



the "faithful" sacrificed their San Bernardino lands and all their possessions and Walter A. Shay was able to secure 160 acres of land on Base Line for \$900, in addition to which he bought 100 acres of Government land adjoining at \$2.50 per acre.

There he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural operations and made a success of his vocation. His death occurred Dec. 2, 1899, as the result of injuries received when he was thrown from a horse. His wife passed away in September, 1869.

Walter A. Shay, Jr. attended public schools of San Bernardino, after which he turned his attention to ranching and freighting, devoting more time to the latter, in which occupation he continued for a number of years. He freighted between San Bernardino and various desert points and also hauled lumber for many purposes from the mountains of San Bernardino.

In 1898 he left this somewhat strenuous line of work and a year later went into the sheriff's office as a

deputy. He was there four years in the same capacity.

In 1903 after he left the sheriff's office, he was elected city marshal of the city of San Bernardino and he held that office for two years. At that time he was appointed chief of police by Mayor H. M. Barton and served for two years, when he decided to leave the employ of the city to become special agent for the Pacific Electric Railway in its east branch. He kept the railway position for two years, then took the office of chief of police of San Bernardino again, appointed by Mayor



ERNEST T. SHAY
Sheriff from 1931 - 1934

S. W. McNabb. He served another two years and then went back to railroad work, this time as division special agent for the Arizona division of the Santa Fe Railroad of the Coast lines.

He was there for four years when he was again appointed chief of police, this time by Mayor George H. Wixom, and he served two more years. Three appointments as chief of police by three different mayors was in itself some indication as to the character of his work in this position.

Mr. Shay was then appointed chief special investigator to the district attorney of San Bernardino county and was in that position for a year and six months. In 1918 he was elected sheriff of San Bernardino county and filled the position most acceptably for 13 years, or until August, 1931, when he was succeeded by his nephew Ernest T. Shay.

Walter A. Shay, Jr., was perhaps one of the most