

Horace Gould, an eminently successful agriculturist of San Benito county, was born in the town of Chester, Windham county, Vermont, October 12, 1837. He was a son of Sylvester Gould, deceased, a native of the same State, as was likewise his mother, Hannah Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Sr., were pioneers of Knox county, near Yates City, Illinois, where our subject spent his boyhood and youth.

Mr. Gould left home, when a young man and learned the carpenter's trade, at Leavenworth, Kansas, and came to California in 1869, for his health. Until Mr. Gould came to Los Angeles he traveled through the State, but upon reaching this city he found employment with Perry & Wood worth, who were at that time extensive builders and contractors.

Upon the death of his father, Mr. Gould returned home and remained until 1874, when, August 1 of that year, he returned to California and purchased his present home, near Paicines, of George Butterfield. On this farm he has made extensive improvements, increasing it, until he now is the proud owner of 808 acres of fertile grain producing and sheep-ranging land.

Mr. Gould married, in the fall of 1870, Miss Hannah A., a daughter of Orson Gard, deceased, a farmer of Yates City, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Gould have seven children, namely: Charles O., John R, Franklin H. and Nellie H. (twins); Edwin O., Ella I. and Etta B.

Mr. Gould is a man of great energy, who takes a commendable

interest in the local affairs of his town and county and is one of the Trustees of his school district.

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