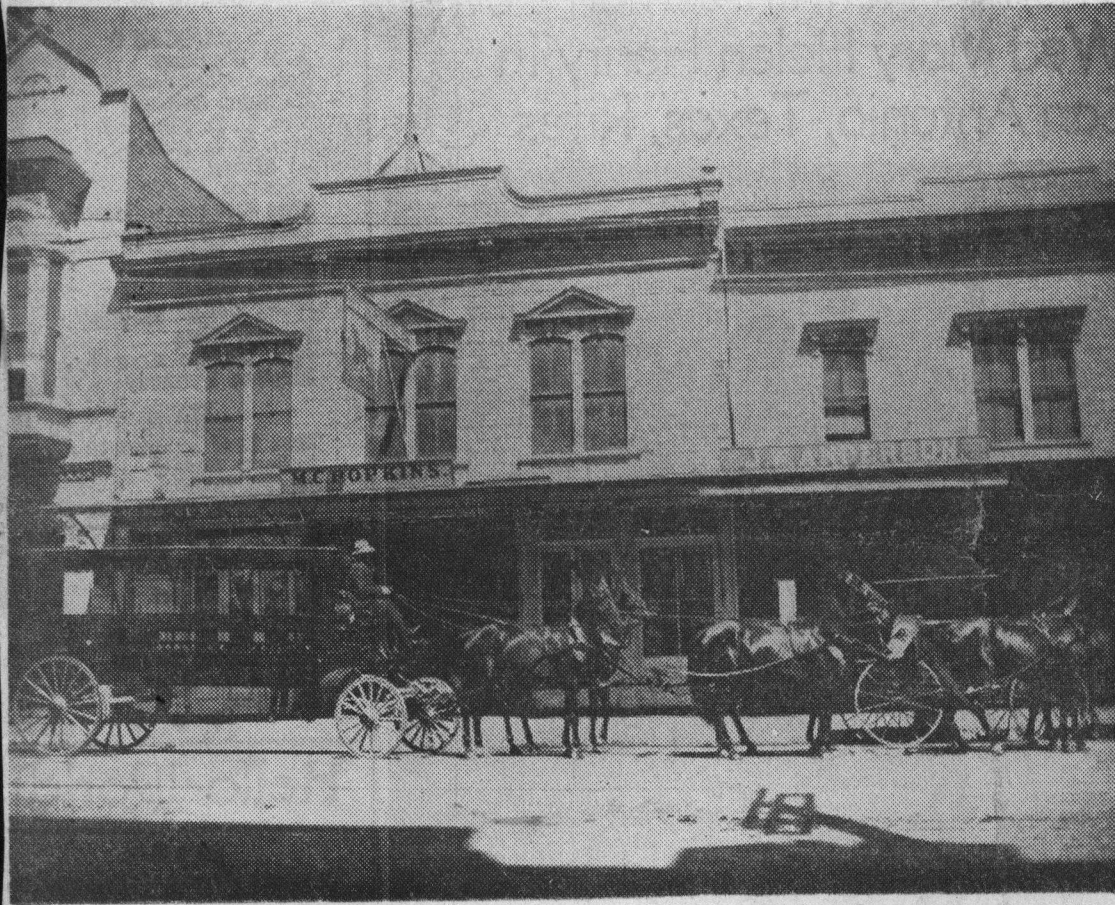


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Santa Cruz Yesterdays



LIVERY STABLE DAYS

(From the Preston Sawyer Collection)

Half a century ago Santa Cruz had ten livery stables, of which one of the most prosperous was the City Stables on Pacific avenue opposite Walnut.

The site in the sixties had been that of the home of Albert Jones, sheriff in 1866-67. In 1877 the house was moved up Walnut avenue where it still stands, incorporated in the rear part of a modern residence.

On the site Jones and Joseph Scott of the Scotts Valley family built the two-story wooden structure, with sheds and yards extending through to Front street.

Went to Cholame Valley

In the middle eighties Jones left the migration of Santa Cruzans to San Luis Obispo county where he died, in Cholame valley, in 1909,

at the age of 78. He was a native of Maine.

In 1890 F. E. Witherly was proprietor of the City Stables and by the turn of the century, when this picture was taken, they were being operated by Milo C. Hopkins, who was best known later as owner of the resort in Hopkins' grove at the Big Trees, south of Welch grove, which he had leased from the Cowells.

The stables were torn down early in 1910 when adjoining brick buildings of similar architecture were erected by Mrs. Amelia Hagemann and Duncan McPherson. The second floors, connected, were leased by R. Waldo Putzker, who

operated them as the Waldo hotel.

Joint Builders

By coincidence it had been both possible and, by circumstances, advantageous, for three property holders of the entire frontage from the Masonic building south to the Soquel avenue corner to build at about the same time. In

close co-operation, the Hagemann, McPherson and Trust interests, the latter with a three-story at the corner, built along similar lines what appeared as one building, from plans by the same architect, E. L. Van Cleeck.

In 1919 the local B.P.O.E. purchased the two-story section and by 1920 the former hotel had been renovated and remodeled into club rooms, and the structure became the "Elks' Building."

The picture shows a little over half of the older structures that were replaced. At the right is the tailor shop of J. W. Anderson, brother of the present-day operator of the John Anderson Music company, Walnut avenue. City Stables operator at the time, M. C. Hopkins, also had the Sea Beach Stables. The great "Coach-and-Six" proudly on display in the foreground, known as "Queen of the Pacific," was an excursion bus used for sightseeing trips to points of interest and Big Trees. Hopkins came here about 1894; died in 1931.

Date of the photograph is fixed as prior to 1907 by the wooden turret showing on the Masonic building to the north. The Masons had built in 1886 and remodeled their building to its present aspect in 1907.