RIISE AND HEYL.

The firm of Riise & Heyl began business a few days ago in a ground floor room in Dunne Bros. block on Main street.

The business consists of dealing in real estate, negotiating loans, writing insurance and the transaction of everything usual in this line of judiciary matters.

We are agents for most of the improved and unimproved city and country property that is offered for sale in or near this community. They are agents for the New Zealand Insurance Company, The Philadelphia Underwriters and the Union Mutual Building and Loan Association.

The individual members of the firm are C. H. Riise and Ben C. Heyl.

Mr. Riise is a native of Yuma and a business man who has been engaged in merchandising from 1884 until he entered the present firm. His first work was for Sanguinnetti; then he had charge of a store at Norton's Landing, after which he became identified with the firm of Levy & Company. In a political way he has occupied the offices of each city and county treasurer. In societies he is a member of the A. O. U. W., the B. P. O. E., the Fraternal Brotherhood, and the A. H. A.

Mr. Heyl, the junior member of the firm has been a resident of Yuma for a considerable length of time. Since January, 1900, he was connected with the firm of Levy & Company. Previously he had been engaged in the lumber business and was also at Gandolfo & Sanguinnetti's store at Gila Bend.

This firm is sure to be successful.

C. D. BAKER.

To successfully conduct a real estate and mining business requires a thorough knowledge of the topographical and mineralogical features of a country, and extensive acquaintance and an almost international reputation for probity and intregity. The gentleman best able to meet these requirements in Yuma is the gentleman whose name forms a heading to this sketch. Educated in the east and connected for years with some of the most prominent hotels on the Pacific coast he secured a large acquaintance among a desirable class of citizens. Six years' residence spent in the wilds of Arizona has given him a personal knowledge of the county, both in minerals and agriculture.

To all persons who desire more detailed information than is given in this issue the Sentinel would refer to Mr. Baker, with the assurance that any statement he might make may be implicitly relied upon.

M. J. NUGENT.

M. J. Nugent, one of the most prominent citizens of Yuma county is a son of Patrick and Margaret (McDonald) Nugent, natives of Ireland, who came to Seneca county in 1850, where Patrick Nugent engaged in the general merchandise business. At Seneca Falls in that county, M. J. Nugent was born on January 11, 1853. In the town of Seneca Falls M. J. Nugent was educated and at that place learned the machinist trade. From there he went to Bowling Green, Ky., where he followed his trade until 1875, when he went to Los Angeles and worked in the same line until 1877, when the Southern Pacific railroad sent him to Yuma where until 1884, he was foreman of the railroad shops. In that year he went as general foreman to Tucson where he remained a year. There he was appointed assistant superintendent of the territorial prison and held office for one year, resigning to accept the office of sheriff of Yuma county to which office he was elected twice.

Then for two terms he was elected a member of the upper house of the territorial legislature.

In January, 1896, he was appointed deputy collector of revenues at Phoenix. He had held a similar position previously at Yuma. Since that time he was appointed superintendent of the territorial prison for one term by Governor Franklin.

From 1897 to 1899 he conducted the S. P. hotel at Yuma. At the present time he is conducting the hotel and store at the King of Arizona mine.

Mr. Nugent is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the B. P. O. E.

D. L. DE VANE.

What better recommendation could an official desire than the report of a regularly impaneled grand jury, composed of members of all political parties, who in their report plainly say, "the office of treasurer, we find, to be conducted in the best possible manner, every cent is accounted for, and the accounts are kept in a manner that reflects well upon the intelligence and ability of the treasurer as an official and as a business man."

This is, in fact and substance, the report of the last Yuma county grand jury.

The official who deserved and received these flattering enconiums is D. L. De Vane.

Mr. De Vane is a native of North Carolina and came to Yuma six years ago. Here, for the most of the time, he has been engaged as bookkeeper for Gandolfo & Sanguinetti and E. F. Sanguinetti. In 1898 he was elected to the office of treasurer, and as to his success in that position the report of the grand jury attests.

His only outside business interest is as a "horny-handed son of toil," as exemplified by farming some grain land down the river.

Mr. DeVane is a member of the Masonic Order.

EDWARD NELSON.

One of the prominent young men of Yuma and one whose social and business life is a fit subject for emulation is Edward Nelson.

