

study of law in the City of Washington, and graduated with high honors. Very soon after he was appointed United States Commissioner, and subsequently United States Special Attorney."

Mr. Phillips first became a resident of California in 1880. So charmed was he with the climate and people of his adopted State, that he resolved that, as soon as he had completed his tour of the world and finished his education, he would become a permanent resident of the Golden State. Through his exploration of distant and almost inaccessible parts of this State, and a systematic study of climate, resources and other advantages, no one is more enthusiastic in praise of the future of California.

Mr. Phillips is a member of the United States Supreme Court, and has won a number of successes in the higher courts of California. He is a high Mason, and connected with many worthy institutions of charity and benevolence.

He is recognized as being aggressive, enthusiastic and fearless in advocating the principles which he believes to be just and right. With him love of country and the welfare of the community are stronger incentives to action than party allegiance. To quote his own language: "In public affairs conscience should always prevail over the mere demands of self-interest. The high principles which a man represents—his intelligent patriotism, his love of humanity, and progressiveness—ought always to govern in his selection for official place."

He has high scholastic attainments, is a close student, and has a high reputation as a clear-headed and successful lawyer. As a citizen he is noted for his patriotism, uprightness of character and devotion to principle.

P. O. CHILSTROM.

AMONG the advanced lawyers and thinkers of our city is Mr. P. O. Chilstrom. He was born in Sweden on April 4, 1851, but his parents removed to America when he was but two years old. He was raised in Minnesota, a frontiersman, attending public school in the log schoolhouse of that day, but later taking a thorough course in college at Minneapolis. At nineteen he was merchandising in northern Minnesota, and later in Dakota. In 1873 he went to the mines of Colorado, and, returning in 1874, commenced the study of law with Hon. Eugene M. Wilson of Minneapolis. He was admitted to practice in 1876. He practiced law in Minnesota, Dakota, New York City, Washington (State), and in 1887 came to San Francisco and for several years was a member of the law firm of Rogers & Chilstrom. Mr. Chilstrom has held various positions of trust in Minnesota, Dakota and Oregon, and, had he yielded to the wishes of his friends, would have been much more prominently before the country. He has been a consistent Democrat since casting his first vote for Greeley in 1872. Though he greatly admires the character of Lincoln, Mr. Chilstrom is now an honest Nationalist, believing that in more thorough and intelligent dealings with our economic questions lies the safety of our country. He believes in America for Americans, at all costs, and is always ready to promulgate and defend his belief. We know of no gentleman in the legal profession whose prospects are brighter, or who is more popular with his clients and the public at large.