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FRANK NUNEZ.—It is no wonder that all of Ins friends, as well as Frank Nunez himself, are very proud of his being a successful cattleman, and of having provided for himself a handsome competency, for Frank understands the cattle business from A to Z, and has known more or less of it ever since he was a lad of fifteen. 'Way back on October 14, 1859, he was born in old Sonora, Mexico, whither his father, Augustine Nunez, had come from Spain. His father was educated for the Bar, and having migrated to Mexico, was a practicing attorney in the town of Frank's birth. He stood high there, and was more than successful ; but one evil day he became a sympathizer with Maximilian, and when that unfortunate adventurer fell, .Augustine Nunez had to flee the country.

In 1868, he came to the United States and brought his family to San Luis Obispo County. While Frank was still very young his mother died, and then he lived with a sister, going to school but three or four months. By 1874 he had entered the employ of R. C. Flint, the great ranchman, and two years later was in the responsible position of foreman, having in charge two ranches forty-five miles apart and lying seventy-five miles south of Campo on the international border. For a hundred miles he roamed over the cattle ranges branding the stock, and he remained in charge of the herds until he delivered the last bunch of cattle in Mexico in 1881. In those days buyers wanted fat cattle, and there was no call for feeders ; there was a round-up in May or June, so much was paid per head, and that was all there was to it. When he resigned, he was four hundred dollars in debt, to balance which he gave his note; and this was paid in 1886—to the Flint estate, the ranchman being dead—although the note was already outlawed. In 1882, we find Frank Nunez in Los Angeles, where he remained for eighteen months, and then he made for Bakersfield, assisting Tom Briggs at different times in the cattle business.

From the spring of 1886. he was again foreman for the R. C. Flint estate of the San Juan Ranch, in San Luis Obispo County, and later foreman of the Nacimiento Ranch, for the same estate, from which he resigned in the fall of 1891. He then went into the cattle department of Miller & Lux, at New Columbia, in the San Joaquin valley, but at the end of nine months he gave that up to go into the cattle business for himself on Carissa Plains, his brother-in-law, J. Garcia, being in charge of the stock. In 1893 he was again induced by R. C. Flint, Jr., to take charge of the San Juan Ranch, as foreman and continued ably to fill that position until 1896, when he resigned to look after his own stock business.

He then began buying different ranches, watering-places and grazing grounds, and rented ??nie large ranges, starting with three hundred head of cattle; and soon he had made his brand, F-N, mean something worth while on the market. He sold out in 1909, and seeing an opportunity for a quick turn of money, he took a trip to Sonora, Mexico, and there bought a train load of steers and shipped them north to this county, where he trebled his money. The same year he built a livery stable and engaged in the livery business at Santa Margarita; but finding that it was not what he wanted, he disposed of it.

He sold some of his lands, and built himself a residence in Santa Margarita, the most modern and beautiful residence in the place, where he owns other valuable property. Some years ago, at San Luis Obispo, Frank Nunez married Miss Frances Garcia, who was born and reared in this county. A public-spirited Republican, Mr. Nunez has also served in the past as trustee of Simmler School District, thereby showing his interest in the cause of education,