Mr. Nelson came here from Los Angeles about three years ago and in partnership with W. H. Shorey started a bakery. After the dissolution of that firm, nine months ago, he continued the business alone. A few weeks ago he purchased the opposition bakery and now controls the bread trade of the town. Although a monopolist, as it were, he still continues to give the best bread at the lowest prices.

His present capacity is 600 loaves of bread per day, but, if necessary, this amount could be much increased. Plain and decorated cakes are made for the trade to order. The stock consists of bread, all kinds of cakes, cookies, pies, etc.

Mr. Nelson has had seven years' experience at this trade, having learned it partly in Finland and partly in this country.

He is prominent in the affairs of the Methodist church and the Christian Endeavor society.

THE JOHNSON.

Many fortunes have been obtained by general merchandising in Yuma. Some of which seemed to increase with the proverbial snow ball rapidly while others at first underwent the varying changes incident to commercial vicissitudes. But of these which were successful from inception none began under nearly as favorable auspices as those which surround the advent of The Johnson Company at the present moment. Succeeding to the business of one of the pioneer firms and under the management of one of the most popular business men that Yuma possesses, the commencement augers well for a prosperous continuity.

The Johnson Company began business on May 21st, succeeding to the business of Levy & Company and occupying the premises of the latter firm. These premises consist of a store room and warehouse covering an area of 50x140 feet. The stock is a mammouth one and consists of dry goods, notions, fancy goods, haberdashery, hardware, harness, queensware, glassware, woodenware, hats, caps, boots, shoes, clothing, groceries, provisions, country produce, etc. As heretofore the patrons will receive the best goods, the best treatment and all favors consistent with good business management. It will not be long in this county until the statement that an article was purchased at The Johnson Company will immediately stamp that article as one of superior excellence and one that could not have been obtained for less money elsewhere.

O. C. JOHNSON, the manager, has had eight years' experience in this line of mercantile avocation. He came to Yuma two years ago and for eighteen months was in the employ of Levy & Company. The rest of the time he was with Sanguinetti previous to the starting of his present enterprise. Personally he is a gentleman who possesses to an eminent degree the happy faculty of making and keeping friends.

J. H. SHANSSEY.

J. H. Shanssey is one of Yuma's prominent business men and a citizen who backs his opinion with his own money, and a man who believes in the policy of "Live and let live."

Mr. Shanssey came to Yuma from Texas twelve years ago. Since arriving here he has been engaged actively in mining and mercantile business.

As a recognition of his enterprise and public-spiritedness the citizens of Yuma have twice elected him to the office of mayor, a position which he is now filling. The position carries with it a considerable amount of responsibility and "his honor" in assuming the office made a mental resolve to honestly administer the affairs of government in an honest and impartial manner, and that he has fully lived up to his resolution his re-election will satisfactorily indicate.

W. E. MARVIN.

W. E. Marvin is a native of Milan, Washte county, Michigan. He left home in 1882, and went to Colorado, where he was engaged in the cattle business. In 1893 he came to Arizona, where he was engaged in prospecting and mining. He secured employment with civil engineers, at first cutting brush and advanced from one position to another until he was in charge of a surveying party. When the war broke out between Spain and the United States, he—— but the story can more briefly and accurately be told by making a brief excerpt from his discharge papers. "Name, W. E. Marvin. Private 1st U. S. Volunteer Cavalry (Roosevelt's rough riders). In El Caney, San Juan Hill, and all engagements around Santiago. At own request was detailed with dynamite gun detachment that accompanied Gen. Shafter to Cuba. His service was gallant, honest and faithful; character excellent. Enlisted May 2, 1898. Discharged Sept. 15, 1898."

He returned to Yuma on the day the convention was held and received the nomination for recorder and was elected at the November election, 1898.

Since 1896 he had at different times been deputy in the county offices. He is a member of most of the fraternal orders in Yuma.

THE NEW RUBY.

Among the attractive and popular establishments of Yuma is the New Ruby. The business was started five years ago and has always enjoyed a good patronage. During the fire which occurred on December 13, 1898, the business and building was destroyed. Building was almost immediately commenced with the result that the present place is far handsomer than the previous one and is a decided attraction.

The building owned and occupied is constructed of brick and is 35x60 feet in size. The bar is of antique oak with a mahogany top and the back bar is of antique oak carved in Flemish style and is ornamented with a French plate glass mirror. There is not a better equipped place between Phoenix and Los Angeles. The front is used as a bar and the rear as a club room. The individual members of the firm owning the New Ruby are JACK and ED. DUNNE, both of whom are members of the B. P. O. E. and Fraternal Brotherhood.

