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BEING THE PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES
OF PROGRESSIVE MEN OF THE SOUTH-
WEST, WHO HAVE HELPED IN
THE DEVELOPMENT AND
HISTORY MAKING OF
THIS WONDERFUL
COUNTRY



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ARTHUR S. HYMAN



HYMAN, ARTHUR S., Theaters, Los Angeles, California, was born at Chicago, Illinois, July 28, 1879. He is the son of Sidney Hyman and Caroline (Schwartzschild) Hyman. He married Hazel Lesser at

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 21, 1906, and to them there was born one child, Carlton Hyman.

Mr. Hyman received his early education in Chicago, but finished at Heidelberg, the famed German educational institution, from which he was graduated; then returned to the United States and embarked in the amusement business. Since then his career has been one of the most notable successes in the West.

He moved to Los Angeles in 1908, and bought a half interest in a theater there, now known as the Hyman-Royal. This was a small beginning, the theater having a seating capacity of only two hundred, but so successful was the venture Mr. Hyman in two years decided to build three more theaters, two of which were opened within seven days of each other. His business enterprises now number more than a dozen, and of each he is sole owner and principal director.

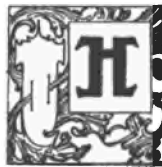
He is president of the Arthur S. Hyman circuit of theaters, the parent concern; Hyman Amusement Company, Western Film Co., Western Amusement Co., Hyman's College Theater, Royal Theater, Rouser Theater, Walker Theater, Luna Park Theater and Hyman's Neptune Theater. These various enterprises represent a very large investment.

Mr. Hyman in his younger days won repute as an athlete. He held the national championship for the 200-pound 100-yard dash at one time and figured in numerous track events. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, but his company was not called into action.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of San Francisco.



THOMAS HUGHES



HUGHES, THOMAS, Manufacturer, Los Angeles, California, was born at Rice's Landing, Greene County, Pa., August 25, 1859, the son of James Hughes and Fanny Cline. He was married in June, 1881, to

Mrs. Perry Mosher in New Mexico.

He received his education in the common schools of his home town, and when he was nineteen years of age went to Kansas to work, and thence, in 1880, to Albuquerque, N. Mex., where he engaged in the contracting business. He stayed there until 1883, but, foreseeing the growth of Los Angeles, went there. His first work was in a planing mill, where he formed the basis of his success later in life.

After working a year, he invested his capital, five hundred dollars, in two machines and went into the sash business for himself. He had success and in 1896 organized the firm of Hughes Brothers, changing this in 1902 to the Hughes Manufacturing Company, of which he is president. His plant today represents a value of \$700,000, employs five hundred men and is considered the largest of its kind in the West.

He also is active in oil production, having with Ed. Strassburg organized the American Oil Company, one of the first formed in the Southwest. This company has been a steady producer, and has been one of the most conservative and profitable. He has helped organize other companies. He is the owner of considerable property in Los Angeles and in the adjacent cities of Southern California.

Mr. Hughes is a purist in business and politics, and although he has never held public office has done much to aid the city and keep its politics clean.

He is an Elk, a member of the Driving Club, Los Angeles Country Club, San Gabriel Country Club and former president of the Union Club.