

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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### **Framing the Charter**

In the Peninsula Advocate of Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1910, the editor, H.H. M'Leroth, features the names and qualifications of the freeholders who had been nominated to compose the board of fifteen men who would draft Monterey's City Charter. The election was to be held the second day after the Advocate was printed.

It might be interesting today to know what type of citizen formulated the charter for the government under which we, in Monterey, are living in 1951 – forty-one years later.

In alphabetical order there were nominated: F.A. Botsch, Thomas Brown, C.P. Carmody, George D. Clark, J.L. Cramer, Espiro Duarte, C.R. Few, J.W. Fleming C.F. French, Hugo Futterer, Sam Goldstein, George Harper, Frank Hellam, Paul Hess, F.M. Hilby, A.C. Hinkle, E.E. James, F.A. Lang, Manuel Lewis, Perry Lyons, W.H. McConnell, J.K. Oliver, M. Ortins, W.E. Parker, Shelley Pickles, Charles Rinehart, H.J. Schaufele, Max Schmidt, G.E. Selby, M.B. Steadman, Charles G. White and B.F. Wright.

We find in going over the list that only one of the men admits to being born in Monterey and that was Espiro Duarte. Messrs. Botsch, Few, Hilby, Steadman, Clark and White had served as town trustees. Saloon keepers were Messrs. Brown, Hinkle, Lewis, Schaufele and Schmidt; Messrs. Oliver, Pickles and French had been school trustees, F.A. Botsch was in the lumber business, C.P. Carmody was prominent in labor circles, George D. Clark was a blacksmith, C.R. Few was a large property owner, J.W. Fleming had a cigar store and Hugo Futterer had a retail butcher shop in New Monterey for several years. Sam Goldstein had lived in Monterey most of his life and was interested in the dry goods business of Goldstein's.

George Harper had been in Monterey a number of years as the confidential and trusted employe of James Murray. Frank Hellam was identified as "Frank Hellam has worked himself up from a meager beginning to a most substantial business man; is noted for his public spiritedness, generosity and interest in the city's affairs."

Paul Hess was in 1910 employed as inspector of the new Bank of Monterey building. He later became building inspector for the city. R.E. James was "assistant cashier of the bank of Monterey; is attentive to his business and has good habits." F.A. Lang was a carpenter and contractor. Perry Lyons was a civilian employe at the Presidio of Monterey. W.H. McConnell was in the electric business. J.K. Oliver was the father of Myron Oliver, and the founder of "The Olivers" art store.

W.E. Parker was in 1910, the city clerk of Monterey; later he became the fire chief. Shelley Pickles was "an expert machinist and had always been identified with the best interests of the city." Charles Rinehart was president of the Union Supply Company and M.B. Steadman had served as a member of the state assembly as well as city trustee. C.G. White was an employe of the Pacific Improvement Company and B.F. Wright had not yet been mayor of the city but had been identified with "many forward movements in the city." In the same issue of the Advocate there was announced the tearing down of the Old Capital Club building on Alvarado street.

A Banquet was given by Miss Matilda Bergschicker, the retiring recording secretary of Junipero Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, for her sister lodge members.

A news item read: "In a recent American League game between Chicago and New York, Harry Wolter, the hard hitting right fielder for the New York team, made a batting record of two singles and two triples, his last hit drove in the deciding run." Wolter was born and raised in Monterey and has lately retired as baseball coach at Stanford University.

A.G. Winston had sold an Indian Motorcycle to Spike Hall and D.B. Gross had returned to Monterey from San Francisco in a new Flanders car which was exhibited for several days in T.A. Work's store.