Jack Dunne is a native of Illinois and came to this city from Los Angeles. Previously he had been in El Paso, Texas. When he first came here he worked for a year for Gillespie and then for a year and a half for Meeden and at various times for others. He has been here ten years, the past five in business for himself. On May 13, 1899, his brother Ed. was admitted to partnership. Jack is also one of the proprietors of the Vendome hotel.

J. P. YEMEN.

In Yuma there have been a number of dentists but now there is only one, probably an exemplification of the adage: "The survival of the fittest."

Dr. Yemen has been in Yuma for six years. He is a native of Ontario, where he attended the collegiate institute at St. Marys. In the Dominion he studied denistry for two years with his father, J. G. Yemen, M. D., L. D. S. Then he went to St. Paul, Minn., where for eight years he was engaged with Dr. R. H. Cullum. While there for one year he attended at the dental department of the University of Michigan.

Six years ago he came to Yuma and here he enjoys a good practice. He also makes regular trips at stated intervals to Hedges, American Girl mine, King of Arizona and the Fortuna.

Recently he built a new operating room, which gives him an excellent suite of offices.

YUMA LIVERY STABLES.

As you travel from place to place you will notice new customs, new manners and new methods of doing business and apparently the further away the method is from the home industries of the same character the greater the curiosity and appreciation upon the part of the visitor.

In the entire commercial lines of Yuma no business will attract more attention from the stranger than the livery business.

Imagine some of the strangers stabling their favorite horse in a building which consists of upright posts, a roof and no sides, and yet experience shows this is the best for the animal in this country, and no citizen or person of experience wants his animal otherwise housed. It is owing to experience of this kind and others of a character adapted to horses, that the conduct of the Yuma Livery Stable meets the approbation and support of all horsemen. The stable is sufficiently large to meet the requirements of the trading public now and for some time to come. The livery stock is well bred, thoroughly trained and would creditably grace any stable in the territory. The business is large and was obtained by honest business methods and correct treatment of the public both personally and as regards their stock. A livery, feed, sale and exchange business is transacted, and a semi-weekly stage line is run to Castle Dome and King of Arizona mine. This stage leaves after the arrival of trains.

The business is conducted by Tichnor & McBeath, the individual members of which firm are J. C. Tichnor and A. E. McBeath. Mr. Tichnor was formerly in the stock business at San Jacinto, and Mr. McBeath was in the livery business at the same place.

JOHN DOAN.

Hon. John Doan is a native of Curryville, Pike county, Missouri.

In 1888 he came to Arizona, which territory he has since claimed as his home. After attending high school for two winters in St. Louis he graduated there in 1893 and immediately returned to Arizona. For six months he clerked for W. Dickinson at Palomas. Then for two years he was at Harqua Hala, engaged with the Harqua Hala Gold Mining Company. In January, 1896, he went to Fortuna where he is now local secretary for the Fortuna Mining Company.

In a social way he is a member of the B. P. O. E. and the A. O. U. W.

In November, 1898, he was elected to the 20th legislative assembly and during the session was chairman of the committee on territorial affairs, which committee controlled the prison affairs.

Mr. Doan is one of the brightest young men in the territory and his success in the assembly was such that most people regard that office as merely a stepping stone to something better.

THOS. W. UNDERHILL.

One of the best supervisors this county ever possessed is Thos. W. Underhill. Mr. Underhill was born in Cedar county, Missouri, and at the age of fifteen years his parents removed to Arizona where Thomas received a common school education and in which territory he has since continued to reside. His first work here was teaming for wages in Yavapai and Maricopa counties. After four years as a wage-earner he bought two teams and commenced teaming for himself and continued for four years in the same counties where he had worked for wages.

At the expiration of that period he took up a homestead, which is now patented, 85 miles from Yuma on the Gila river. About 80 acres are under cultivation in hay, barley, etc. Water is obtaned from a ditch owned by the farmers. A certain amount of cattle are also raised.

In addition to farming Mr. Underhill is interested in a number of mining claims.

He takes some interest in secret societies and is a member of the A. O. U. W.

In 1898 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors, and as previously stated is satisfactorily filling the office. His only other political position was when he was deputy sheriff under Greenleaf.

CALIFORNIA TAILORING, DYEING AND CLEANING COMPANY.

