

THOMAS F. RYAN, deceased. When the clouds cover deep the familiar forms of our loved ones, and we hear their voices no more, memory loves to dwell in the past where cluster the things they did and said. It is very fitting to gratify this desire and to aid in it we often times resort to the written page to outline there somewhat of the careers of those gone on before, where we shall all, soon enough, travel. It is our purpose to grant here, as much as may be from the information furnished, an epitome of the life of the esteemed gentleman whose name stands at the head of this article. He was a man of kindly ways and geniality and won the hearts of all. He passed a life in which he manifested true worth and integrity and had a deep appreciation of the stewardship entrusted to him. His death occurred on the ranch, where resides his widow at this time, six miles west from Dufur. The last illness of Mr. Ryan steadily became more and more serious until it was evident death had marked him for departure. All was done that mortals could do, but on December 17, 1891, he fell asleep and thus closed a life in which his record had been good, and in which true principles of uprightness and honesty had guided his ways.

The birth of Mr. Ryan occurred in Tipperary, Ireland, on May 1, 1826. He received in his younger days a fine education, and was always a student and great reader. Mr. Ryan had a decided gift in composition and wrote many fine poems, and we regret that we have none at hand for this article. Those acquainted with him were all familiar with this gift and many times it was displayed with marked effect.

On April 16, 1865, at Maryville, Uba county, California, Mr. Ryan married Miss Catherine A. Morrisey, who was born in Cork, Ireland, April 19, 1841. Her parents were Patrick and Catherine (O'Brien) Morrisey, the former born in Carrick and the latter in county Waterford, Ireland. The father was a dyer and presser by trade. Mr. Ryan enlisted in the Civil war and fought with distinction in that struggle.

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