



A. C. Foster,

Sunday School, and vice-president of the Southern California Baptist Sunday School Convention, and also a director of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Paige was married on April 26, 1900, at St. Louis, Mo., to Miss Mary L. Harding, by whom he had a daughter, Edna May. He was married the first time in St. Louis, August 24, 1891, to Marie Elizabeth Beaumont, who died in 1896, leaving one son, Clyde Anson, a corporal in the United States Army, a member of Company A, Twelfth Infantry, Eighth Division, and was on board a transport when the armistice was signed. He received his discharge and is now in the office of Architect R. H. Orr. The family attend the Baptist Church.

HERBERT CLARE FOSTER

The life history of the early pioneers of California is indeed inspiring, demanding as it did perseverance and resourcefulness to meet the new and untried problems of their day, but no less important in its way has been the development of a new generation, trained to handle the developing resources of the country, for to the men who have organized the citrus industry of this state is due a large measure of credit for putting this great industry on a prosperous and profitable basis. Prominent among the men who have had a guiding hand in this organization is Herbert Clare Foster, well known through his connection as manager of the San Dimas Fruit Growers Exchange.

A Canadian by birth, Herbert Clare Foster was born in Simcoe, Ontario, on June 20, 1876, and is the son of William O. and Helen J. (Austin) Foster. The father was of Scotch-Irish descent and the mother came of an old Maryland family. Her death occurred in 1919, and William O. Foster now resides with his son Herbert, the subject of this review. Herbert Clare Foster was fortunate in receiving an excellent education which has proved to be an invaluable asset in all his later undertakings. He first attended the public schools at St. Thomas, Ontario, and then took a preparatory course in the Collegiate Institute at St. Thomas, after which he was with his father in the drug business. In 1894 he came to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was the representative of a typewriter exchange for about two years.

In 1896 Mr. Foster entered the employ of the Southern California Fruit Exchange at Buffalo, N. Y., and in 1897 he was transferred to the Chicago office of the exchange, where he was actively engaged until 1900, when he was made district manager of the Central Illinois District of the exchange, with headquarters at Peoria, Ill. Being desirous of coming to California, he resigned his position in 1912, and coming here he accepted the position that had been tendered him as secretary and manager of the San Dimas Fruit Exchange, which had just been organized; thus he was the first manager of the exchange after its organization, a position that he has held uninterruptedly ever since.

Mr. Foster's marriage in Chicago, Ill., united him with Mrs. Florence (Maxwell) Rutter, of whom he was bereaved in 1915; one child was born of their union, a son named Herbert M. Mr. Foster's second marriage occurred in August, 1919, when he was united with Miss Helen England, a native of Valley Falls, Kansas.

Politically, Mr. Foster espouses the platform of the Republican party and in fraternal relations he affiliates with Pomona Lodge, Knights of Pythias. Force of character and business acumen are the traits that have contributed to the success he has attained in life, and have made him a valued member of the community. He takes a constructive interest in all things pertaining to Pomona Valley, is public spirited and esteemed by all who know him.

FRED E. AND FRANK E. ELLSWORTH

Two thoroughly wide-awake and progressive business men, representative in every way of the Pomona spirit, who are well and favorably known throughout the Valley, to which they came when they were just attaining manhood, are Fred E. and Frank E. Ellsworth, pioneer building contractors, natives of Greene County, Wis., where they were born on August 29, 1862. Their father, Lorenzo Ellsworth, who came from New York, followed a mercantile business at Rochester and later moved to Wisconsin, where he located near Monroe, in Greene County, and took up farming. In 1870, he moved to Goodhue County, Minn., about twenty-five miles from St. Paul, and in 1887, the time of the great boom in realty in California, he pushed still further West, to La Verne, in the Pomona Valley. The smiling acres and other favorable conditions incidental, brought him prosperity; and he was able to retire as the years passed by. He died at Pomona, in 1907, at the age of ninety-two, while his wife lived to be eighty-five years old. She had been Miss Sarah Jane Taft. They had five children: Emma, who became Mrs. Hartman Loomis of Minnesota; Minnie, the wife of Eri Loomis, also of that commonwealth; Fred E. and Frank E., the subjects of whom we now write; and Ida May, afterwards Mrs. A. E. Barnes of Pomona.

As boys, back in Wisconsin, Fred and Frank followed farming, getting a first-class preparation in agricultural work before, in 1883, they came further West, to La Verne, then Lordsburg, and became pioneers in the undeveloped Pomona Valley. Their uncle, J. A. Packard, had preceded them here, and had bought 170 acres of raw land, to the north of Lordsburg, now known as the Evergreen Ranch, and they set to work with a will to develop the place. At first, grapes and deciduous fruit were raised, and later these were dug out and oranges planted. They brought the place to a high state of cultivation, and Fred was for twelve years foreman of the ranch. When they