Among the newer stellar attractions in Yuma's commercial constellation and one that gives promise of shining with a lustre that will eventually dim the older emporiums is the one under discussion.

The California Tailoring Company had its inception about five months ago, enjoys a trade that is all that could be desired. The business consists of tailoring, dyeing, cleaning, altering garments, carrying a stock of ladies and gent's misfit garments, and also a fine line of masquerade goods, wigs, grease paints, etc. Tailoring is done in all its branches and a perfect fit and satisfaction is guaranteed.

This is the only establishment of the kind between Phoenix and Los Angeles, and work is received and shipped by freight, express or mail. Generally employment is given to two workmen. The business is owned and managed by FRANK DOYLE, who has had twelve years' experience. He conducts a branch establishment at Phoenix, Arizona.

JUDGE A. FRANK.

Judge A. Frank is a native of the southern part of Germany and came to America in 1854. In 1861 he crossed the Isthmus and went to Oregon where he remained until 1867. In that year, owing to ill health and inability to stand the wet weather of Portland, he came to Yuma county, Arizona, where he engaged in general merchandising for twenty years. Then he was engaged in mining for a number of years.

In 1892-3 he was mayor of Yuma and it was in a great measure due to his efforts that congress appropriated $10,000 for the improvement of the Colorado and Gila rivers. In 1894 he was elected to the office of probate judge of Yuma county, a position he has filled continuously since 1895.

MINERS' EXCHANGE.

This business came under its present efficient management on March 2d, since which time the trade has steadily increased. The stock carried consists of straight goods, imported, and reimported and domestic wines, liquors and cigars.

The premises occupied for business purposes consist of a room 25x70 feet in dimension, divided into bar room, private card rooms, club rooms, etc.

The business is owned and managed by W. H. Lyon & Co. Mr. Lyon, one of the whitest men in the town, is a native Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and came from Tucson to Yuma two years ago. During all the time he has been here he has been engaged in the saloon business.

In societies he is a member of the A. O. U. W.

J. M. SPEESE.

J. M. Speese, the popular and efficient sheriff of Yuma county, came here from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1888. Previous to his advent in the political arena, where, by the way, he has proven a gladiator worthy of any man's metal, he was engaged in the livery business.

In 1896 he was elected for the four-year term as a member of the board of supervisors, which position he resigned to accept the position of sheriff, to which office he had been elected in 1898. During his incumbency the office has been conducted in a most creditable manner.

He now owns two quarter sections of land within a short distance of Yuma, one of which is under bond to an oil company.

He is also interested in several mining claims of various kinds located in this county.

He is a member of that organization aptly nick-named "The Best Peoople on Earth."

If this county possessed more people with the business ability and official honesty of Mr. Speese the county would be in a more progressive condition.

C. V. MEEDEN.

C. V. Meeden is a native of Germany, who came to Yuma from San Francisco in 1869. For the first ten years he was continuously engaged in steamboating on the river between the mouth of the river and Eldorado canon. Then for one year he was a guard at the prison. For the following three years he was superintendent of the territorial penitentary. Then he went into the saloon business which avocation he still follows.

The building owned and occupied is 22x30 feet in dimensions. The stock carried consists of well known s andard brands of imported and domestic wines, liquors and cigars.

Mr. Meeden is one of the numerous members of the A. O. U. W. lodge in Yuma.

Politically he is now serving his third term as supervisor. According to the laws of this territory the supervisors' term ordinarily is two years, but the one who receives the highest number of votes in the county is eligible to a four year term. Mr. Meeden was elected three times and held office for twelve years—the last time he made no canvass of the county. This clearly indicates his standing in the county.

E. F. SANGUINETTI.

No doubt the prospective investor, farmer or miner who thinks of coming here imagines Yuma to be a town of shacks, the stores to be almost nil, and the stocks to consist of odds and ends and job lots of every description. Imagine then their surprise when they inspect the mammoth emporium presided over by the gentleman whose name forms a caption to this sketch.

The premises occupied for business purposes consist of a business room 50x125 feet in dimensions, besides warehouses. The stock is large, complete and well selected and shows excellent taste in its arrangement and display. It consists of dry goods, notions, furnishing goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, hardware, furniture, undertaking supplies, paints, oils, stationery, harness, crockery, glassware, staple and fancy groceries, provisions, country produce, miners' and farmers' supplies, cigars, liquors, etc. A wholesale and retail business is transacted. The miners and many of the smaller stores in the county purchasing here. Thirteen courteous assistants are required to wait upon the numerous patrons. Taken as a whole, the store is one of which any city might justly be proud.

