

he came to San Rafael, and worked as a journeyman at his trade till January, 1878, when he began operations on his own account, and has since continued here.

Omar Jewell, (deceased), Whose portrait will be found in this work, was born in Schuyler county, New York, February 5, 1821. When but four years of age he accompanied his parents to Canada, and resided opposite Detroit until 1829, when they went to that city and there located. At the age of fifteen years the subject of this sketch moved to Wheaton, Du Page county, Illinois, and commenced farming, which he continued in that section until 1856, in which year, leasing his farm, he removed with his family to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and embarked in the lumber and shingle trade. At the end of three years, during which Mr. Jewell was engaged in this business, he returned to Illinois and settled on his farm in Du Page county, and there resided until 1861, when he removed to New York, being there appointed agent for D. M. Osborn's Reaper and Mower, to proceed to the Pacific coast. In December of that year he started for California, *via* Panama, and on arrival proceeded to Petaluma, where he established himself. In April of the following year Mr. Jewell's family, consisting of his wife and seven children, made the tedious journey across the plains and joined him in the month of September, 1862, when shortly after he transferred his residence to Marin county, and settled on the farm known as the Home Ranch, of Nelson H. Olds, and there dwelt until 1864, when he purchased the farm now conducted by his sons and built the present residence. Though Mr. Jewell never held office in Marin, he was ever intimately connected with the county's advancement, having its interest always at heart. Married, February 25, 1845, Viania Marsh, a native of Chautauqua county, New York, by whom there are Alva, born August 2, 1847; Viania, born August 15, 1849; William, born October 1, 1854; and Annie, born September 10, 1856. The following members of the family are deceased:—Harriet, born September 1, 1845, died February 3, 1866; Emma, born March 4, 1851, died November 10, 1875; and Olive, born January 10, 1853, died May 8, 1869. Mr. Jewell died January 1, 1875.

Alva Jewell, son of the above, was born in Wheaton, Du Page county, Illinois, August 2, 1847, and accompanied his mother across the plains in 1862 to California. He was educated in the public schools of Olema, Marin county. In 1867-68 he attended a course in Heald's Business College in San Francisco, after which he returned and settled on his father's farm, where he resided until the Fall of 1873, when he purchased land in Mendocino township, Sonoma county, and commenced sheep raising, an industry he prosecuted until July, 1874, when he took charge of the Home Ranch, which he still conducts. In August, 1879, he entered into partnership with