

T. H. Slaven, one of the leading citizens of San Benito county post office Paicines, is identified with both the farming and banking interests of the county, and for many years has also been prominently connected with educational affairs.

Mr. Slaven was born in Erie county, New York, October 21, 1837, on the farm where he spent his boyhood and youth. His parents, P. and Eliza (Walsh) Slaven, were natives of Long island, New York, and Westchester county, that State, respectively. They had a family of ten sons and one daughter. Owing to ill health, the subject of our sketch abandoned farming and engaged in teaching school. He made four trips to California at various times. His first journey was in 1866, via Panama. Here he continued teaching until 1882. He holds a life certificate to teach in this State. For a number of years he has been, and is still, a member of the County Board of Education, having always shown a keen interest in educational matters. Of late years he has been successfully engaged in farming. He owns a fine farm in San Benito county, his present home, and has landed interests in San Joaquin county. He is also interested in banking, being vice president of the Farmers & Merchants' Bank of Hollister, one of the wealthiest financial institutions in California.

Mr. Slaven was married June 7, 1859, to Miss Ellen Marr, a native of Boston, and a daughter of John Marr. They have six children: Thomas, Ellen, Isaac, Eliza, Edward and James. Ellen is the wife of E. Chamberlain and lives in New York city.

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