The business is now soley owned by E. F. Sanguinetti. Mr. Sanguinetti came to Yuma in 1882. Until 1888, he was employed by Gandolfo & Co. In that year he secured an interest in the business and was a partner until March 1899, when he purchased his partners' interests and became sole owner. Under his personal supervision the store is bound to retain its place as one of the leading business houses in Arizona.

In a social way Mr. Sanguinetti is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the B. P. O. E.

DR. W. T. HEFFERNAN.

Among the more prominent citizens of Yuma should be mentioned W. T. Heffernan, M. D. Dr. Heffernan is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, and of the Ohio Medical College, one of the oldest medical institutions of learning in the United States. Later, he took a special course in surgery in the New York Polyclinic.

About ten years ago he came to Yuma to succeed Dr. Cotter as physician at the Fort Yuma Indian School, and with the exception of the year 1897 he has since continuously occupied that position. During this time for a period of six years he held the office of U. S. court commissioner for the district of southern California. Since 1892 he has been surgeon for the Southern Pacific railroad. For two years he was prison physician.

Although not a member of the A. O. U. W., yet he was medical examiner for a number of years. He is now medical examiner for the Aetna Life, Manhattan, Mutual Life and Penn Mutual Life Insurance Companies.

In 1890, he, in partnership with W. T. Gander, started a drug store, to which the doctor succeeeded as sole proprietor in 1895. In 1891, after the flood, the entire stock of Dr. Cotter's drug store was purchased and consolidated with their own. The store was then located on the corner of First and Madison avenue. The prescription department was then placed in charge of O. H. Willis, who had been the pharmacist for Dr. Cotter three years. Mr. Willis remained with Gander & Co. for one year. In February, 1900, the store was removed to its present location on Main street, in the Stofella building. It is 20x55 feet in dimensions The front is used as a sales room and the rear as a private office and laboratory and storage rooms. The stock is the largest and most complete in Yuma county. It consists of drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, toilet and fancy articles, books, stationery, cigars, etc.

Dr. Heffernan is not only prominent as a physician and druggist, but is interested in outside business and investments. He is the president of the Yuma Building and Loan association; is interested in the Imperial Land and Water Company; and is secretary and treasurer of the Mexican Land Company. The Imperial Company is now constructing a large irrigation ditch on the other side of the river.

THE PHOENIX RESTAURANT.

The Phoenix Restaurant is the leading restaurant in Yuma at the present time. It occupies one of the largest rooms in the new Gandolfo block and has more patrons than all the other eating houses in town combined. The dining room is divided so there are two private dining rooms, two boxes and a main dining room 40x50 feet in size, that alone will accommodate fifty people at one time. Prices per meal are from 25 cents upwards. Meals are served de hote or a la carte at all hours. The trade is large and was secured because there was always something worth eating served and because the service was such as met the requirements of the patrons, otherwise no large trade could have been worked up. Employment is given to eight people. JOE GUNN, the proprietor, has been in Arizona for twenty-five years, all of the time engaged in the restaurant business. He has been in Yuma for five years.

THE YUMA ICE COMPANY.

The Yuma Ice Company, which has recently started operations, is now owned by Geo. H. Geisler and is managed by Geo. Bean. The premises required for business purposes comprise lots covering 20,000 feet of ground area. The main building is 60x100 feet in dimensions.

In the front of the building are three cold storage rooms with an aggregate capacity of 15,000 cubic feet. These rooms are cooled by the brine system. By the side of the storage rooms are the freezing tanks which have a capacity for producing ten tons of ice per day, exclusive of the brine for cooling the rooms.

In the rear of this is the office, store room and engine rooms. The engine is a 75-horse power Corliss steam engine, directly connected with a large horizontal ice machine. Steam for the boiler is derived from an 80-h. p. steel tubular boiler. In the rear of the engine room is the smaller machinery room containing the condenser, distilling and purifying apparatus, ammonia condenser, steam condenser, with filters, re-boilers, skimmers and cooling coils.

Water for the purpose of making distilled water and distilled water ice comes from a well that has been dug for thirty feet and then bored for an additional thirty feet. This water is distilled and redistilled, is filtered through coke and again through charcoal and then sterilized ice moulds. This insures absolute purity.

