.

W. H. JORDAN.

The Descendant of an Illustrious Family of Soldiers.

Hon. W. H. Jordan, who, during his second term as member of the Assembly, was chosen Speaker of the House, a very difficult position which he filled in a highly satisfactory manner, not only to the members of his own side of the House, but also to his opponents, by his neutrality, firmness, dignity and uniform courtesy, is a lawyer of this city, who has won his way to fame and fortune by hard study and persistent effort

which overcome all obstacles. Born in Cincinnati in 1849, he comes of a stock which has made its influence felt for nearly three centuries. The first of the family to come to this country was the Rev. Robert Jordan, an Episcopal minister, who left England in 1630 and settled in the State of Maine. The descendants in a direct line from this gentleman held high and honorable positions during the War of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican and the late Civil War, and have numbered among their members some of the most eminent divines, lawyers and merchants that the country has produced. The senior member of the great Boston house of Jordan, Marsh & Co., and ex-United States Treasurer Jordan are members of the same family.

W. H. Jordan's father emigrated westward when quite a young man and settled in Ohio. Some time after the birth of the subject of this sketch he removed to Illinois, settling near Rock Island, but in 1859 he was seized with the fever of emigration and removed to California, crossing the plains with an ox team. He settled near Redding, but the floods of 1861-62 induced him to again move, and he went to San Jose, and shortly after purchased a farm near Pescadero. In 1866 W. H. Jordan, with a view to obtaining a thorough education, entered Brayton College in Oakland. From there he went to Yale College, from which he graduated, taking the degree of M. A. Returning to this State he commenced the study of law, and was admitted to practice in 1885. Being painstaking, thorough and careful of the interests of his clients and withal a fluent, graceful speaker, concise and full in his arguments, his success was assured from the beginning, and the fact that he is at this time retained as the legal adviser of a number of wealthy firms, corporations and individuals is sufficient evidence of the confidence in his ability which is held by those intrusting their interests to his care.

FREDERICK S. STRATTON.

A Young but Gifted Lawyer of Large Experience.

Frederick S. Stratton, a native of the Golden State, was born January 22, 1859, and received his education in the public schools of Oakland. From the High School he went to the State University and was graduated from there in 1881. He immediately decided upon preparing himself for the legal profession, and with that intent entered the office of Latimer & Morrow, and subsequently that of W. H. L. Barnes. Two years thereafter he received his diploma from the Hastings Law College, and two years later entered into partnership with W. W. Morrow, the firm being known as Morrow & Stratton. Since then Mr. Stratton has been connected with much of the litigation whose importance has attracted public attention. He was attorney for the Government in the Benson cases; for the

Wholesale Wine-dealers' Association in the ex-parte Kohler case; and besides winning a decision invalidating the Pure Wine Law also secured a ruling affecting a million dollars' worth of school lands which had been patented to individuals by the State, in violation of the rights of prior applicants. He was the attorney of the Harbor Commissioners for four years, and is the regularly retained counsel of a large number of mercantile, manufacturing and mining firms.

SAMUEL M. SHORTRIDGE.

A Talented Lawyer With Rare Oratorical Powers.

Samuel M. Shortridge, "the Henry Clay of the Pacific Coast," as he is not unfrequently styled, is young in years and practice, but in the five years of his professional life has acquired a wide reputation for legal ability of the highest order and fame as a pleader and political orator.

Mr. Shortridge was born in 1861 and is a native of Iowa. When in his fifteenth year his father brought the family to San Jose where the subject of this sketch graduated from the High School after three years' attendance. Having obtained a first-grade State certificate he taught school for four years in Napa County. During this period he was a constant contributor to the press, and delivered many lectures and public addresses. He chose law as his profession when still a lad, and during his rare moments of leisure read legal works with increasing interest. He entered the office of D. M. Delmas in 1885 and was shortly afterward admitted to practice by the Supreme Court. His professional career though short has been long enough to give him an established position in the front rank of our attorneys. He has displayed great ability in both civil and criminal practice. His clients always receive his conscientious service, and he spares neither time, trouble nor effort to advance their interests. He has great influence over a jury, with whom his eloquence is always effective.

Mr. Shortridge's reputation as a political orator dates back to 1884, when he won the hearts of the people throughout the entire State while advocating the Presidential candidacy of James G. Blaine, under engagement by the Republican State Central Committee. He has since been "the orator of the day" on many important occasions, and has delivered some memorable speeches which were models of beauty and eloquence. Mr. Shortridge is an earnest and graceful speaker, a man of commanding presence and impressive delivery. As an orator he undoubtedly has a brilliant career before him. Many of his friends consider the legal arena too narrow for the exercise of his matchless eloquence, and are anxious to prepare the way for his entrance into politics. In whatever field he may labor, it is certain that his talents will always be devoted to the cause of truth and right.

JOHN L. BOONE.

One of the Most Successful Patent Lawyers on the Coast.

John L. Boone, the distinguished patent lawyer, is a native of Iowa. In his early youth he, with his family, moved to Ohio, where he received his education. On the outbreak of the Rebellion he joined the ranks of the volunteers, was attached to the

Twentieth Ohio Regiment, and served with it until the close of the war. He subsequently went to Oregon, studied law under Judge R. P. Boise, graduated from the University of Salem, and returned to Ohio to enter the Wesleyan University. In 1867 he returned to the Pacific Coast, settled in San Francisco, and for the succeeding thirteen years was connected with Dewey & Co.'s Patent Agency. In 1877 he engaged in active practice at the bar, making a specialty of the laws affecting patents. In this branch of his profession he has gained great eminence and few cases of importance involving patent rights are brought into court that Mr. Boone is not connected with in the interest of some one of the parties concerned.

