

Cludius F. Rubell, a native of Greene county, Missouri, was born at Springfield, December 15, 1853. Three years after his birth his father, W. H. Rubell, emigrated to California, making the trip overland with ox teams. He was one of the first settlers of the present city of Chico, California, where, in 1860, he built the first house. General Bidwell's home adjoined Mr. Rubell's, but was located outside the city limits. Mr. Rubell remained there until 1866, when he removed to Eugene City, Oregon, and in 1870 to Dallas, Polk county, Oregon. In 1884 he returned to the "Golden State," and located at Bitter Water valley, San Benito county, and there died December 1, 1890. He was a native of Tennessee and married Mrs. Tabitha Johnson, a native of the same State. In his youth and early manhood he pursued farming, but later learned the trade of a carpenter, which occupation he followed for several years. Mr. Rubell next learned the dentist profession and pursued it for the last thirty years of his life. The mother of our subject died in Oregon, in 1867, leaving three children, of whom our subject is the oldest.

Mr. Rubell, the subject of this sketch, received his early education at Eugene City, Oregon, and Salem, the same State. Later, he had the advantage of attending the La Creole Academy at Dallas. After finishing his course there he adopted school teaching as a profession, which he followed in Polk, Lane and Linn counties, Oregon, for six years. In 1878, however, he came to California and taught school for two years at Salinas, in Monterey county. In 1888

he taught in Priest Valley, San Benito county, for three terms and then came to Bitter Water. Mr. Rubell's ranch comprises 160 acres of land, a portion of the Domingo Villa ranch, with ample stock range adjoining. In the fall of 1891 Mr. Rubell embarked in the nursery business, in partnership with Mr. B. F. Gruner. They have about 30,000 almond, apricot and peach trees.

Mr. Rubell was married in Salinas, in 1880, to Miss Emma, a daughter of Samuel Gruver, of Priest Valley. She was born in Stanislaus county, September 2, 1858, and has borne her husband three children, namely: William H., born August 26, 1881; Samuel G., born November 30, 1884; and Hattie A., born January 16, 1887. Since 1890 Mr. Rubell has been an active member of the Bitter Water Alliance, No. 30, which was the first alliance organized in the county and now has seventy-five members. He is President of the County Alliance and Secretary of the Sub-Alliance. For four years he was a member of the San Benito County Board of Education, and for two years served as its president. In 1879 he was the Constitution candidate for County Superintendent of schools of Monterey county. As an instructor Mr. Rubell was unexcelled, and the educational interests suffered when he abandoned that calling for an agricultural one.

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