Above the brine tanks is a movable crane and in front of the vats is an ice thawing machine, an automatic gravity runway and the ice storage room.

In addition to a general cold storage business and the manufacture of distilled water and ice, the firm handles cigars at wholesale and are the agents for the Los Angeles Brewing Co's keg and bottle beer.

Geo. H. Geisler, the proprietor, installed the cold storage plant for P. B. Hodges, mention of which is elsewhere made. Up to the first of January he was in charge of the refrigeration department for C. B. Booth & Co. of Los Angeles, and for two years previous to such employment he was with Baker & Hamilton, of Sacramento—two of the largest firms on the coast.

The manager, Geo. Bean, has had an experience of eighteen years in the refrigeration business. He has occupied all positions from the tail of the wagon to owner. For fourteen years he was in Texas and connected with plants in Marshall, Texarkana and Tyler. After leaving Texas he went to Los Angeles where he was chief engineer for the Los Angeles Ice and Cold Storage Company. Both proprietor and manager are mechanical engineers.

BALSZ'S COLD STORAGE MARKET.

It has always been said by knowing wives that to reach their husband's heart they do it by giving them a good meal. If the subject of anatomical research resides in or contigious to Yuma it is the prevailing impression that the meal to be a success must have the principal comestible of the best quality and to be of superior excellence must be procured at Balsz's Cold Storage Market. The business was started eight years ago by one of the best known pioneers in the southwest and it could not be otherwise than successful. Always reliable and enterprising it was the first market in Yuma to start a cold storage plant for the purpose of keeping meat in the best condition.

The business is owned by David Balsz—or as he is quite often called, "Frank, the Butcher."

Mr. Balsz is a native of Hassendamstrof, Germany, where he was born on January 19, 1836. He mother died when he was thirteen days old. When four years of age his father removed to St. Louis, Mo. Here David resided until he was seventeen years of age, when in company with five other young butchers he outfitted an ox train and crossed the plains to Placerville, California. Here Mr. Balsz went to work as a butcher for Isaac Spencer for a year. Then he worked for John Dorsey for one year at Diamond Springs. At the end of this time he started business for himself and continued until 1857, when he sold out and went to San Francisco and later to Wilmington (San Pedro), Los Angeles, Cal. He then came to Yuma on August 17, 1864, and has resided here, off and on, ever since.

Here he worked for the late Louis Jaiger, as a butcher, at monthly wages, for about three years, when he became a merchant and for a year and a half conducted a store at Algodona, just opposite Pilot Knob.

His next work was for J. M. Redondo for a year. Then he went to Maricopa and bought and sold cattle, buying from the Texas immigrants who were enroute to California. This occupation continued for a year when he returned to Yuma and again secured employment with J. M. Redondo. A year was thus spent when he and Redondo purchased a billiard saloon, lodging house and livery stable known as the Yuma Exchange. After conducting this for two or three years they rented the business to others and Mr. Balsz went to Phoenix where for eighteen years he was buying and selling cattle. During most of the time he had government contracts. Eight years ago he returned to Yuma where he now occupies a leading position as a business man.

His range is now located near Lyon's Springs, where he raises stock and beef cattle. At Tempe he has leased to others a 160 acre dairy farm stocked with 75 head of Shorthorn Durham cattle.

In a political way he has held but one office, that of supervisor.

L. N. MOLLER, M. D.

Among the disciples of Aesculapius who have achieved distinction in their chosen profession since locating in Yuma should be mentioned the gentleman whose name forms a caption to this sketch.

L. Nagles Moller is a native of Germany. In that country he attended the classical schools and also began the study of medicine. In 1878 he came to New York and continued the study of medicine with Dr. Duszofski as preceptor. He graduated from the Eclectic Medical college of the city of New York on February 22, 1881. After a course in the Bellevue hospital he became associated with Dr. Duszofski for two years and then for one year practiced alone. For the next nine years he was practicing at Marion and Llano, Texas, from which latter place he came to Yuma about six years ago.

For three years Dr. Muller was county physician and since March 5, 1899, he has been the physician for the territorial prison. As a physician he is a credit to the medical profession of Yuma.

HOTEL VENDOME.

