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The second marriage of Mr. Day united him with Hattie Palmer, a native of Nebraska, the ceremony being solemnized in Los Angeles. Mr. Day is a member of the First Christian Church at Pomona. During his long residence in the Pomona Valley he has always been interested in those movements that had as their aim the upbuilding of the best interests of the community.

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### JASPER N. TEAGUE

Although he has passed his sixty-third milestone, Jasper Newton Teague, a Pomona Valley pioneer of the seventies, is still in the vigor of life. He was born in Davis County, Iowa, August 20, 1856, and is the son of Crawford Pinckney and Amanda (May) Teague. The father was born in Washington County, Ind., November 6, 1823, and was a son of John and Mary (Thomas) Teague, natives of North Carolina, of Scotch descent. Greatgrandfather Alexander Thomas served in the Revolutionary War under General Washington. C. P. Teague was married October 8, 1846, to Amanda R. May, who died in California in 1881.

In 1865 C. P. Teague, with his wife and eight children, crossed the plains by teams and wagons, arriving in the Sacramento Valley after a weary trip of six months, enduring many hardships and dangers. When he ferried across the Sacramento at Reading and paid the ferry charge he had thirty-five cents left—all the capital he had to start with in a new country. Three weeks later he moved to a farm on Deer Creek, six miles south of Tehama, where he farmed for two years; then he removed with his family to Sonoma County, near Santa Rosa, and engaged in farming on Mark West Creek until 1878. In 1878 he became interested in farming on the San José Rancho in Los Angeles County and moved here in 1881. His death occurred at San Dimas in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Teague were the parents of eight children: David C. of San Dimas; Drusilla is Mrs. Theodore Staley of Orange County; Lodema A. is Mrs. Willis Gaulden of Santa Rosa; Harvey T. died at the age of forty-five; Jasper N., the subject of this review; Olive A., Mrs. S. I. Allen of Sebastopol; Robert M. of San Dimas; Flora E., Mrs. Harry Newman of San Francisco.

Jasper Newton as a lad attended the log schoolhouse in Davis County, Iowa, and when nine years of age crossed the plains with his parents, riding horseback most of the way. He attended school in Sonoma County, topping off his education at Christian College in Santa Rosa. In 1878 he came to Southern California as his father's representative in Azusa, working with the engineer corps in the survey of Mound City for the old Mound City Land and Water Company, subdividing 4,000 acres of the Dalton ranch. He returned to

Sonoma County for teams and implements and he was then accompanied by his brother, David C., and they located at what is now San Dimas, then Mud Springs, and here they started in grain farming.

There was an old adobe chimney left standing on the creek and Mr. Teague and his brother built a California house up against it and lived there for two years. They bought two hogs and cured the meat but had no place to smoke it, so placed a box containing the meat over the chimney of an old bake oven left on the place, and this improvised affair was the first smoke house in San Dimas. They ran a ditch from the cienega to the house, which gave them an ample supply of good water. They hauled lumber over the sandy roads from Los Angeles to build the house and continued raising grain until the California Southern Railroad was built in the fall of 1886. In that year the brothers dissolved partnership and divided their holdings. Jasper N. took the Pomona land and set out an orange grove on Mountain Avenue; he obtained water from the old Loop & Meserve ditch brought from the San Antonio Canyon. He also followed general contracting, leveling and excavating, doing much of the early leveling and excavating for orange groves in the locality. During the grain season he engaged in threshing until 1902, when he sold his holdings and moved to Los Angeles, and there he now makes his home in his beautiful residence at 1649 St. Andrews Place. During these years he has been making a specialty of raising cauliflower, having 320 acres devoted to the growing of this vegetable, his being the largest cauliflower ranch in the world, and for the past ten years he has been known as the Cauliflower King. Shipping to all the large Eastern cities, but principally to New York, always in precooled cars, he has his own packing house. On his ranch he raises two crops a year, first raising potatoes or corn and then cauliflower, employing twenty or more hands in the growing, picking and packing. Mr. Teague also owns an orange and walnut ranch of 130 acres in the San Fernando Valley near Mission Acres, under water from the Los Angeles aqueduct. Here he has splendid orchards of Valencia and Navel oranges and both Eureka and Placentia Perfection walnuts. On his ranch he employs the latest machinery and makes use of two tractors, as well as twenty head of horses. Aside from horticulture, Mr. Teague also raises beans, lettuce and melons.

On November 3, 1883, at Los Angeles, Mr. Teague was united in marriage with Miss Anna C. Burdick, who was born at First and Broadway, Los Angeles, the daughter of Cyrus and Amanda Burdick, who were pioneers of Los Angeles when the present court house site was a cow pasture. Cyrus Burdick removed to Pomona about 1870, where he built his home and resided with his family. He built the first schoolhouse there; before this his children had gone to school on the Phillips ranch near Spadra. Mr. Burdick also had the first spring

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wagon in town. Mr. and Mrs. Teague are the parents of seven children: Lena R., Mrs. Burrows, resides in Los Angeles; Pearl E. is Mrs. George Retzer of Hollywood; Ross is on his father's ranch in the San Fernando Valley; Harry C. is with Company B of the Three Hundred Sixty-fourth California Regiment of the Ninety-first Division who went to France and had the honor of seeing much fighting and going over the top three times, being commissioned a first sergeant; George J. was also in France in the photographic department and is now a photographer at White Salmon, Wash.; Claude A. is a cauliflower farmer, residing on a forty-acre ranch near Los Angeles; Bernice is attending Los Angeles high school.

Mr. Teague has made an unqualified success of raising vegetables, accomplishing it by close application and personal supervision of all his holdings. The wonderful results he has obtained, working on a large scale as he does, have proven the falsity of the idea that Americans cannot compete with Japanese in growing and marketing vegetables. He also raises a large acreage of spinach, and for harvesting this crop he has invented a machine like a bean cutter that cuts four rows at once. Thus a car can be cut, packed and loaded in a day. Always a very busy man, with his extensive interests to supervise, Mr. Teague has always kept abreast of the times, being a leader in all progressive movements; he is well read and well informed and is a very interesting conversationalist. He has made a success of life financially and has gained a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. Politically he is an ardent protectionist and hence a strong Republican.

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#### MOSES PETTY

One of the earliest pioneers of the Valley, who came here when Pomona was but a small settlement and has taken an active part in both the upbuilding of the city and in making it an ideal home environment, Moses Petty can rightfully be called a representative man of this district. He is a native of Illinois, born in Petty Township, Lawrence County, April 8, 1839, a farmer and carpenter by occupation. On April 20, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War; in Company I, Eighth Illinois Infantry, under General Prentiss and Colonel "Dick" Oglesby, and served in the Sixteenth Western Division. After three months' service he was discharged for disability and returned to Illinois to engage in farming in his native county.

In 1887 Mr. Petty came to Pomona and built his present home, 1124 West Second Street, where he has since resided; at that time his and two other houses were the only houses west of White Avenue. For seven years he was street and park superintendent and graded many of the streets in Pomona, about forty miles yearly. He assisted in laying out Ganesha Park, and was also active in the development of the