LANGHORNE & MILLER.

A Firm Which Enjoys a Large Federal Court Practice.

During the comparatively brief existence of this young firm its partners have secured a large and valuable practice through their wonderful success in court. Much of their business is in the United States courts, with whose intricacies they are so thoroughly familiar that they are frequently called upon by brother attorneys to assist in the trial of their cases.

James P. Langhorne was born in 1855, and is a native of Virginia. He was educated at the Virginia Military Institute, and at the law school of the University of Virginia. He came to California in 1878, and in 1883 associated himself with J. H. Miller, forming the law partnership which still exists. Mr. Langhorne has a large practice in the United States courts, and devotes himself specially to commercial law, and to street assessment, copyright and trade-mark cases. He is an able and accurate expounder of the law, has a keen perception, and is an attorney of force and character.

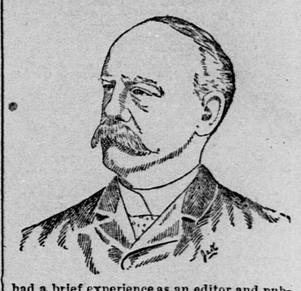
John Henry Miller is also a Virginian, and was born at Lynchburg in 1854. He received his higher education at Richmond College, and graduated from that institution in 1874, receiving the degree of Master of Arts. He came to California in the following year, and taught school for some time. During his leisure moments he applied himself to the study of law, and laid the foundation of his present store of legal knowledge. In 1878 he entered the office of Pringle & Hayne, and was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court in 1879, and by the United States Supreme Court in 1888. Mr. Miller's specialty is the law of patents, and in this he is an adept. His superior knowledge of this branch of the profession is so generally acknowledged that a large part of his practice is placed in his hands by other members of the bar. While rather conservative in some of his methods and principles, Mr. Miller is thoroughly alive to the interests of his clients, and is untiring in his efforts in their behalf.

No legal firm in the city has a better standing than Langhorne & Miller. Its members possess a thorough knowledge of all the details of the profession. Their ability is evidenced by a long succession of legal triumphs; their honor and integrity are unquestioned, and they enjoy the confidence alike of their clients and their brother attorneys. The practice of the firm becomes more valuable every year, and insures a handsome income to its members.

ROBERT FERRAL.

A Self-Made Man Who Has Reached Eminence in the Law.

Among those who have attained celebrity in the practice of criminal law few are more prominent in this city than Ex-Judge Robert Ferral. He was born in Philadelphia, in 1841 and has been a resident of San Francisco for the past thirty-eight years. In his youth he mastered the printers' trade and



had a brief experience as an editor and publisher. He was enrolled as an attorney in 1865 and has successfully filled the offices of Assistant District Attorney, Judge of the City Criminal Court and Judge of the Superior Court with great acceptance. The integrity and wisdom of his decisions have never been questioned. Since resuming his legal practice Judge Ferral has scarce been able to cope with the volume of business placed in his hands. During the past five years he has probably conducted more criminal cases than any other lawyer in the State, and in consequense of his experience he has frequently been retained by the District Attorney to assist in the prosecution of cases of special importance. Judge Ferral's position at the bar is second to none. His ability is recognized by bench and bar and he is admired and respected by all.

R. A. CROTHERS.

A Barrister of Marked Business Capacity and Attainments.

A Canadian by birth, Mr. Crothers was educated at McGill University, Montreal, taking the degree of B. A. in 1876, being first in his class and receiving a gold medal for proficiency in classical languages and literature. Choosing law as his profession he became articled to the late Joseph Doutre, Q. C., whose professional services for the Canadian Government before the Halifax Commission were mainly instrumental in securing the award of $7,000,000 against the Government of the United States. At the expiration of his three years of indenture, during which time he pursued his studies in the law school, he received the degree of B. C. L. from the university and was admitted to the bar in July, 1879. After devoting a year to travel and study in the principal cities of Europe he entered upon the practice of his profession, which he continued with success for eight years, being engaged in some of the most important cases in the province. In his third year of practice Mr. Crothers was elected by the Bar Association one of the examiners for the admission of students to the study as well as the practice of law in the province of Quebec, a position which he held for five years, when, on visiting friends in California, he was induced to exchange the land of the "maple leaf" for that of the "cypress and myrtle," and for the past three years he has been a member of the San Francisco bar, with offices at 605 Clay street.

JAMES A. WAYMIRE.

A Pioneer, Veteran Soldier, Lawyer and Ex-Judge.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Buchanan County, Missouri, where he was born on December 9, 1842. When 10 years old he accompanied his mother to Oregon, and after many hardships settled down in Roseburg, Douglass County. It was a wild-

erness then and presented few opportunities of an educational nature, but James was of an industrious disposition and being studious and ambitious quickly raised himself above his surroundings. At 18 he became a teacher and made his livelihood in that profession until the war stirred up his patriotism and urged him to the front. He joined a cavalry regiment early in the trouble, was commissioned to a Lieutenancy in 1863, and only retired when peace was restored. Subsequently he became Private Secretary to the Governor of Oregon, and while filling that position studied law and was admitted to practice. He came to California in 1870, and being an experienced stenographer reported the proceedings of the Senate for two sessions. Later he became phonographic reporter of the Supreme Court, but after a year he retired and began the practice of his profession. In 1881 he ascended the bench and while