One of the finest points to be considered by the new arrival whether he is a miner, prospector, farmer or tourist, is the selection of a suitable place of temporary or permanent domicile during his sojourn in Yuma. Here it is the prevailing impression that one of the best stopping places in the city is the Hotel Vendome. This hotel was established in 1896 and came under its present efficient management about three years ago, since which time the trade has steadily increased. The building is located on the corner of Main and Jones streets, one block from the Southern Pacific depot. It contains fifteen nicely furnished rooms. The house is conducted entirely upon the Europeaan plan and is managed by Jack Dunne and W. J. Dunne, two of the best known business men in Yuma. W. J. Dunne attends exclusively to the management of the house.

THE YUMA MEAT MARKET.

The Yuma Meat Market is one of the most enterprising and progressive business institutions in the southwest and is one that the citizens of Yuma point to with commendable pride. The business during the present proprietorship came under its present efficient management about four years ago, although the proprietor has had over seven years' experience. The premises occupied for business purposes consist of an eligibly located store room 20x55 feet in dimensions, used as a sales room and located in the Gandolfo block, the best block in town, and two slaughter houses.

A branch establishment is conducted at the King of Arizona mine.

The Yuma business is one that would creditably grace any city both in point of equipment and in the method of conduct. It is a wholesale and retail business, butcher business and in addition a line of preserves, pickles, produce, cheese, delicacies, etc.

The counters are marble topped, and heretofore a Gurney refrigerator has been in use. Although this would be considered a first-class equipment by most butchers, yet Mr. Hodges thought it obsolete and to further his ideas employed Mr. Geo. Giesler, of Los Angeles, to install one of his anhydrous ammonia cold storage systems. In furtherance of this project the Gurney refrigerator was remodeled by placing above and below one foot of sifted cinders for additional insolation and by adding to the sides and top on the interior two thicknesses of sugar pine matched lumber and parafine (P. & B.) building paper, alternately laid with joints overlapping. The exterior of the box remains as originally constructed with four glass top compartments, and sixteen plate-glass mirrors. A large compartment in the rear of the four compartments. It has a capacity of ten or twelve cattle In the rear of the refrigerator are the compressors and condensers and in the rear of the building is a six-horse power Witte gasoline engine. This plant is the thirty-sixth installed by Mr. Giesler, every one of which has been a success. This is additionally creditable when it is known that small plants, other than this system, are almost invariably failures. The store room is also cooled by fans run by the engine which also pumps water to a tank and affords fire protection.

Yuma is to be congratulated on possessing a plant of this character and also on having a citizen sufficiently public-spirited to invest his money in something that will materially benefit every resident and visitor by making it possible to always secure healthful meats. Meat cooled by ice is always liable to mildew, mold, or as sometimes medicinally called, microbe or bacteria. All animalculae life is destroyed and eliminated by the dry cold produced by cold storage. The plant is insured for $3,000.

Mr. P. B. Hodges the proprietor is a native of Tucson, Arizona, and has lived in or contigious to Yuma since 1875, where for the most of the time he has been engaged in the cattle and butcher business.

As additional evidence of his faith in and advantage to Yuma it may be mentioned that he is now also constructing a residence, one and a half stories high and 40x48 feet ground dimensions, on Orange avenue.

ALTHEE MODESTI.

In every line commercial enterprise there are certain firms, who owing to the extent of their trade, the large and complete stock carried, are entitled to the designation of leading firm. Of such establishments in Arizona that presided over by Althee Modesti meets all the essential requirements and is therefore entitled to the laudatory title of leader in trade.

Althee Modesti succeeded twenty-three years ago to the business established by his father about 1870. In 1893 he erected a large two-story corner brick building, part of which is rented for other business and the balance a store-room and basement 53x60 feet in dimensions is used for the general merchandise business. The stock carried is large, complete and well-selected and is especially adapted to the wants of this community. It consists of every thing usually found in a first-class general merchandise store. The trade is one of the largest and was obtained by honest business methods, courteous treatment of customers and always selling the best goods at the lowest prices.

Not only in a business way but socially and politically Mr. Modestt has achieved distinction. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the B. P. O. E., the Fraternal Brotherhood and the Spanish-American Alliance.

In a political way he has been supervisor for several terms, one term as chairman, and as county treasurer for four terms. Mr. Modesti enjoys the friendship of everyone and the emnity of none.

DAN DEVORE.

Whittier has written:

"Give fools their gold and knaves their power;
Let fortunes bubble, rise and fall;
Who sows a field or trains a flower,
Or plants a tree is more than all!"

