

Hon. S. N. Laughlin, the efficient manager of the warehouse, steamship and railroad interests at Moss landing, in Monterey county, is a native of Conneaut, Ohio, where he was born, March 28, 1844, a son of Hugh and Mary Laughlin, of that place. His early days were given to labor upon his parents' farm, and to study. At the age of eighteen he left the farm and home and engaged in teaching at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he remained one year. From there he went to New Haven, Connecticut, where he taught three years.

In 1866 he came to California, where he continued teaching at San José and San Francisco for about four years. Owing to impaired health, he quit teaching and accepted a situation as accountant in a San Francisco shipping and corn mission house, which he retained for four years.

In September, 1871, he was married to Miss Hattie J. Potter, a daughter of Riley Potter, a merchant of Springfield, Pennsylvania. The result of this union has been three children, namely: Mabel Hattie, Mary Adella and Lester Saron.

In 1874 he came to Monterey county, and ever since has been continuously one of that county's most energetic and enterprising businessmen.

In 1884 he was given, by acclamation, the Republican nomination for the State Assembly, and was elected by the largest majority ever given a legislative candidate in Monterey county. He proved himself a valuable representative; served as chairman of

an important standing committee, and labored zealously for time best interests of his county and State. He was urged to accept a renomination for the Assembly, or a nomination for the State Senate, but owing to a continuous pressure of business matters he declined to do so.

Mr. Laughlin is a gentleman of large business attainments. He is self reliant, courteous and universally popular. He owns about 80,000 acres of land in Santa Fe county, New Mexico, and about 800 acres in Monterey county, California.

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