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## H. K. JACKSON

A Builder of Oakland

H. K. JACKSON played one of the principal parts in the building of this city. He was one of Oakland's great pioneers—a man who long ago saw in the little town across the bay from San Francisco a big city in the making and who did as much as any man to make that vision real.

For 42 years his life has been a genuinely constructive, wholesome force in the development of this community.

Now he is dead, and to the city he helped to build that news brings the sense of sad and inevitable loss.

To those fortunate enough to know him personally and enjoy his friendship it brings the sense of a more poignant, tragic loss. For this man was more than a city builder, more than a founder of a great business establishment; he was a great friend—ininitely kind, helpful and generous. He had a fine capacity for friendship, a real understanding of life's values. He was a business man who did not let his business interests interfere with his interest in human beings. Quietly, unobtrusively, he found his greatest happiness in doing things for others.

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In the earthquake and fire in 1906, when merchandise prices skyrocketed, H. K. Jackson said: "I am in business to make money, but I will not make money out of the misfortunes of my fellow men." He refused to raise his prices.

In the Berkeley fire of a few years ago, when hundreds of homes were destroyed, when thousands of people were homeless, H. K. Jackson cancelled the debt of every Berkeley fire loser who owed him money, and gave unrestricted credit for new purchases.

One of his principal activities was in support of the Boy Scout movement. He was a builder of character in men, as well as a community and business builder.

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H. K. Jackson has been for so long a vital part of the life of Oakland. He will be missed most sadly. But Oakland can congratulate itself that this man, of pioneering New England stock, came here 42 years ago, lived and worked here, left the indelible impress of his life upon the life of this city. His passing reminds us again that the real assets of cities are not so much towering buildings, are not the things men build; the real assets are MEN THEMSELVES—men with the rugged courage, character and faith of H. K. Jackson.