The list of those entitled to be enrolled in this superlative degree are numerous citizens of this county and their number is steadily increasing. The last member to take the initiatory degree is Dan Devore of Fortuna, who recently purchased a twenty-acre alfalfa farm about two and a half miles from Yuma. Part of this land, this fall or winter he will devote to an apricot orchard and thereby not only benefit himself but all others in the county.

Mr. Devore is a native of the good old Buckeye state, the mother of presidents and the home of distinguished men and handsome women.

He came to Arizona thirteen years ago and engaged in the livery and stage business in partnership with J. M. Speese. Afterward he conducted the stage line from Blaisdell to Fortuna. This line he recently sold to the Fortuna Mining Company.

At the present time he is engaged in freighting to Fortuna from the railroad and also has a wood contract from the mine. He gives steady employment to twenty men.

As a citizen and business man he is one of the best known in the county.

PETER T. ROBERTSON.

Peter T. Robertson is a native of Woodland, Yolo county, California. He was educated in the public schools of California and Arizona or rather the commencement was received in those schools, but the principal part was obtained by his own efforts during candle light at home. He studied law with J. D. McCabe at Globe, Arizona, and was admitted to practice in the district court at Globe in October, 1891, to the supreme court in 1892. After being admitted he located at Globe and practiced there and at Solomonville and Florence until he came to Yuma in June, 1899. Here he has been successful and now enjoys a generous clientage.

In 1892 he was elected district attorney of Gila County and served during 1893-4.

In 1890 and 1896 he was a delegate to the territorial Democratic conventions, both times being chairman of the Gila county delegations and casting the vote.

While at Gila he was past grand of the subordinate and high priest of the Encampment I. O. O. F., sachem of the I. O. R. M., and C. C. of the W. of W.

S. P. HOTEL.

For genuine, homelike comfort there is not in Yuma, or Arizona for that matter, a more elegantly arranged or a better managed hostelry than the S. P. Hotel, since it came under its present capable management three years ago. The building is located contiguous to the railroad track, is surrounded by double porches and contains thirty handsomely furnished sleeping apartments besides wide halls, large parlor, offices, and a dining room that will accommodate 120 guests at one time. The table is supplied with the choicest viands in the market, cooked to a turn and served in a manner to meet the requirements of the epicure or the possessor of the most fastidious appetite. The cuisine is presided over by a competent chef who seems to thoroughly understand the wants of each individual guest. The bar maintains the same high standard of excellence as the balance of the house, being supplied with a complete line of imported and domestic wines, liquors and cigars of standard manufacture.

This house is the recognized headquarters of all the commercial and tourists trade.

The business is under the personal management of L. J. F. Jaeger, a gentleman who seems to possess the knack of making each individual guest feel at home and thoroughly satisfied.

Mr. Jaeger is practically a native of Yuma, although born on the California side of the river. He was educated in Stillwell's school in San Francisco and in St. Vincent's college in Los Angeles. After the completion of his studies he returned to Yuma where he has continued to reside and where he is highly regarded as a business man and a citizen.

In addition to the hotel he owns a ranch on the opposite side of the river about one mile from the bridge, which is irrigated from a private pumping plant. 110 acres are under cultivation. The farm is stocked with full-blooded and grade Durham and Jersey cattle and registered hogs. In addition stock cattle and horses are also raised.

In addition to the above he is also interested in a number of mining prospets and claims.

R. B. YOUNG.

A man sometimes erects a building without calling in the services of an architect but this is invariably his maiden effort in the building line. After he gets through paying for the mistakes and blunders, the bill of extras, and doing over the poor work and in the end finds he has just exactly what he does not want, he concludes that probably the few dollars he would have had to pay the architect would have been a saving. On the second and subsequent buildings his first investment and the one he most willingly pays is the fee of the architect for plans, specifications, and superintendence. All this is apropos of the building improvements in Yuma. When Jno Gandolfo concluded to erect the Gandolfo hotel he went to Los Angeles and secured the services of R. B. Young of 828 west Seventh street. He inquired as to the standing of Mr. Young and was told that he was no good, and that he had the enmity of most of the contractors and builders in the city. Enquiring from a man of standing and one in a position to know, Mr. Gandolfo was informed the statements were correct. That Mr. Young obtained the enmity of a certain class by insisting upon the contractors living up to the specifications. Mr. Gandolfo concluded that if Mr. Young's unpopularity was caused by his looking out for the interests of his patrons that that was the architect for him, hence he was given the job of furnishing the plans and specifications on the hotel.