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served two years as school trustee in Virginia City, and also held the same office for two years in Tombstone, after which he was elected supervisor. He served four years as treasurer and tax collector of Cochise county, Ariz.

Mr. McAllister was prominent in Masonic circles, having taken all the degrees, and also belonging to the Mystic Shrine, and was identified with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the Gamut Club. In Virginia City, Nev., on June 4, 1873, he married Elizabeth McAllister, and the two children born to them are Lillian (Mrs. C. A. King) and Frank Allister McAllister.

VESTAL AND HUBBELL. The poultry ranch of T. C. Vestal and O. B. Hubbell, established in Van Nuys, Cal., in September, 1913, comprises twenty acres and includes twelve poultry houses, three brooders, eighteen incubators, and the owners have also built two beautiful residences on the place. When they bought the property this was uncultivated land, but they have developed it and introduced a fine water system with pipes for irrigation, so that now they have one of the show places of the district. In addition to their principal interest of poultry raising the owners have set out an orchard of walnut and fig trees on the place. Vestal and Hubbell make a specialty of full-blooded barred Plymouth Rock fowls, having also one pen of White Leghorns and expecting, by the fall of 1915, to have three thousand White Leghorn laying hens, which number they intend to increase to five thousand by the year 1916. They also deal in day-old baby chicks, and have a pen of Cornish Indian Game Cocks. The brooder houses are heated by a hot water system, and are three in number, with a capacity of seventeen hundred chicks each, the incubators used being Schofield, Buckeye, Pioneer and Jubilee, with a capacity of ten thousand eggs.

Coming to California in 1890 as a young man, a native of Randolph county, N. C., T. C. Vestal settled in Shasta county, after two years removing to Sonoma county, where he remained fourteen years, engaged in the raising and marketing of poultry, in which business he made his start in Two Rock Valley, five miles west of Petaluma, Cal., with a capital of only \$80, buying his eggs

for hatching from Mr. Hubbell, now his partner, and being trusted for same one year. While raising chickens, he also milked from twenty-five to thirty-five cows for a neighbor in order to get enough money to carry on his poultry ranch. Though having a hard time at the start, Mr. Vestal is now reaping the benefits of his early struggle, and is a self-made man in the highest sense of the term. For four years prior to coming to Van Nuys, he and Mr. Hubbell carried on a large hay and grain establishment in Petaluma, and selling this out, they invested in Van Nuys lands, besides their twenty-acre ranch there, owning other valuable property in Van Nuys.

Mr. Vestal was married in 1898 in Sonoma county to Belle Gaston, a native daughter, and three children were born to them: Wilburn (deceased), Genevieve and Eleanor Marie. Mr. Vestal is a member of Petaluma Lodge No. 30, I. O. O. F., and of the Canton.

Mr. Hubbell is a native of Michigan, where he was born August 31, 1863, when only four months old coming with his parents across the Isthmus of Panama to California, where his father, Orton Hubbell, was one of the pioneer settlers of Marin county, coming to the state in 1856. Mr. Hubbell has had twenty-five years of experience in the poultry business, and is now an expert in that line, his name being well known in the Petaluma section, where he was considered one of the best informed men on the subject and received the name of "the Petaluma expert." His establishing a business in Van Nuys, with his reputation and experience as a poultry expert, has been a decided boom to the chicken industry of that district, and he has planned the chicken ranches for the North Van Nuys Acre Tract of land. He was married in 1888 to Phebe Ames, a native of Sonoma county, and they have had two children, Carlyle (deceased) and Howard. For five years Mr. Hubbell was associated with the California Fruit Cannery Association of Santa Rosa, and both he and his partner are members of the Federation of Poultrymen of Van Nuys. They are now experimenting on a new strain of fowl, a cross of the Black Minorca and the White Leghorn. Both Mr. Vestal and Mr. Hubbell are men of long experience in the poultry business, and will soon have the largest number of laying hens in the San Fernando Valley.